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State Approves more than \$500,000 in Clean Ohio Assistance Funds for Northeast Ohio

Columbus – The State Controlling Board today approved more than \$500,000 in Clean Ohio Assistance Fund grants for the cities of Akron and Cleveland. The Clean Ohio Assistance Fund supports brownfield redevelopment in Ohio's urban areas, and is administered by the Ohio Department of Development's Urban Development Division.

"Through Clean Ohio investments, Akron and Cleveland will see a renewed interest in these sites," said William Murdock, Director of the Department's Urban Development Division. "This is an important first step to redevelopment and we look forward to seeing the new commercial and industrial uses that will arise."

The Clean Ohio Assistance Fund is part of the Clean Ohio Fund, which restores, protects, and connects Ohio's important natural and urban areas by preserving green space and farmland, improving outdoor recreation, and cleaning up brownfields to encourage redevelopment and revitalize communities.

The **City of Akron** (Summit County) will receive a \$300,000 grant to conduct a Phase II Environmental Assessment on the former Akron Technical Center. The property, located at 1200-1277 Firestone Parkway, is composed of six parcels totaling 32.41 acres. The Phase II Environmental Assessment, which will determine the property's environmental suitability and the possible need for remediation, will include the installation of 84 soil borings and 16 monitoring wells. The assessment also will include data evaluation and reporting. The city plans to market the property for redevelopment into commercial and industrial space.

The **City of Cleveland** (Cuyahoga County) will receive a \$206,675 grant to conduct a Phase II Environmental Assessment on the former Warner and Swasey property. The property, located at 5701 Carnegie Avenue is 3.1 acres. The Phase II Environmental Assessment, which will determine the property's environmental suitability and possible need for remediation, will include the installation of 87 soil borings and eight groundwater monitoring wells. The assessment also will include a vapor intrusion survey, data evaluation, and reporting. The city and Hemingway Development plan to transform the property into a viable business center with office, lab, warehouse, and manufacturing space.

*The **Clean Ohio Assistance Fund** is an open-cycle program that provides grant dollars for Phase II Environmental Assessment and Brownfield Cleanup/Public Health Projects. To date, 188 Clean Ohio Assistance Fund projects have been awarded totaling more than \$66.9 million. Of the 188 projects, 57 were for cleanup projects, which leveraged nearly \$1 billion and are expected to create and retain 5,600 jobs. For more information about the **Clean Ohio Assistance Fund**, visit www.clean.ohio.gov.*

*The **Urban Development Division** assists communities with place-based redevelopment, which creates wealth from personal, business, and community successes. The **Urban Development Division** works to identify the resources and financing necessary to enhance the economic viability of local communities.*

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