



PRESS RELEASE

MIAMI COUNTY AWARDED \$1.4 MILLION CLEAN OHIO REVITALIZATION FUND GRANT TO REMEDIATE PORTION OF FORMER PIQUA POWER PLANT

COLUMBUS, OH – November 18, 2011– Earlier today, the Clean Ohio Council approved a \$1,404,363 grant to Miami County for the remediation and redevelopment of the area located behind the Piqua Power Plant at 919 South Main Street.

“This is an exciting project where we will be able to transform the west side of the Great Miami River behind the Power Plant. With the county’s assistance, we plan on making this a very nice park for generations to come,” said William Lutz, Development Program Manager for the City of Piqua.

Through the grant, the former coal bag houses as well as the asphalt and the concrete structures behind the Power Plant will be removed and transformed into a river-side park setting.

This is the first phase of the two-phase project. The City plans to submit for additional Clean Ohio Revitalization Fund dollars in the July 2012 funding round to complete the remediation and demolition of the entire site. Specific details on the next phase of the project will be announced as part of this application process in Spring 2012.

Both the COAF and CORF grants are funded through the Clean Ohio Fund, a bond program approved by Ohio voters. The Clean Ohio Fund restores, protects, and connects Ohio's important natural and urban places by preserving green space and farmland, improving outdoor recreation, and by cleaning up brownfields to encourage redevelopment and revitalize communities. For more information about the Clean Ohio Fund, visit www.clean.ohio.gov.

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