



Founded 1790

City of Gallipolis

LOCATION: 333 Third Avenue
Gallipolis, OH 45631

PHONE: 740.446.1789
FAX: 740.441.2070

MAIL TO: P O BOX 339
GALLIPOLIS, OH 45631-0339

E-MAIL: citymanager@gallipoliscity.com
WEB SITE: www.cityofgallipolis.com

March 20, 2023

TO: House Finance Subcommittee of Agriculture, Development, and
Natural Resources Chair Mr. Jones
Ranking Member Troy and Committee Members

FROM: Dow Saunders, City Manager, Gallipolis OH

RE: Testimony/letter of support for additional Brownfield Funding

My name is Dow Saunders and I am the Gallipolis City Manager. The City extends its appreciation to the Ohio Department of Development and to the House Finance Committee for establishing and funding the Brownfield Remediation Fund. The City applied for and received funding for Brownfield Remediation for a site within the City limits.

While the City is grateful for this award, it has come to our attention that additional funding for this and other projects throughout Ohio may be required to fulfill the initial goal of redevelopment. Environmental assessment is currently in progress for the City site and the City remains hopeful for additional dollars, if necessary, for the actual redevelopment phase.

The City of Gallipolis joins other applicants in seeking additional funding support to move the initial assessment phases through to their desired outcomes. The City supports the Greater Ohio Policy Center's request for a budget amendment to add this funding into the State budget. This funding will help economically challenged areas of Ohio with research demonstrating a positive return on investment with significant return to the State's GDP. I thank you for your consideration of additional budgetary support.



City Commission

President, Tony Gallagher Vice-President, William B. Thomas
Member, Michael W. Brown Member, Michael C. Fulks Member, R. William Jenkins
Shelly L Clonch, City Auditor Brynn Saunders Noe, City Solicitor
Dow W Saunders, City Manager