

Featured Project

Long Cleaners (Montgomery County)

Long Cleaners has three store locations in Miamisburg, Beavercreek and Fairborn. Tom Perry, owner of the small business, says Long Cleaners utilizes state of the art equipment and new technology to ensure each garment gets the care it deserves. He adds that the company has high standards for careful cleaning and hand finishing to ensure clothes will look the best possible and last longer for the customers.

In 2018, Long Cleaners received financing approval for \$108,136 from OAQDA to purchase equipment that is helping the business become a clean air facility. In addition, the business received an OAQDA grant for \$5,540.68 to cover closing costs.

The company used the financing through CARC to replace outdated dry cleaning equipment with a new machine that utilizes an environmentally-friendly solvent that maintains high quality cleaning while reducing water and energy usage.

The solvents used in the new system are alternatives to Perchloroethylene (PERC), a solvent used in the industry for many years and now identified as a likely human carcinogen. The new system features the use of a biodegradable organic solvent, which is one of the main PERC solvent substitutes in the industry, according to Perry.

“The clean energy financing through OAQDA provides significant operational improvements for our business. With the ability to use these safer alternative solvents, we switched to a new cleaning system that eliminates hazardous waste.”

– Tom Perry, Long Cleaners

