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Fairfield County Land Bank Receives Grants from Ohio Department of Development

Lancaster, Ohio – The Fairfield County Land Bank has received new grants from the State of Ohio Department of Development to help clean up and prepare for redeveloping sites within our county. On August 9, 2024 the Ohio Department of Development awarded the Land Bank as lead entity \$600,000 in remediation funding and \$229,076 for an assessment through the Ohio Brownfield Remediation Program. The Land Bank is working with local engineering firms to assess and mitigate exposure to hazardous substances at the Shumaker building at 219 N Columbus Street in Lancaster as well as the former Barclay Petroleum site in Bremen.

Today, November 4, 2024 the Department of Development also awarded the Fairfield County Land Bank funding through the Building Demolition and Site Revitalization Program to demolish vacant, dilapidated buildings. In addition to the \$500,000 set-aside per county allocation, the Fairfield County Land Bank was competitively awarded an additional \$363,525 for multiple structures at 19 sites throughout the county. The demolition work began in the summer of 2024 and is expected to be completed by the end of 2025.

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