



Valley View Junior High Building Update

Village of Farmersville

Office of the Mayor

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Dear Farmersville Residents,

It is with great excitement and gratitude that I share some truly transformative news for our community: the Valley View Local School District has officially been awarded a grant from the Ohio Department of Development to abate and demolish the former Valley View Junior High building. This grant is part of nearly \$60 million in Brownfield Remediation funding announced by Governor DeWine's office. You can read more about this initiative here:

<https://development.ohio.gov/home/news-and-events/all-news/2025-0605-governor-dewine-announces-nearly-60-million-in-brownfield-remediation-grants>

This award makes way for unlocking new potential for the future of Farmersville – our residents, visitors, and business owners alike.

Securing this grant would not have been possible without the outstanding support and leadership of many dedicated individuals and organizations. First and foremost, I want to thank the **Montgomery County Landbank**. Their expertise and leadership played a vital role in positioning our community for success. I am especially grateful to **Heather Wendel** and **Susan Crabill**, whose guidance early in the process was instrumental throughout the grant application process.

We also extend our sincere thanks to **Commissioner Carolyn Rice** for taking the time to meet with our community during this process. Her interest and care for the Village of Farmersville reaffirmed the importance of this project and its impact on our community.

A special thank you goes to the **Valley View Local School District** leadership team, including former Superintendent **Joe Scholler**, current Superintendent **Andrea Cook**, Director of Operations **Erick Depew**, and District Treasurer **Valorie Hill**. Your commitment and collaboration with us have been essential to reaching this exciting result.

Our Junior High Building Committee also deserves recognition. Thank you to **Jon Schade**, former Police Chief and community member; School Board Members **Stephanie Smith** and **Tyson Dillon**; Attorney **Austin Musser**; as well as the previously mentioned Valley View Schools leadership team. Your efforts getting this application submitted successfully ensured a successful result.

I also want to point out the **Citizens for Farmersville** committee, formed by **Randy and Tracy Alford** and **Martha Moyer**, and supported by many Farmersville and Jackson Township residents and business owners. Your advocacy, professionalism, and patience have been appreciated throughout this process. To the direct neighbors of the Junior High property, thank you for your continued patience, cooperation, and willingness to be part of the solution.

One individual who worked behind the scenes with passion and commitment to this project is our Village Administrator, **Derek Shell**. Although not officially on a project committee, Derek played a major role in supporting and advancing our vision for this site. I also want to thank the **Farmersville Village Council** for their trust and support in allowing both Derek and me to represent the Village throughout this process.

I am thrilled by this award, and even more excited by what it represents. This award is not just about removing a building; it's about unlocking new opportunities for our residents and business owners. We are excited for the future of this site and what it will mean for the continued strength and progress of Farmersville.

With deep appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N Lamb', written in a cursive style.

Nicolas Lamb

Mayor, Village of Farmersville