



OHIO DEPARTMENT OF
**NATURAL
RESOURCES**



OHIO'S PLAN TO PLUG ORPHAN OIL AND GAS WELLS

HOW OHIO'S PLAN WILL WORK

Locate Orphan Wells

- NEW public information campaign to encourage landowners to submit potential orphan wells
- Increased drone flights to locate orphan wells
- NEW opportunity to hire contractors to perform additional flights

Design Plans to Plug Orphan Wells

- Traditional ODNR Division of Oil and Gas Resources Management program where staff research and design plugging plans
- NEW opportunity to hire consultants to research and design plugging plans

Plug the Wells and Restore the Land

- Traditional plugging program
 - Certified contractors submit an offer on Division-created plans
- Landowner Pass-through Payment Program
 - First two applications received and approved in late 2021
 - GROWTH opportunity because large amounts of funds available
 - Contractors don't have to be certified under the traditional program, but must be regularly engaged in plugging oil and gas wells;
- Construction Manager Contract
 - NEW opportunity to be rolled out in March
 - Construction Manager will manage subcontractors, schedules, compliance, and tracking
 - Division will still complete regulatory responsibilities



OHIO'S UNPRECEDENTED OPPORTUNITY

The Infrastructure Bill and already available funding will provide Ohio with an unprecedented opportunity:

- \$326 million potential funding available through 2035 from the Infrastructure Bill
- \$22 million funding budgeted in this biennial budget
- \$634 million in potential funding through 2035, if federal funds are leveraged and current Ohio production (severance tax collections) remains steady



QUESTIONS

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