

A hard working fund for a cleaner, greener Ohio.

Ohio voters established the \$400 million Clean Ohio Fund in 2000 to conserve green space, preserve farmland, build trails, and revitalize blighted neighborhoods by cleaning up and redeveloping polluted properties. The Fund makes matching grants to four program areas (see below) on a competitive basis. Clean Ohio is funded by the sale of state bonds—taxes were not raised to fund Clean Ohio.

How does Clean Ohio work?

Clean Ohio Fund consists of four competitive programs:

1. The **Greenspace Conservation** program helps to fund preservation of open spaces, sensitive ecological areas, and stream corridors.
2. The **Farmland Preservation** program supports the permanent preservation of Ohio's most valuable farmland through the purchase of development rights.
3. The **Recreational Trails** program works to improve outdoor recreational opportunities for Ohioans by funding trails for outdoor pursuits of all kinds.
4. The **Brownfield Revitalization** program supports the cleanup of polluted properties so that they can be restored to productive uses

Each program area matches qualifying local projects, dollar-for-dollar. Competition for Clean Ohio Fund dollars is fierce.

How successful is Clean Ohio?

Clean Ohio Fund has funded over 700 projects:

- Protecting more than 26,000 acres of **natural areas**
- Preserving more than 16,000 acres of **family farms**
- Crating more than 200 miles of **recreational trails**
- Cleaning up 140 polluted industrial **brownfield sites**

Each year, local demand for Clean Ohio funding outstrips the supply of state program funds. Local leaders like the Clean Ohio because it helps leverage private funding...and because it gets the job done...for local communities.

What is Clean Ohio's status?

By 2006, Clean Ohio granted all \$400 million in authorized borrowing. Lawmakers extended the program by reissuing paid-off bonds. The Fund needs to be replenished.



Greenspace Conservation



Farmland Preservation



Recreational Trails



Brownfield Revitalization

Governor Ted Strickland, Ohio Senate President Bill Harris, and Ohio House Speaker Jon Husted will seek voter approval of \$400 million in new funding.

Good news! Governor Strickland and legislative leaders have pledged to seek voter approval to borrow an additional \$400 million for the Clean Ohio Fund. A two-thirds vote by both the Ohio House and Senate is needed to place this State Issue before the voters.

If passed by Ohio voters, Ohioans will enjoy more conserved natural areas, more protected family farms, more trails, and more revitalized industrial sites.

\$400 million in new Clean Ohio funding will help clean up Ohio and help attract new jobs. That's a real win-win!

