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Officials to Focus on New High Street Glass Recycling Program

An Ohio EPA recycling grant focused on glass recovery from businesses on High Street is paying dividends for the city of Columbus. Since the start of the program this year, the city's Recycling on High initiative has recovered an additional 87.03 tons of glass. The grant to increase glass collection on High Street will help offset the cost to implement the program.

Glass recycling is important, not just in Columbus, but around the state because major manufacturers need more glass to create their products. Each year, 90 percent of the glass Ohio consumers and businesses throw away ends up in a landfill. Ohio businesses can use this untapped supply of glass to lower their energy costs, create new products and jobs and save valuable natural resources.

In Columbus, businesses participating in Glass on High include: Surly Girl Saloon, Bodega, Local Bar, Hubbard Grille, La Fogata Grill, Short North Tavern, Rigsby's Kitchen, Barley's Brewing Company – Ale House #1, North High Brewing, Brothers Drake, Hilton Columbus Downtown, Japanese Steak House, House Beer, Whit's Frozen Custard, Kingmakers, Mikey's Late Night Slice, Melt Bar and Grilled, Two Fish Bistro, Mike's Grill, Nida's Thai on High, Da Levee, Pint House Beer Garden, Plaza Mexican Grill, Bakersfield, Lemongrass Fusion Bistro, Level Dining Lounge, Short North Stage, Arch City Tavern, Donatos Pizza (Campus location), Newport Music Hall, Hampton Inn, Ethyl & Tank, Midway on High, Denmark on High and The Secret Cellar.

Across the state, Ohio EPA is teaming up with municipalities and solid waste districts to increase glass recycling efforts. More information about how municipalities and solid waste districts can partner with Ohio EPA can be found at www.recycleohio.gov.

The online media kit is available at <http://epa.ohio.gov/pic/media/RecyclingonHigh.aspx>.

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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.