



News Room

FISHER ANNOUNCES \$1.8 MILLION CLEAN OHIO AWARD FOR BUTLER COUNTY PROJECT

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Columbus, OH -- Lieutenant Governor Lee Fisher today announced that the Butler County Port Authority will receive a \$1.8 million Clean Ohio Revitalization Fund Grant, pending Controlling Board Approval. The Clean Ohio Council, which Lt. Governor Fisher chairs, met today to award the remaining \$1.8 million from the Clean Ohio Revitalization Fund Round 4 Cycle. In July, the Clean Ohio Council awarded \$41 million for brownfield revitalization projects in 13 Ohio communities. The additional award to Butler County Port Authority will close the Round 4 Funding Cycle, resulting in a total investment of \$43 million to 16 projects.

"The ability to transform blighted and abandoned properties into productive use is an economic development tool that helps create safe and vibrant communities," said Lt. Governor Fisher, who also serves as Director of the Ohio Department of Development. "These funds awarded today by the Clean Ohio Council will serve as a catalyst for continued growth and success for Middletown and Butler County residents."

The Butler County Port Authority will use the funds awarded for the demolition and remediation activities on vacant structures located within the Middletown Regional Hospital. Remedial plans include asbestos abatement and removal of 110 tons of contaminated soils. Upon remediation completion it is proposed that 46-70 market rate housing units will be constructed to complement the surrounding neighborhood.

Additional Clean Ohio Revitalization Fund Round 4 recipients include (awarded in July 2007):

- Ashtabula County Port Authority for the Plant C revitalization project.
- City of Canton (Stark County) for the Bison Corporation remediation, and the Hercules Engine Site redevelopment.
- City of Cincinnati (Hamilton County) for the Metro West Commerce Park project.
- City of Cleveland (Cuyahoga County) for the Morgana East Development project.
- The City of Columbus (Franklin County) for the Tech Center South project and the redevelopment of the Columbus Coated Fabrics site.
- City of Cuyahoga Falls (Summit County) for the South Front Street District.
- City of Dayton (Montgomery County) for the University of Dayton REDI project.
- City of Ironton (Lawrence County) for the Ironton Iron Facility development.
- City of Lorain (Lorain County) for the redevelopment of the former Lorain Ford Assembly Plant.
- City of Sandusky (Erie County) for waterfront revitalization.
- Village of Sebring (Mahoning County) for the redevelopment of the Royal Sebring Properties.
- City of Springfield (Clark County) for the International Lagonda Assembly Plant project.
- City of Toledo (Lucas County) for the ACME Power Plant Project.

The Clean Ohio Council has awarded 65 Clean Ohio Revitalization Fund awards since 2002 totaling nearly \$160 million in brownfield remediation dollars, while leveraging a planned \$2 billion in private and public investment upon project completions.

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