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Clinton County Port Authority Seeks Interested Property Owners for State Brownfield or Demolition Grant Funds

WILMINGTON, OH – The Clinton County Port Authority and the Clinton County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC) are seeking property owners interested in participating in the next rounds of funding through both the <u>Ohio Brownfield Remediation</u> and the <u>Ohio Building Demolition and Site Revitalization</u> Programs.

Ohio's Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Operating Budget, signed into law by Governor Mike DeWine on July 1, 2025, includes \$200 million in new funding for brownfield remediation and \$43 million in new funding for building demolition programs for the next two years. The bill also included a variety of changes to the program structures meant to make the funding more competitive. While the Ohio Department of Development is not anticipated to release Program Policies and Procedures until later this fall, the Port Authority and CCRPC want to begin preparing competitive applications early.

"These Brownfield and Demolition dollars from the State give us a rare chance to put long-stalled properties back to productive use, potentially as new job sites or homes," said Josh Roth, Economic Development Director. "If you've ever wondered 'will this property ever get cleaned up?', the answer may be yes. Interested property owners are encouraged to reach out. The Port Authority will help you sort out eligibility, build a competitive application, and move good projects forward for Clinton County."

Brownfields are properties that have been previously developed and may be contaminated with materials such as asbestos or petroleum. Both Assessment and Clean-up grants are available. Properties eligible for demolition funding include residential, commercial, or industrial and, in the past, have included interior demolitions or foundation removals.

Interested property owners are encouraged to indicate their interest by filling out a pre-application that can be online at https://bit.ly/PropertyOwnerInterest. Alternatively, property owners can contact Roth directly at (937) 566-1188 or jroth@ccportauthority.com.

About the Clinton County Port Authority

The Clinton County Port Authority is a special purpose government formed to operate transportation infrastructure and lead economic development efforts. Designated by Clinton County, the City of Wilmington, and the CIC of Wilmington as the lead Economic Development agency for the County, it coordinates with the Dayton Development Coalition and JobsOhio to attract jobs to, and retain jobs in, the area. It has been voted a Best Workplace for the last six years. The Port Authority owns and operates the Wilmington Air Park, an integrated aviation and logistics business park located on 1,900 acres with nearly three million square feet of industrial, office, and hangar space. It is the highest volume cargo airport in Ohio and ranked 23rd in the United States. Learn more at www.ChooseClintonCountyOH.org and www.WilmingtonAirPark.com.

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