

In October 2024, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine, Lt. Governor Jon Husted, and Ohio Department of Development Director Lydia Mihalik announced \$29 million in grants for local communities as part of the Ohio Brownfield Remediation Program. Short summaries of each grant can be found below. The Ohio Department of Development compiled these summaries. Those with detailed questions about a project should contact the entity receiving the grant. Those with general questions about the grant program should contact Mason Waldvogel, deputy chief of Media Relations for the Department of Development, at mason.waldvogel@development.ohio.gov.

Adams County Land Reutilization Corporation (Adams County)

Project Name: Manchester Pants Factory

\$497,450

Cleanup/Remediation

The project involves asbestos abatement, demolition of a former manufacturing building, and removal of contaminated soil. The site, formerly a trouser factory, has been vacant since the 1980s and poses health and safety risks. The project will prepare the site for future development, with the immediate goal of turning it into green space to reduce environmental and safety hazards.

Adams County Land Reutilization Corporation (Adams County)

Project Name: Manchester Bi-Lo

\$502,410

Cleanup/Remediation

The project involves the excavation and disposal of petroleum-contaminated soil at a former gas station site, which includes the removal of approximately 2,300 tons of impacted soil and groundwater treatment, preparing the site for unrestricted future development.

Ashtabula County Port Authority (Ashtabula County)

Project Name: Shinkle Property

\$321,115

Cleanup/Remediation

The project involves the remediation and demolition of a former automotive service station in Rock Creek. The property has sat vacant for more than two decades and contains significant contamination, including asbestos and regulated waste. The project will prepare the site for future commercial redevelopment, with plans to extend the downtown retail sector into this space. The redevelopment is expected to create five new jobs.

Athens County Port Authority (Athens County)

Project Name: Hollister School Demo

\$407,555

Cleanup/Remediation

The project focuses on the demolition of the dilapidated Hollister School. The building is in severe disrepair and contains asbestos, which will be abated before demolition.

Brown County Land Reutilization Corporation (Brown County)

Project Name: Former Higginsport School

\$696,000

Cleanup/Remediation

The project involves the abatement and demolition of the former Higginsport School. The building consists of asbestos-containing materials and significant universal waste. Following the cleanup, the site will be restored to green space, eliminating safety hazards posed by the structure. The long-term plan is to redevelop the property for community use.

Butler County Land Reutilization Corporation (Butler County)

Project Name: Former Middletown Paperboard Site

\$1,500,000

Cleanup/Remediation

The project involves asbestos abatement and the demolition of deteriorated structures on a 3.6-acre property that once housed paperboard manufacturing operations. Project activities include asbestos removal and demolition, and soil and groundwater remediation. The redevelopment plan envisions commercial or light industrial use, potentially creating 250 new jobs.

Butler County Land Reutilization Corporation (Butler County)

Project Name: Former Cohen Recycling

\$182,205

Assessment

The project will assess the Former Cohen Recycling site in Hamilton, which has been used for industrial purposes since the 1800s. The site has significant contamination in the soil and groundwater. The project will involve Phase I and II environmental assessments and plans for a large-scale redevelopment project, including commercial and residential units.

Cuyahoga County Land Reutilization Corporation (Cuyahoga County)

Project Name: West Side Market

\$1,286,604

Cleanup/Remediation

The project focuses on remediation of Cleveland's iconic public market, which has been in operation since 1912. It will involve removing asbestos-containing materials in the basement and selective demolition to prepare the market for redevelopment. Planned improvements include restoring and updating the market hall, storage areas, vendor spaces, and a teaching kitchen. The project is expected to create 10 new jobs and retain 250 existing positions.

Cuyahoga County Land Reutilization Corporation (Cuyahoga County)

Project Name: Taylor Tudor Plaza Redevelopment

\$2,118,504

Cleanup/Remediation

The project focuses on rehabilitating three historic mixed-use buildings in Cleveland Heights. Built between 1927 and 1929, the buildings are part of the Stadium Square Historic District, listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The project includes asbestos and lead-based paint abatement, mold remediation, soil removal, and installing a sub-slab depressurization system. The redevelopment will transform the buildings into 44 apartments, eight live/work units, and retail spaces. The project is expected to create 65 new jobs.

Cuyahoga County Land Reutilization Corporation (Cuyahoga County)

Project Name: 785 Front Street - UST

\$60,630

Cleanup/Remediation

The project aims to remove an abandoned underground storage tank and remediate contaminated soil on a former gas station and car wash site. The City of Berea owns the property and plans to redevelop it as part of a broader project in the area.

Cuyahoga County Land Reutilization Corporation (Cuyahoga County)

Project Name: African Town Plaza

\$251,517

Cleanup/Remediation

The project involves asbestos remediation and demolition of a former YMCA building that has been abandoned for 20 years. The site will be redeveloped into a mixed-use facility with apartments, commercial space, and an African art and cultural center. The project is expected to create 50 jobs and retain 10 jobs.

Darke County

Project Name: Treaty Lanes Assessment

\$300,000

Assessment

The project focuses on the environmental assessment of a former bowling alley and bar in Greenville. The assessment will include Phase I and II environmental assessments to determine the extent of soil contamination. The project will prepare the site for commercial redevelopment.

Darke County

Project Name: 501 Gray Avenue Assessment

\$300,000

Assessment

The project involves evaluating a former foundry site currently used for industrial warehousing. It will include a Phase I and II assessment to identify environmental conditions.

Darke County

Project Name: 142 North Broadway Assessment

\$249,000

Assessment

The project involves the environmental assessment of a vacant lot in Greenville. Historically used as a tannery, gas station, and implement dealer, the site may have soil and groundwater contamination. Project activities include a Phase I and Phase II environmental assessment with geophysical surveys, followed by underground storage tank removal and soil and groundwater assessments.

Defiance County Land Reutilization Corporation (Defiance County)

Project Name: Former Deluxe Cleaners - Defiance

\$708,966

Cleanup/Remediation

The project involves the remediation, demolition, and abatement of hazardous materials at the former Deluxe Cleaners site in Defiance. The site, which operated as a dry-cleaning facility from 1924 to 2019, has been vacant since 2019 and is in a blighted condition. Remediation will include the removal of hazardous chemicals and asbestos, as well as the demolition of the existing structure to prepare the property for redevelopment.

Delaware County Land Reutilization Corporation (Delaware County)

Project Name: 1405 US Highway 23 North Assessment and UST Removal

\$49,100

Assessment

The project focuses on the removal of two underground storage tanks from a former service center facility. The tanks will be removed and soil samples will be collected for analysis.

Gallia County Land Reutilization Corporation (Gallia County)

Project Name: Hills Grocery

\$209,872

Cleanup/Remediation

The project includes demolishing a 2,800-square-foot former grocery store and excavating approximately 1,000 tons of contaminated soil. Remediation activities will also involve removing hazardous materials and installing environmental controls.

Hamilton County Land Reutilization Corporation (Hamilton County)

Project Name: Terraces (Former Terrace Plaza Hotel)

\$9,918,800

Cleanup/Remediation

The project focuses on the remediation and redevelopment of the former Terrace Plaza Hotel, a historically significant building in Cincinnati's Central Business District. Project activities will include the abatement and removal of asbestos-containing materials, as well as hazardous waste remediation. Once cleaned, the building will be redeveloped into residential apartments, retail spaces, restaurants, and a public parking garage. The project is expected to create 150 new jobs and retain 20 existing jobs.

Hamilton County Land Reutilization Corporation (Hamilton County)

Project Name: 1422-1450 Walnut (The Lockhart)

\$174,680

Assessment

The project involves environmental assessments of a vacant mixed-use property in Cincinnati's Over-the-Rhine neighborhood. Phase I and II environmental assessments will identify hazardous substances and guide remediation efforts. Once cleaned, the property will be redeveloped into 115 housing units and 5,000 square feet of commercial space.

Hamilton County Land Reutilization Corporation (Hamilton County)

Project Name: 4575 Eastern Avenue Multifamily

\$4,705,883

Cleanup/Remediation

The project focuses on the demolition of a blighted industrial structure and environmental remediation. Portions of the existing buildings will be demolished, and hazardous materials, including asbestos, will be abated. The site will be redeveloped into 271 multifamily apartments with structured parking and amenities. The project is expected to create four jobs.

Hamilton County Land Reutilization Corporation (Hamilton County)

Project Name: Evanston 5-Points

\$300,000

Assessment

The project involves the assessment of soil and groundwater contamination at a 1.2-acre site in Cincinnati's Evanston neighborhood. Formerly used for auto repair and dry-cleaning services, the site requires environmental assessments to prepare for mixed-use redevelopment. The project will result in the construction of residential units and retail space, with potential job creation of up to 100 positions.

Hancock County Commissioners Office (Hancock County)

Project Name: 428 W Main Cross St Phase II Environmental Site Assessment

\$52,348

Assessment

The project involves a supplemental Phase II environmental assessment to evaluate potential vapor intrusion and soil contamination. The property, formerly used as a gasoline filling station, is being assessed to prepare for remediation and residential redevelopment.

Harrison County Board of Commissioners (Harrison County)

Project Name: Old Auto Service Garage

\$202,049

Assessment

The project focuses on the demolition of a deteriorated garage structure to allow for an environmental assessment. Historically used as a filling station and auto service garage, the property has a collapsed roof and debris scattered inside.

Highland County Land Reutilization Corporation (Highland County)

Project Name: East Monroe Tank Farm

\$129,628

Assessment

The project involves assessing a former tank farm site that includes both above ground and underground storage tanks. The assessment will include a Phase I property assessment, geophysical survey, asbestos-containing materials survey, and a Phase II property assessment to identify any environmental hazards for future remediation.

Lake County Land Reutilization Corporation (Lake County)

Project Name: Blackbrook

\$300,000

Assessment

The project involves assessing a 20-acre industrial site located on Blackbrook Road, Painesville Township. The property, formerly associated with the oil and gas well industry, contains potential environmental hazards, including storage ponds, drums, and above-ground storage tanks.

Mahoning County Land Reutilization Corporation (Mahoning County)

Project Name: 1034 Wick Ave.

\$265,100

Cleanup/Remediation

The project involves removing universal and hazardous waste, including asbestos, from a deteriorated structure formerly used as an auto parts store. The property has been vacant for several years and is in significant disrepair, with collapsed ceilings and rusted materials. The remediation will include asbestos abatement, building demolition, and site restoration with clover ground cover. The project is expected to create six new jobs.

Montgomery County Land Bank (Montgomery County)

Project Name: North Keowee Strip Center

\$87,266

Assessment

The project involves environmental assessments of a vacant commercial property, once part of McCooks Field and historically used by various retail and commercial establishments, including a dry cleaner. This project includes Phase I and II environmental assessments to further evaluate contamination levels and guide future remediation efforts.

Montgomery County Land Bank (Montgomery County)

Project Name: West Carrollton Former Industrial Wastewater Treatment Plant

\$1,898,687

Cleanup/Remediation

The project involves the remediation and demolition of the former Appvion wastewater treatment plant, which was used from the 1960s to 2013. It will address contaminated areas through soil excavation, capping, and demolition of dilapidated structures. The project is expected to create 300 new jobs.

Montgomery County Land Bank (Montgomery County)

Project Name: Cheerhart Cleaners

\$171,858

Assessment

The project will assess contamination at the former Cheerhart Cleaners site, where underground storage tanks leaked volatile organic compounds into the soil and groundwater.

Portage County Land Reutilization Corporation (Portage County)

Project Name: 1057 W Main St

\$84,289

Assessment

The project involves assessing and removing underground storage tanks from a former gas station site. The project will satisfy regulatory requirements to prepare the site for redevelopment as a parking facility for a nearby community center.

Richland County Land Reutilization Corporation (Richland County)

Project Name: Swan Cleaners

\$120,700

Cleanup/Remediation

The project involves groundwater cleanup of a former dry cleaner. The proposed cleanup activities will focus on addressing contaminated groundwater.

Sandusky County Land Reutilization Corporation (Sandusky County)

Project Name: Former Trico Glass

\$162,550

Assessment

The project involves asbestos abatement, and the demolition of a building used for glass manufacturing. The site has a history of industrial use dating back to 1899, including knife making and insurance offices. Following demolition, an assessment will evaluate any remaining contamination, with plans to redevelop the site for commercial use.

Summit County Land Reutilization Corporation (Summit County)

Project Name: 892 Northwest Avenue Brownfield

\$143,076

Assessment

The project involves the environmental assessment of a former muffler shop and auto repair center in Tallmadge. The site is in poor condition, with abandoned oil tanks and hazardous substances. Phase I and II environmental assessments and a hazardous materials survey will guide future site cleanup and redevelopment.

Summit County Land Reutilization Corporation (Summit County)

Project Name: 1130-1138 Brittain / Evans

\$131,625

Assessment

The project involves environmental assessments of two industrial buildings located at 1130-1138 Brittain Road in Akron. The site has a history of potential contamination, including the use of the land as a dump site in the 1940s-60s. Phase II environmental assessments will evaluate soil and vapor contamination, with plans to redevelop the site for industrial use. The redevelopment could create up to 100 new jobs.

Warren County Port Authority (Warren County)

Project Name: Former Sunoco & Morrow Plaza Assessment

\$300,000

Assessment

The project involves assessing the former Sunoco and Morrow Plaza properties. The assessment will include an evaluation for soil and groundwater contamination, and an underground storage tank closure at the Morrow Plaza property.

Williams County Land Reutilization Corporation (Williams County)

Project Name: Kunkle Carryout

\$284,259

Cleanup/Remediation

The project involves demolishing a dilapidated building that was once a gas station and convenience store. It will also include asbestos abatement, underground storage tank system closure, and soil remediation to address contamination.