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GOPC Updates White Paper on Brownfield Program Benefits

The Greater Ohio Policy Center (GOPC) Wednesday released an updated white paper which examined all three funding rounds of the Brownfield Remediation Fund. GOPC previously released a paper on the first round of the program and also called for allocating another \$500 million in the next budget. (See *The Hannah Report*, 10/21/22.)

The fund invested a total of \$341 million in environmental cleanup, with projects underway to “assess, cleanup and revitalize brownfields” in 83 Ohio counties, according to the GOPC release. That supports 188 clean-up projects and 125 assessments, and nearly 98 percent of the Ohio population lives in the counties which received grant awards.

“We commend the Ohio Legislature for making the most significant investment in brownfields in nearly a decade, and look forward to the economic impact these projects will have for Ohio's communities,” GOPC Executive Director Alison Goebel said.

The updated white paper also recommends making an adjustment to the current program to help communities, especially smaller and more rural ones, successfully compete for funds.

The white paper is available at www.hannah.com>Important Documents & Notices>Library.

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