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

Ohio EPA is awarding \$1.5 million in grant funding in southwest Ohio for 13 projects in 10 counties to support litter prevention and recycling efforts across the region. In southwest Ohio, the following recipients are receiving grants.

Litter Management Grants – Litter management grants this year for the southwest Ohio region total \$95,000:

- Hamilton County Recycling & Solid Waste District \$ 13,800
- Madison Township, Butler County \$ 14,000
- Darke County Solid Waste Management District \$ 30,000
- Highland County Recycling & Litter Prevention \$ 2,000
- Brown County Solid Waste Authority \$ 25,000
- Piqua City Health Department \$ 10,000

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

Community Development Grants – Ohio EPA's Recycling and Litter Prevention Community Grant awards for southwest Ohio total \$535,000, plus a share of additional funding for a Warren County prison:

- Logan County Solid Waste District will use \$250,000 to purchase a baler;
- The city of Wilmington will use \$250,000 to purchase 4,500 65-gallon carts and a recycling truck;
- Foundation for Ohio River Education will receive \$25,000 for the annual Ohio River Sweep, sponsored by ORSANCO on June 17; 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 Warren Correctional Institution in Lebanon).

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 southwest Ohio is \$500,000. Two projects received funding:

- Shur-Green Farms (sponsored by Darke County Solid Waste Management District) is receiving \$250,000 to purchase a hopper and bio-separator; and
- Cleanlites Recycling Inc. (sponsored by Hamilton County Recycling and Solid Waste District) is receiving \$250,000 to purchase an air bag deactivation kiln.

Statewide, Ohio EPA is awarding \$1.66 million to eight Recycling Market Development grant projects.

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

- The city of Dayton is receiving \$200,000 to use scrap tires (ground rubber) in paving projects.

Statewide, Ohio EPA is awarding \$1 million for Scrap Tire grants to four projects.

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.