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Governor DeWine Applauds \$3.57 Million JobsOhio Infrastructure Investment to Provide Foundation for Increased Investment and High-Paying Jobs in Southeastern Ohio.

Nelsonville, Ohio: September 8, 2021 — A new sewer line promises to open new economic opportunities in Scioto and Lawrence County through the commitment of several partners.

Contractors from Tribute Contracting and Consultants are on site now to install nearly 5.5 miles of 8-inch forced main sewer line along Gallia Pike and Route 1A. The \$4.16-million construction project was made possible through the cooperation of two counties and a team of economic development organizations.

“This new sewer line will connect a corridor in Scioto and Lawrence Counties with premier access to transportation and additional utilities,” said Ohio Governor Mike DeWine. “When complete, this will be an ideal destination for businesses seeking the advantage Southern Ohio provides to support their long-term success.”

JobsOhio, Ohio’s lead economic development organization, provided a \$3.36 million grant to fund most of the cost of the sewer line infrastructure from Franklin Furnace in Scioto County to the Southern Ohio Industrial District site (the former Dow Chemical plant) near Hanging Rock in Lawrence County.

“This corridor provides Scioto and Lawrence counties a remarkable opportunity to grow high-paying jobs in Southern Ohio,” said JobsOhio President and CEO J.P. Nauseef. “We are grateful for the incredible collaboration with our many partners in the region, which has been essential to creating an asset that will be tremendously attractive to companies looking to build their success in the North American market.”

Leaders from both counties, Ohio Southeast Economic Development (OhioSE), the Scioto County Economic Development Office, the Lawrence Economic Development Corporation (LEDC), Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission, and Joint Economic Development Initiative of Southern Ohio (JEDISO) are all partners in the project.

“This investment by JobsOhio and OhioSE is a game-changer for our river corridor,” said Scioto County Commissioner, Scottie Powell. “By adding sewer to this corridor we are able to fill a critical gap in our river sites’ ability to attract new industry. New jobs and investment will add new dollars to our local economy and tax base, which will strengthen quality of life in Scioto County.”

The land corridor, located along the Ohio River, includes three large prime sites with direct access to the river, rail, highway transportation, and utilities suitable for heavy industry. The three sites include the Norfolk Southern Haverhill site, the Altivia site and the Southern Ohio Industrial District Former Dow Site. The sewer project will provide industrial sewer capacity to over 860 acres of developable land among the three sites. The availability of in-place utilities is an important factor that manufacturers

consider in the site selection process as is transportation access to receive raw materials and move finished products to market.

“These sites are unique in that they are large properties along the Ohio River with rail, four lane highway access, massive utility capacities, and are out of the flood plain,” said OhioSE President, Mike Jacoby. “Particularly the Norfolk Southern site boasts very rare attributes that would make it ideal for large users needing lots of energy and the ability to move high volumes of freight.”

With the completion of the improved industrial sewer both counties will have increased acreage that is ready for development. The sites in Scioto and Lawrence counties are well-suited for industrial projects including aluminum, steel, chemical or other heavy industry.

“Lawrence County has developed a mature industrial park in The Point and we believe the Southern Ohio Industrial District is the next destination for new jobs in our county,” said Lawrence County Commissioner Deanna Holliday. “We are very thankful for the collaboration between JobsOhio and OhioSE to bring sewer service to the district.”

The collaboration between JobsOhio, OhioSE, Scioto and Lawrence counties, the Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission (OVRDC), and Joint Economic Development Initiative of Southern Ohio (JEDISO) is an investment in the future that will increase the competitiveness of southeastern Ohio in attracting heavy manufacturing industries to the region. The Lawrence Economic Development Corporation has been successful in attracting PureCycle to the Southern Ohio Industrial District.

“The Southern Ohio Industrial District is an advantageous park for manufacturing, logistics or chemical companies to take advantage of our river, rail, utility and highway assets,” said Lawrence Economic Development Corporation (LEDC) Executive Director, Dr. Bill Dingus. “Recently PureCycle Technologies chose the Southern Ohio Industrial District as its home and we look forward to welcoming additional investment thanks to JobsOhio and OhioSE’s help.”

Once completed, the sewer line will be turned-over to the Scioto County Sanitary Sewer Department for ownership and maintenance. Scioto County Sanitary Sewer Department is jointly managing the construction of the new sewer line with the Lawrence Economic Development Corporation.

“Scioto County is in a great position to attract additional heavy industry to our river corridor thanks to this investment,” said Scioto County Economic Development Director, Robert Horton. “JobsOhio and OhioSE have been a partner every step of the way in providing assistance to make this project a reality.”

The sewer service project is expected to be completed by the end of 2021.

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The Lawrence Economic Development Corporation is the economic engine for Lawrence County, providing business development, innovation, and seeking partnerships around the world to not only

bolster the economic fortunes of Southern Ohio, but also to build a better standard of living for communities. With access to every key mode of transportation – river, road, rail, and air – the county’s location gives businesses a strategic and competitive advantage, allowing them to grow and prosper. Learn more at ledcorp.org/

Scioto County Economic Development is ready to help companies of all types succeed by offering a powerful combination of connectivity, resources, low taxes, skilled and motivated workforce, and low cost of living. The Scioto county transportation network makes it easy to bring raw materials in and ship finished product out -with river transport as far as the Gulf of Mexico for bulk commodities, frequent rail service from both CSX Transportation and Norfolk Southern to major population and industrial centers and deep-water ports, and a well-designed highway network. Scioto County is also known for low-cost utilities, with plenty of electricity, natural gas, propane, water, and broadband. The area is the home of hard-working residents, with a two-state workforce of more than 208,000 people with experience in steel, manufacturing, chemicals, wood products, and other industries. Learn more at sciotocountyohdevelopment.com/

Ohio Southeast Economic Development (OhioSE) is the JobsOhio Network Partner for southern, eastern, and southeastern Ohio, providing economic development work and resources in 25 rural counties; they are the newest and geographically the largest of the six regions across the state. OhioSE partners closely with regional development districts, local economic development offices, state agencies, and other entities to expand, retain, and attract businesses in the counties they serve. Learn more at OhioSE.com.

JobsOhio is a private nonprofit economic development corporation designed to drive job creation and new capital investment in Ohio through business attraction, retention and expansion. The organization also works to seed talent production in its targeted industries and to attract talent to Ohio through [Find Your Ohio](#). JobsOhio works with six regional partners across Ohio: [Dayton Development Coalition](#), [Ohio Southeast Economic Development](#), [One Columbus](#), [REDI Cincinnati](#), [Regional Growth Partnership](#) and [Team NEO](#). Learn more at www.jobsohio.com. Follow us on [LinkedIn](#), [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

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