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City of Barberton Receives Brownfield Remediation Grant Cleanup/Remediation Program Grant Award

Barberton, OH – Mayor William B. Judge is pleased to announce the City has been awarded a total of \$500,000 in grant dollars as part of a community wide assessment grant through the Ohio Brownfield Remediation Program. The award was made through the Ohio EPA. The Brownfield Remediation Program awards grants for the assessment or remediation of brownfield sites throughout Ohio.

The funding the City was awarded will be used to add to the existing brownfields site inventory, develop remedial action plans at properties contaminated with hazardous substances, and conduct public outreach and education. The City will focus on the Tuscarawas River Industrial Corridor. This area is targeted because it is located near existing infrastructure and borders both greenspace and waterways: the river is paralleled by a working railroad and the (now recreational) Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail, which historically provided power and transportation for early industry. Goals of the grant include assessment of these historic commercial and industrial areas, redevelopment and reuse of existing buildings, improving access to recreational areas and green space, promoting economic growth, and revitalizing neighborhoods.

Mayor William B. Judge stated, “my administration has worked tirelessly on these projects. We look forward to this grant funding to help move these projects forward, thus moving the community forward as well. Since taking office, my administration has secured over \$1 million for brownfield remediation throughout Barberton. Thank you to the Ohio EPA and the new Ohio Brownfield Remediation Program for this important grant.”

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