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**CLEAN OHIO FUND LAUNCHES NEW WEB SITE**  
*Site Provides Easy-to-Access Information and Resources*

COLUMBUS – The Clean Ohio Fund, which restores, protects, and connects Ohio's important natural and urban places, has launched a new inter-agency Web site, [www.clean.ohio.gov](http://www.clean.ohio.gov), that provides the public with easy-to-access information on its programs and services. Since its inception, the Clean Ohio Fund has funded projects in all eighty-eight of Ohio's counties.

"The new Web site is an excellent multi-program resource that provides visitors with easy-to-understand information about the Clean Ohio Fund and its programs," said Lieutenant Governor Lee Fisher, who also serves as Director of the Ohio Department of Development. "We are pleased to unveil this user-friendly site in collaboration with four other state agencies."

"Our unified Web presence will enhance our ability to get critical information to potential applicants and highlight the successes of our strategic conservation investments," said Michael Miller, Director of the Ohio Public Works Commission.

Content on the Web site is organized by the four programs that make up the Clean Ohio Fund:

- **Brownfield Revitalization** (Ohio Department of Development and Ohio Environmental Protection Agency)- Brownfield cleanup and redevelopment activities produce physical and visual change as dilapidated buildings are demolished or renovated, and contaminated soil is removed and replaced. To date, 109 Clean Ohio Assistance Fund and 65 Clean Ohio Revitalization Fund projects have been awarded totaling more than \$200 million;
- **Farmland Preservation** (Ohio Department of Agriculture)- The Clean Ohio Agricultural Easement Purchase Program provides funding to assist landowners and communities in preserving Ohio's farmland. The Clean Ohio Fund has funded more than 23,000 acres of agricultural easement projects;
- **Green Space Conservation** (Ohio Public Works Commission)- The Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program helps to fund preservation of open spaces, sensitive ecological areas, and stream corridors. The Clean Ohio fund has funded 533 green space projects; and
- **Recreational Trails** (Ohio Department of Natural Resources)- The Clean Ohio Trails Fund works to improve outdoor recreational opportunities for Ohioans by funding trails for outdoor pursuits of all kinds. The Clean Ohio Fund has supported more than 223 miles of recreational trails.

"The success of the Clean Ohio Fund proves the importance of the connection between Ohio's economic health and the health of our natural resources," said Sean D. Logan, Director of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. "The kind of development that is best for Ohio will happen because of conservation and in cooperation with it; the creation of the most progress, for the most people, for the longest time possible."

"Brownfield redevelopment is an essential part of cleaning up Ohio's environment, while also reviving the economy," said Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Director Chris Korleski. "This new Web

site will allow for entities to easily navigate the Clean Ohio Fund and will help to show people how to take advantage of this vibrant state program. This is truly a win-win program for Ohio and its communities.”

The site features before and after photos of Clean Ohio project sites, grant information and applications, maps, and other pertinent environmental information.

“The Clean Ohio Fund gives the state a valuable tool to preserve Ohio’s farmland, which is imperative to preserving Ohio’s heritage, supporting our farmers and our economy, and leading us into a promising future of biofuels and other forms of green energy,” said Ohio Department of Agriculture Director Robert Boggs. “This Web site will be an invaluable tool to get the word out to the public and to other potential applicants about this and other Clean Ohio Fund programs.”

*The **Clean Ohio Fund**, which restores, protects, and connects Ohio's important natural and urban places, by preserving green space and farmland, improving outdoor recreation, and by cleaning up brownfields to encourage redevelopment and revitalize communities. For more information on the Clean Ohio Fund, visit [www.clean.ohio.gov](http://www.clean.ohio.gov).*

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