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Featured Building East Pike Industrial Building

This 40,000 SF building is located just minutes off of I-70 in eastern Muskingum County. Included in the square footage is 8,000 SF of office space. There is approximately 0.5 acre fenced and gated. All utilities are in place and the entire building is sprinklered. Perfect for industrial, distribution, manufacturing, or R&D. The Zanesville Municipal Airport is located only 3 miles to the east, offering two 5,000' runways and ILS. Excellent location for any business looking to take advantage of I-70 access. For additional information and a printable fact sheet, click [here](#).



Featured Business



Dog and cat owners have trusted Purina for more than 90 years and their products can be found in the pantries of 80 percent of U.S. pet-owning households. This reputation couldn't happen without the hard-working factories like the one in Zanesville, Ohio, because what happens inside this factory every day is centered around nutritious and high-quality foods.

The Zanesville factory opened in 1973 and was founded by the Benincasa family as

BENCO Pet Foods. The company was then acquired by Purina in 1987. Purina is the No. 1 pet care company in the U.S., with a portfolio of pet care brands spanning dog and cat food, treats and litter.

Purina is proud to make some of the most popular and trusted pet care products right here in Zanesville. This factory location employs over 130 people, with 42 percent of the factory population having tenure for more than 10 years. The company is committed to delivering high-quality, nutritious and innovative products. In Zanesville, Purina makes a variety of brands that are 100 percent complete and balanced high-quality nutrition for adult dogs.

A lot of science, passion and care goes into the making of Purina products to ensure they are high-quality and meet pets' nutritional needs. Before production begins at Purina's factories including Zanesville, Purina nutritionists are developing recipes for each product, formulated to meet specific nutrient targets. Then comes sourcing high-quality ingredients. Purina has some of the strictest quality and control procedures in the industry. They test and track ingredients throughout the manufacturing process from the time they arrive at their facilities to the time they leave to get placed on store shelves.

In addition to producing quality products, Purina is proud to support a variety of local causes in Zanesville, including local K9 units and animal shelters to the dog park, Christ's Table and Big Brothers Big Sisters. Recently, Purina was excited to donate \$10,000 to the Zanesville Police Department to fund the newest member of the team – a K9 officer named Dan-O, named in honor of Purina's founder William H. Danforth.

Purina is also passionate about promoting a healthy environment. The factory keeps a close eye on their energy, waste and water use through continual monitoring and is proud to have achieved 100 percent zero waste for disposal. This means they do not send any waste to traditional landfills. Rather, they look to create value from their discarded materials by partnering with recyclers, composters and facilities that convert waste to energy.

To learn more about Purina and their efforts in producing high-quality and nutritious products, visit www.purina.com.



Purina products produced at the Zanesville facility.



New ZPD K-9 officer Danforth.



**** DID YOU KNOW? ****

The State of Ohio ranks 7th out of the 50 states when comparing how far dollars spent will go. Imagine what this means for your business and employees! Read more [HERE](#)

States Where a Dollar Goes the Furthest					
Rank	State	Value of Dollar	Personal Income Per Capita	Income Adjusted by Cost of Living	Median Home Value
1	Mississippi	\$1.16	\$37,994	\$39,901	\$120,200
2 (tie)	Alabama	\$1.15	\$42,331	\$43,684	\$141,300
2 (tie)	Arkansas	\$1.15	\$42,566	\$44,018	\$128,500
3 (tie)	Kentucky	\$1.14	\$41,779	\$43,273	\$141,000
3 (tie)	West Virginia	\$1.14	\$40,578	\$40,619	\$119,800
6	South Dakota	\$1.13	\$50,141	\$52,855	\$167,600
7 (tie)	Missouri	\$1.12	\$46,635	\$46,893	\$156,700
7 (tie)	Ohio	\$1.12	\$48,242	\$48,699	\$144,200
7 (tie)	Oklahoma	\$1.12	\$46,128	\$45,548	\$137,400
10 (tie)	Indiana	\$1.11	\$46,646	\$46,444	\$141,100
10 (tie)	Iowa	\$1.11	\$48,823	\$49,485	\$149,100
10 (tie)	Louisiana	\$1.11	\$45,542	\$45,363	\$162,500
10 (tie)	South Carolina	\$1.11	\$42,736	\$42,958	\$161,800
10 (tie)	Tennessee	\$1.11	\$47,179	\$46,885	\$167,500

Port Authority News



Executive Director, Matt Abbott, Earns Economic Development Certification

In July, Mr. Abbott completed the coursework required to become an Ohio Certified Economic Developer (Ohio CED). This credential is designed to demonstrate the depth and breadth of an individual's knowledge and their ability to apply that knowledge to the benefit of their community or organization. It is a voluntary certification for practitioners who choose to demonstrate their advanced knowledge and training. In addition, the Ohio CED designation represents the economic development practitioner's commitment to advancing the Ohio economy and elevating the economic development profession.

Additionally, based on the quality of Mr. Abbott's Capstone Project, he was awarded Best-In-Class status, and will be recognized the annual Ohio Economic Development Alliance (OEDA) Annual Summit in October.



Port Authority Awarded \$700,000 Roadwork Improvement Grant for Eastpointe Business Park



The Zanesville Muskingum County Port Authority was awarded a \$700,000 Roadwork Improvement Grant by the Ohio Development Services Agency (ODSA) in August to be used for upcoming improvements within the Eastpointe Business Park. The funds will be used to assist with upgrades to the roadways due to the addition of **AMG Vanadium** in the Park. Their new \$350 million spent catalyst facility is currently under construction, and is slated to have the first phase of operations running by the second half of 2020.



AMG Vanadium - Eastpointe Business Park Concept

2019 National Manufacturing Day

National Manufacturing Day is a celebration of modern manufacturing meant to inspire the next generation of manufacturers and occurs annually on the first Friday in October. Muskingum County's local Manufacturing Day will be held on Friday October 4th, 2019. The Port Authority, Chamber of Commerce & Ohio Means Jobs partner with area manufacturers and local high schools to give our students the opportunity to tour local manufacturing facilities and learn about what they do first hand.



Students from Zanesville, John Glenn, West Muskingum, Mid-East CTC, Maysville, Philo and Tri-Valley high schools will participate in Manufacturing Day.

Thank you to **AK Steel**, **Bilco**, **Stewart Glapat**, **Plaskolite**, **Saunders Machine Works**, **Mock Woodworking**, and **Wayne Manufacturing** for opening your doors to our community's youth!

Ohio Rail Development Commission Approves Grant For AMG Vanadium



On September 25, 2019, the Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC) approved a grant award in the amount of \$150,000 to AMG Vanadium located in Zanesville, Muskingum County, Ohio. This award is part of a \$300 million investment by the company that will create 100 new jobs in the area. The project involves more than \$1.5 million in rail infrastructure that is required to serve AMG Vanadium's new site in Zanesville. Construction is expected to begin this year. Rail service will be provided by Columbus & Ohio River Railroad.

AMG is the world's largest resid spent catalyst recycling and metal reclamation company and the largest ferrovanadium producer in the United States. AMG uses a proprietary pyrometallurgical process to recycle waste from global refineries into saleable products for carbon and stainless steel producers. AMG's ferrovanadium and ferronickel-molybdenum products are used in various applications, including automobiles, bridges, rebar, and kitchen appliances such as dishwashers and refrigerators.

AMG's Executive Vice President, Tom Centa, said "AMG Vanadium is committed to being the leading hazardous waste processor in the world, converting that waste into valuable products."

Matthew Dietrich, Executive Director of the ORDC, said "this project is an excellent example of how best to leverage state funding to assist AMG Vanadium in their expansion efforts. This project provides a regional employer with the transportation options they need at their new facility."

ORDC assists Ohio companies and communities in creating and retaining jobs by preserving rail service to existing shippers and providing rail service to new customers. In addition, the ORDC funds projects to improve railroad-highway grade crossings to increase safety to the traveling public.

Port Authority Awarded Site Development Grant

The Zanesville Muskingum County Port Authority was awarded a grant from the Appalachian Partnership for Economic Growth (APEG) to have a Site Development Plan prepared for the 30.18 acre site at the Airport Business Park. This will allow us to provide prospective buyers with a true visual representation of what their facility would look like on the site.



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