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A graphic rendering shows Cargill's planned improvements, some of which have already occurred

## **Cargill upgrades Circleville operations**

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For 28 years, Cargill has been a proud member of the Circleville community, operating a grain elevator (a facility which stores grain) and playing a vital role in the local agricultural economy.

Now, the company is making significant investments to revitalize its Circleville facility, ensuring improved efficiency, safety, and sustainability.

Cargill's Circleville location serves approximately 1,500 customers, purchasing grain from area farmers and moving it into the broader feed market through its network of grain elevators and processing plants. The company is also deeply involved in the Circleville community, supporting organizations like the Inspiration Station Children's Museum and the Pickaway County Fairgrounds. As part of its ongoing commitment to enhancing operations, Cargill is implementing a series of facility improvements, including updating equipment, repairing or rebuilding outdated buildings, enhancing safety measures, and improving truck staging and flow to create a more efficient customer experience.

Additional upgrades will improve dust aspiration and stormwater runoff systems while also enhancing the overall appearance of the site. The goal is to create a safer, more effective facility that strengthens Cargill's role as a key partner in the region.

These improvements have been made possible in part by state demolition grant dollars recently awarded to Cargill, thanks to a collaborative effort with the Pickaway County Port Authority. The Cargill site at 309 West Main Street received \$1,856,500 for extensive demolition.

These investments are critical to revitalizing key properties, improving public safety, and promoting economic growth, reflecting Pickaway County's commitment to smart and sustainable development.

"Thank you to the Pickaway County Port Authority, and Patriot Engineering for their partnership and their help with the demolition dollars contributing to our Cargill facility," said Chandler McCullough, Area Operations Manager for Cargill's Circleville facility. "We wouldn't be able to make the necessary updates to our facility without the county's support and are deeply grateful for the opportunity to continue to grow here in Circleville."

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With these improvements and support from local partners, Cargill is reaffirming its longterm commitment to the City of Circleville, ensuring that its facility remains a cornerstone of the local agricultural economy for years to come.

There are additional opportunities for Brownfield and Demolition funding available for businesses and organizations in Pickaway County. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Pickaway Progress Partnership (P3) directly at (740) 420-6498.

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