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Delaware County— Demolition of Leffler House, 116 North Sandusky Street

Beginning sometime Friday, March 8, the Leffler House, at 116 North Sandusky Street, will be demolished according to Delaware City Code. The house is the property of Delaware County and is being demolished for safety reasons. Plans are to provide additional parking opportunities in the new area until a permanent use is identified.

The county did study the economic viability of an adapted reuse of the house, however, the cost was prohibitive. The City of Delaware Historical Preservation Commission reviewed the house and property and decided that the house did not have any significant architectural or historic value and permitted this process to proceed.

The cost for this demolition is \$12,490 and funding for this project is from the Attorney General's Moving Ohio Forward Residential Demolition Program. The funding is part of the \$500,000 grant that the county received to demolish blighted residential structures. Those monies will be awarded by application and currently more than 30 homeowners have applied.

A brief history was provided to the county by local historian and retired attorney April Nelson: Architecturally, the house is American Foursquare style: typically 2 to 3 stories, with four rooms per floor; hipped roof with deep overhangs; and a wide front porch. There are interior hallmarks of the Foursquare style, but some may have been removed. Foursquare was most popular in the late 1890s to 1930s. Given that the original owner/builder William McKenzie was a lumberyard owner, it was probably built with lumber from his own business.

Interviews are available with Economic Development Director Gus Comstock or County Administrator Tim Hansley.

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