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PROGRESS UPDATE

Strategic Growth and Community Development Plan for Pickaway County



Pickaway County has experienced significant growth and is poised for significantly more in the future. The success of local and regional economic development efforts is driving significant new residential development across the county with thousands of new homes under development.

Although this historic period of growth and new investment in Pickaway County has brought renewed economic vitality, it has also become a cause for concern among local leaders and citizens. We aim to create a smart, forward-thinking plan that meets the needs of our growing population. To further engage with the community, residents are encouraged to participate by completing an online survey at the QR Code above.



P3 LAUNCHES AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE

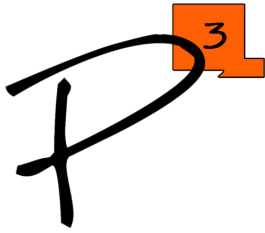
P3 has put together an Agriculture Committee. This initiative will be a subcommittee of the P3 Board designed to ensure that the voices of local farmers are integrated into the county's economic development strategies, fostering a stronger connection between agriculture and economic growth.

The Agriculture Committee aims to advocate for the needs and interests of agriculture, which is a cornerstone of the local economy. Through this committee, P3 seeks to promote agriculture-focused initiatives, support sustainable farming practices, and explore new economic opportunities that benefit both farmers and the broader population.

The organization will be led by Executive Committee member, Keith Summers and Pickaway County Community Foundation member, John Essman. We are looking for a diverse group of individuals who are passionate about agriculture and committed to the economic development of Pickaway County. Farmers, agribusiness leaders, economic development professionals, and community members with an interest in agriculture are encouraged to apply on P3's website.

For more updates or additional information, please visit:





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RECENT NEWS

HOW BIG TECH IS CONSUMING AMERICA'S ELECTRICITY AND WATER:

The rapid growth of data centers, driven by the expansion of cloud computing and AI, is significantly increasing electricity demand, straining power grids already under pressure from the shift to renewable energy. Data centers, concentrated in areas like northern Virginia's "Data Center Alley," consume vast amounts of electricity and water, leading to local resistance and higher costs for communities. Developers are exploring alternative locations and innovative solutions like underwater data pods to mitigate environmental impacts, but the industry's growth may soon face practical and regulatory limits. Read more [HERE](#).

SMART GROWTH INITIATIVE THIRD AWARD:

The Smart Growth Initiative Fund's third recipient has received funding! Deercreek Township applied to the Smart Growth fund for support of their updated land-use plan and comprehensive plan. They received \$28,791.79. If you know of a municipality in Pickaway County that is interested in applying for funding to update their zoning, land-use, etc., the application can be found on our website, [HERE](#).

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SPOTLIGHT

August's Economic Development Spotlight in the Circleville Herald described tax abatements and how governments use them to reduce property taxes temporarily, and encourage businesses to invest in new projects for improve existing ones. If you missed the article in the newspaper and want to check it out, find it on our website, [HERE](#).

LEADS/PROSPECTS/SITE VISITS

Last 2 months:

PROSPECTS: 22

(Leads from OneColumbus & JobsOhio)

REAL ESTATE/DEVELOPER LEADS: 17

(Real Estate/Commercial Developers contacting P3)

P3 LEADS: 4

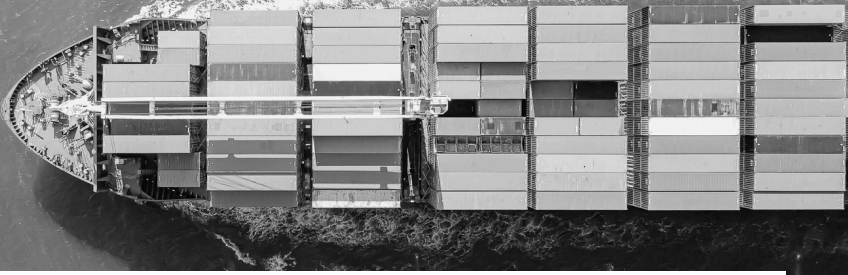
(Internally sourced leads)

SITE VISITS: 3

(Clients coming to see Pickaway County)

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SAVE THE DATE

HOW TO GROW YOUR BUSINESS THROUGH EXPORT

Join us for a casual happy hour and educational discussion exclusively for Ohio Manufacturers. Expert panelists will share real world examples, as well as practical resources to help you expand this area of your business.

Drinks & hors d'oeuvres provided.

Private event barn in Dublin, address to be provided upon RSVP.



DATE:

THURS, SEPT 26TH



TIME:

4:00 - 6:30 PM



RSVP:

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