# T PROGRESS UPDATE

### WORKFORCE SUBCOMMITTE UPDATES



P3 has established a Workforce Subcommittee comprised of key organizations represented on the board, including Pickaway-Ross CTC, Eastland-Fairfield Career & Technical Schools, and Ohio Christian University. This subcommittee is tasked with fostering workforce development initiatives that address the region's growing needs, particularly given that over 50% of Pickaway County students enter the workforce directly after high school.

Collaborating with additional partners such as Pickaway WORKS, and the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, the subcommittee is actively pursuing state funding to support these efforts. The group's initiatives focus on building pathways to employment through tailored training programs, enhanced career readiness resources, and expanded opportunities for local students.



## BROWNFIELD & DEMO DOLLARS COMING TO PICKAWAY COUNTY

Pickaway County has leveraged almost \$3 million in funding from the Demolition and Brownfield Remediation Grant program to address environmental issues, eliminate blighted structures, and support redevelopment.

The Brownfield Remediation Grant funded three key projects. The Purina property at 901 S. Court Street received \$25,850 for environmental assessments and asbestos surveys. The FORJAK site at 600 Clinton Street was awarded \$724,150 for soil and groundwater remediation, and \$250,000 was allocated to the Pickaway ESC School Building at 424 E. Mound Street for asbestos abatement to support its renovation.

The Demolition Grant enabled the removal of deteriorated structures across the county. The Cargill site at 309 W. 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.











# **RECENT NEWS**

#### OHIO MANUFACTURING ASSOCIATION WORKFORCE SUMMIT:

Ohio leaders gathered at the Ohio Manufacturers' Workforce Summit to share strategies and celebrate progress in workforce development. Lt. Governor Jon Husted highlighted key initiatives such as <u>Industry Sector Partnerships</u> and Ohio's \$300 million investment in career tech expansion, adding 15,000 new training slots in highdemand fields like robotics and welding. Summit sessions highlighted the power of collaboration, <u>the Ohio Manufacturing</u> <u>Competency Model</u>, youth engagement tools, Al's role in manufacturing, and <u>accessing</u> <u>untapped talent</u>.

#### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 411:**

The annual ED 411 conference was held on December 6th in Columbus to gather community leaders and discuss the impact economic development has on our region. More than 700 community leaders across the 11 county region were in attendance. The event focused on the future of infrastructure and talent. We would love for you to join us at ED 411 in 2025. Save the date for December 5th, 2025!

#### **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

As we welcome 2025, let's take a moment to reflect on the growth, challenges, and successes of the past year. Every step we've taken has prepared us for the opportunities and adventures ahead. This new year is a chance to set fresh goals, embrace new possibilities, and continue building on the foundation we've worked so hard to create.

Let's make this a year to remember!

#### LEADS/PROSPECTS/SITE VISITS

#### Year in Review:

PROSPECTS: 82 (Leads from OneColumbus & JobsOhio)

SUBMISSIONS: 52

(Out of 82 prospects, we submitted for 52)

**REAL ESTATE/DEVELOPER LEADS: 30** 

(Real Estate/Commercial Developers contacting P3)

P3 LEADS: 7 (Internally sourced leads)

SITE VISITS: 5

(Clients coming to see property Pickaway County)

