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Southeastern Ohio Communities Receive Recycling and Litter Prevention Grants from Ohio EPA

Ohio EPA is awarding more than \$360,000 in grant funding in Southeastern Ohio including six projects in six counties to support litter prevention and recycling efforts across the region. In Southeastern Ohio, the following recipients are receiving grants:

Litter Management Grants – Litter management grants this year for the Southeastern Ohio region total \$110,680:

- Carroll-Columbiana-Harrison Solid Waste District \$ 35,000
- Tuscarawas County General Health District \$ 10,000
- Guernsey County CDC \$ 38,000
- Ross County Litter Control & Recycling \$ 2,185
- Athens Hocking Solid Waste District \$ 25,495

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

Community Development Grants – Ohio EPA's Recycling and Litter Prevention Community Grant awards for Southeastern Ohio is \$250,000:

- City of Chillicothe is receiving \$250,000 to help establish curbside recycling.

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

Ohio EPA 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.