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Dear Governor Strickland

On behalf of the Ohio Department of Development, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Ohio Department of Agriculture, Ohio Public Works Commission, and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, I am pleased to present the Clean Ohio Report which highlights the accomplishments of the initial \$400 million Clean Ohio Fund.

Originally approved by voters in 2000, the Clean Ohio Fund provides financial support for environmental conservation, preservation, and revitalization activities throughout the State of Ohio. These activities benefit a variety of Ohio constituents, from urban core communities to outlying farms, because of the Fund's design as a *family* of restorative efforts, comprised of four distinct competitive programs:

- The **Brownfield Revitalization Program**
- The **Agricultural Easement Purchase Program**
- The **Green Space Conservation Program**
- The **Trails Fund**

From the projected creation and retention of 15,000 Ohio jobs to the \$119 million in conservation investments leveraged, this family of programs has already shown considerable benefits for the residents of Ohio. Not only has the Clean Ohio Fund helped create an influx of jobs and investment to the state, it has also led to the protection of 26,000 acres of family farms and the construction of 200 miles of multi-purpose trails.

Ohio voters showed their support for the Clean Ohio Fund in November 2008 by approving Issue 2, authorizing the state to sell \$400 million in bonds to continue funding all four Clean Ohio programs. Issue 2 received broad support throughout the state; all 88 counties voted to re-authorize the funding. The passage of Issue 2 enables the Clean Ohio Fund to continue the important work of helping Ohioans by cleaning environmentally damaged industrial sites, building trails, protecting greenspace, and conserving agricultural land.

We look forward to our work during the next four years and to your continued partnership in finding ways to keep Ohio beautiful, while improving standards of living and generating economic opportunities throughout all of our communities.

Sincerely,

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