



## Quarterly News & Updates

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### **A Note From Executive Director Matt Abbott**

Friends and Colleagues,

It is our hope that each of you had a prosperous 2018 and we are excited as to what 2019 has to offer.

In 2018, the Zanesville-Muskingum County Port Authority worked with local partners to receive nearly \$500,000 in grants to enhance our economic well-being. Those dollars assisted companies in the creation of over 399 new jobs and over \$28,000,000 in new capital investment. The City of Zanesville and Muskingum County continue to be good places to start and/or grow your business.

We plan to build upon the success of 2018 as we transition into 2019. With our local partners, we will break ground on a fourth business park visible from Interstate 70. This will set Muskingum County on a path with the ability to land new projects for years to come. Our location has proven to be viable with access to over 60% of the US population in one day's drive.

We look forward to continuing to work with existing companies to assist in their growth, attracting new companies to the area and building a climate that will enhance economic growth for years to come.

Sincerely,

**Matt Abbott**  
Executive Director



### **Featured Site**

#### **Northpointe Business Park** **34 Acres**

This is the largest remaining tract in the Northpointe Business Park, a proven location for businesses in the City of Zanesville. This site has gently sloping topography, and ~1,600' of frontage along Northpointe Drive. All utilities are in

place. There is currently 16MW on a 12 KV primary delivery, 3 phase to the site running along Northpointe Drive, fed from a substation located less than a mile away. Located within the City of Zanesville's Enterprise Zone. Neighboring businesses include: Kellogg's, Saunder's Machine Works, JD Equipment, Fed Ex, NorthPointe Fitness, and Spectrum. Click [here](#) for more information on this site.



## Featured Business

**PLASKOLITE**



Plaskolite, located in the Airport Business Park, is in its 18<sup>th</sup> year of operation in Zanesville. Plaskolite chose Zanesville in the late 1990's as a location for future company growth and built a 160,000 square foot manufacturing facility, on an 80-acre parcel. After the plant opened in July of 2000 growth came quickly and an additional 80,000 square feet was added in 2004. This brought the total plant footprint to its current 240,000 square feet. The new space gave Plaskolite the opportunity to install a state-of-the-art acrylic polymer processing operation

Starting in 2000, the Zanesville site began production with one acrylic sheet extrusion line and 16 employees. Now the manufacturing location has seven sheet extrusion lines, a vacuum metallization process which converts acrylic sheet into an acrylic mirror, a high-volume distribution operation, as well as the acrylic polymer process. Today the plant employs 150 people producing more than 60 million pounds of extruded acrylic, PETG, ABS, and poly-carbonate sheet annually.

Founded in 1950, Plaskolite LLC began operations producing drinking straws and hula hoops. Through continuous growth over the past 68 years Plaskolite now employs over 1,250 employees globally and is North America's leading producer of thermoplastic

sheet. The company recently opened its corporate headquarters located in downtown Columbus, Ohio and has eight plant locations in the United States, one in Monterrey, Mexico, and one in Malatya, Turkey. Plaskolite products are used in a wide variety of applications including displays, signage, lighting, spa and bath products. The materials Plaskolite manufactures touch many facets of daily life.

Plaskolite is proud to be actively involved in the local community through sponsorship of various charitable causes as well as supporting students whenever possible who are interested in STEM; science, technology, engineering and math careers.

Despite the extensive North American footprint, the Plaskolite Zanesville location is a cornerstone for the company and is critical to the Company's success; past, present, and future. Plaskolite is proud of their experienced workforce in Muskingum county and Zanesville will continue to be a future growth site for years to come.



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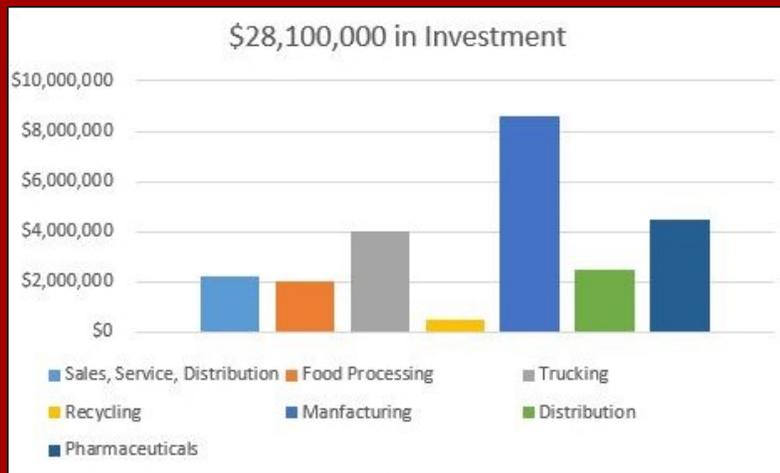


Acrylic polymer process – resin extrusion

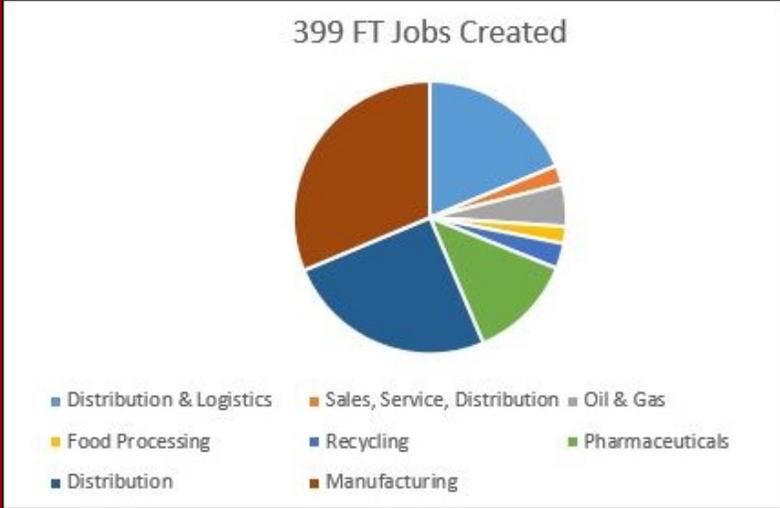
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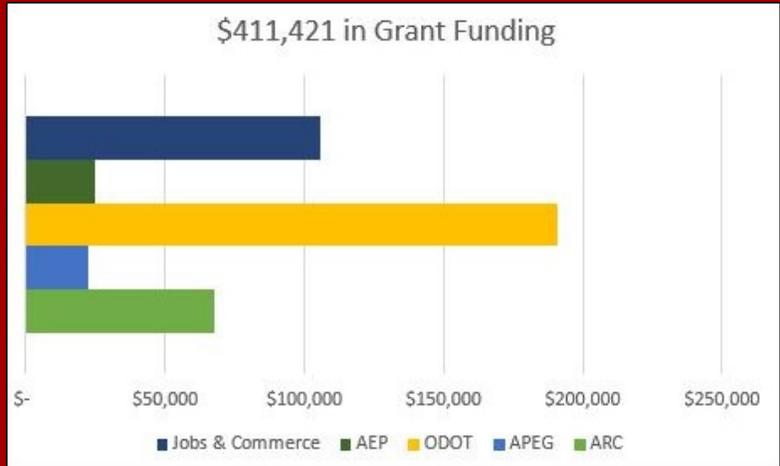
The Port Authority would like to take a moment to look back on the growth and investment that took place in 2018. We look forward to working with Muskingum County's new companies and seeing our established companies expand.



### 399 FT Jobs Created



### \$411,421 in Grant Funding



## Port Authority News



The Muskingum County Transportation Improvement District was awarded an \$80,574 grant from O.D.O.T. These funds are being used to prevent further slipping of the hillside in the Eastpointe Business Park along Eastpointe Drive. This is critical to traffic flow in the business park, including safe and efficient commuting and delivery for trucks entering and exiting the park.



The Port Authority was awarded a \$105,781 Jobs Ohio 629 Roadwork Improvement Grant. This grant will assist with repairs to the slipping hillside in the Eastpointe Business Park along Eastpointe Drive. The point where the slipping is occurring is located in close proximity to the entrance to Dollar General's warehouse. Dollar General is one of six employers in Eastpointe, along with Halliburton, AVON, Bilco, Bimbo Bakeries and Hissong Kenworth. The 629 Grant funds will provide safer infrastructure for the 2,209 full-



time employees who call Eastpointe Business Park home.

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We would like to recognize and thank the members of our Port Authority Board for their hard work and dedication to the success of the Zanesville Muskingum County Port Authority. Their vision and willingness to recognize that investment must take place in order for our community to flourish is a huge reason for this year's accomplishments. To learn a little more about our current and former Board Members, click [here](#).



**Port Authority Board Members: Mike Bennett, Jason Heins, Paul Brown, Dick McClelland, Randy Coconis (left to right)**