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**STATE APPROVES MORE THAN \$415,000 IN CLEAN OHIO FUNDS
FOR THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG**

Columbus, Ohio – Ohio Department of Development Director Lisa Patt-McDaniel today announced that a \$415,200 Clean Ohio Assistance Fund grant was approved by the State Controlling Board for the City of Reynoldsburg. The City will use the grant to conduct remediation and demolition activities at the former “Big Bear” on 6300 East Livingston Avenue. Clean Ohio Assistance Fund grants are awarded to aid in brownfield redevelopment of Ohio’s urban areas.

“The Clean Ohio Assistance Fund grant is a first-rate resource in assisting our state’s communities in the revitalization of abandon properties,” Patt-McDaniel said. “This investment and partnership will act as a catalyst for future redevelopment, creating jobs and improving the appearance of the neighborhood.”

The project property is located at 6300 East Livingston Avenue and totals more than 10 acres. After the rehabilitation of the property, the City of Reynoldsburg and the development partner, Red Raider Capital, LLC will renovate the 49,600-square-foot building for use as a Value King grocery store. The nearly \$1.5 million project is expected to assist in creating 45 jobs.

The Clean Ohio Assistance Fund is a program of 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 cleaning up brownfields to encourage redevelopment and revitalize communities. The Clean Ohio Fund is part of the Ohio Bipartisan Job Stimulus Plan, which aims to create new jobs while laying the foundation for future economic prosperity. As part of the Plan, \$400 million was approved by voters for the Clean Ohio Fund.

*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, 156 **Clean Ohio Assistance Fund** projects have been awarded totaling more than \$55 million. Of the 156 projects, 47 were for clean-up projects, which leveraged more than \$500 million and are expected to create more than 4,000 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.*

*Working with our partners across business, state and local governments, academia, and the nonprofit sector, the **Ohio Department of Development** works to attract, create, grow, and retain businesses through competitive incentives and targeted investments. Engaged every day in marketing, innovating, investing, and collaborating, the **Ohio Department of Development** works at the speed of business to accelerate and support the teamwork that is absolutely necessary for success by providing financial, informational, and technical assistance to those making an investment in Ohio’s future.*

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