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## **Ohio Department of Natural Resources Gives \$14,100 Grant to MAP Furniture Bank**

COLUMBUS, Ohio - Donations of gently used furniture to those in need in Central Ohio can expand thanks to a Community Development Grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, division of Recycling and Litter Prevention. The grant of \$14,100 will go to the MAP Furniture Bank of Columbus. MAP will match the grant to purchase another delivery truck. The MAP fleet offers free pickup of used furniture from residents and businesses in Central Ohio. The donated furniture is used to assist low-income families who have managed to find a place to live, but who are sleeping and eating off floors because they have no furnishings. MAP Furniture Bank will collect and distribute 50,000 beds, dressers, tables, chairs and sofas to nearly 4,200 local families in 2009.

The grant was sponsored by The Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO). Promoting re-use and recycling opportunities is part of the SWACO mission to manage the Franklin County Waste Stream. SWACO Executive Director Ron Mills credits MAP with keeping 35,000 cubic yards of reusable furniture from SWACO's Franklin County landfill. "We appreciate the good work of the MAP Furniture Bank. Their mission of providing assistance to local residents in their time of need also improves the environment for all of us in Central Ohio."

**About MAP Furniture Bank:** MAP provides free furniture to neighbors in need. Nearly 80 percent of client families earn less than \$10,000 annually and are dealing with severe life challenges ranging from previous homelessness to mental disability. For more information, visit: [www.mapfurniturebank.org](http://www.mapfurniturebank.org) or call (614) 272-9544.

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