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Northeast Ohio Communities and Businesses Receive Recycling and Litter Prevention Grants from Ohio EPA

Ohio EPA is awarding more than \$1.16 million in grant funding in Northeast Ohio including 13 projects in nine counties to support litter prevention and recycling efforts across the region. In northeast Ohio, the following recipients are receiving grants.

Litter Management Grants – Litter management grants this year for the northeast Ohio region total \$103,700:

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| • Portage County Solid Waste Management District | \$ 6,300 |
| • Cuyahoga Falls | \$ 9,900 |
| • Carroll, Columbiana, Harrison Solid Waste Management District | \$ 35,000 |
| • Keep Wickliffe Beautiful | \$ 2,500 |
| • City of Warren | \$ 25,000 |
| • Lorain County Solid Waste Management District | \$ 25,000 |

Statewide, Ohio EPA is awarding \$330,000 in grant funding to 27 local government entities to support litter cleanup and tire amnesty programs.

Community Grants for Recycling and Litter Prevention – Ohio EPA's Recycling and Litter Prevention Community Grant awards for Northeast Ohio total \$212,000, plus a share of additional funding for a Trumbull County prison:

- Akron Zoological Park will use \$162,000 toward litter prevention and recycling efforts;
- Cleveland Indians Charities is receiving \$50,000 for stadium recycling projects;
- Keep Ohio Beautiful (KOB) of Summit County is receiving \$100,000 to purchase materials for special event recycling projects across Ohio. KOB in Summit County coordinate statewide event recycling anywhere in the state; and
- Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction is receiving \$161,000 to purchase four food waste pulpers for food scrap recycling in four prisons (including one for Trumbull County).

Statewide, Ohio EPA is awarding \$1.5 million in grant funding to assist local governments in strengthening local recycling and litter prevention efforts.

Market Development Grants – Ohio EPA's Market Development Grant total in Northeast Ohio is \$500,000. Two projects received funding:

- ReWorks (The Summit Akron Solid Waste Management Authority) is receiving \$250,000 to sponsor Liberation Capital Vadaxx Akron, LLC in its project to purchase a shredding and drying unit to convert junk plastics into pellets to be used as fuel oil; and
- The Stark Tuscarawas Wayne Joint Solid Waste Management District is receiving \$250,000 to purchase a glass separating system for the J. M. Smucker Company.

Statewide, Ohio EPA is awarding \$1.66 million to eight market development grant projects.

Scrap Tire Market Grants – One project is being funded in northeast Ohio:

- The Lorain County Solid Waste Management District is sponsoring Full Circle Technologies in the company's efforts to start a business that would convert scrap tires into a high technology rubberized asphalt with a grant budget of \$350,000.

Statewide, Ohio EPA is awarding \$1 million for scrap tire market grants to four projects.

Ohio EPA's Recycling and Litter Prevention Office grants this year total \$5 million. Funding comes in part from a 75 cents per ton charge on construction and demolition debris waste, and part of a 50 cents per wholesale purchase of new tires. All Ohioans are encouraged to reduce waste, recycle materials and buy recycled content products to make recycling in Ohio even more successful.

For additional information about recycling and litter prevention grant programs, contact Ohio EPA at 614-230-5330 or visit www.recycleohio.gov.

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The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency was created in 1972 to consolidate efforts to protect and improve air quality, water quality and waste management in Ohio. Since then, air pollutants dropped by as much as 90 percent; large rivers meeting standards improved from 21 percent to 89 percent; and hundreds of polluting, open dumps were replaced with engineered landfills and an increased emphasis on waste reduction and recycling.