



## Quarterly News & Updates

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### Featured Site Northpointe Business Park 17 Acres

This 17 acre tract is located just off of Northpointe Drive in the Northpointe Business Park. There is an existing easement for access through the adjacent property for driveway access off of Northpointe Drive; however, the adjacent 18 acres to the west may also be available through a third party seller. All utilities are in close proximity along the frontage. This would make an excellent development site for a multi-unit housing complex, as there are several currently thriving along Northpointe Drive. With the expanding business parks and two post-secondary institutions within minutes of the site, this is an *excellent* investment opportunity. For additional information and a printable fact sheet, click [here](#).



## Featured Organization



In 1989, the Zanesville-Muskingum County Chamber of Commerce created the Muskingum Industrial Growth Committee (MIG) to act as a conduit for private investment in the economic future and development of Muskingum County. As the representative of the business community on development issues, the Chamber used MIG to focus its efforts to generate resources and work with the Port Authority and other governmental agencies on economic development.

The Chamber Board of Directors at that time firmly stated its belief in the need for Chamber involvement in economic development and private sector investment in local development initiatives. Yet, the Board also desired to avoid factions and competition within the community in regard to economic development. Therefore, a development partnership was established with the Port Authority providing public sector resources and leadership in pursuit of economic development supported strongly by the Chamber through MIG. A comprehensive joint economic development plan was adopted by the two organizations to give structure and direction to the community's efforts.

The first year, 13 local companies and individuals pledged three years of funding to the MIG program. Since then, the commitment and the number of contributors have expanded to include as many as 20 participants. The funds have been employed in cooperation with the Port Authority, and a work plan and budget based on the original economic development plan is approved each year by the members and implemented by Chamber staff.

In 1998, MIG adopted a new name that would better represent the broad development mission of the program and is known today as the Muskingum Growth Partnership (MGP). The program continues to fulfill its mission as the private sector vehicle for investment in economic development.

The overall goal of MGP is to create a growing economy and a thriving local marketplace that will benefit both our businesses and our community. The five major development strategies employed to reach this goal are:

- Business Attraction - Marketing and advertising to attract new businesses to Muskingum County.
- Retention and Expansion - Serving existing businesses in order to support retention and expansion of local firms and facilities.
- Small Business Development - Encouraging the creation, survival and growth of small enterprises.
- Downtown Revitalization - Business attraction and physical redevelopment to support and complement broader economic development efforts.
- Infrastructure Development - Site, building and public infrastructure improvements.

Each of these strategies and the activities it represents is vitally important to economic development in our community. MGP turns these good ideas into action that leads to actual business growth by funding important development projects and programs implemented by the Chamber, Port Authority, City of Zanesville and County of Muskingum.

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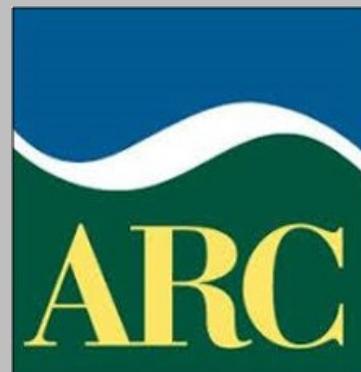
## **Port Authority News**



### **Port Authority Awarded ARC Grant for Eastpointe Business Park**

The Zanesville Muskingum County Port Authority was awarded a \$134,300 grant from the **Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC)** to be used for the construction of a new waterline at the Eastpointe Business Park. This line will extend service to the new AMG Vanadium site. Once completed, AMG Vanadium's Eastpointe facility will create 102 new jobs in our community.

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.



### **2019 National Manufacturing Day**

The second annual **National Manufacturing Day** was held on October 4, 2019 in celebration of modern manufacturing. The Port Authority, Chamber of Commerce & Ohio Means Jobs partnered with area manufacturers and all local high schools to give our students the opportunity to tour local manufacturing facilities and learn about what they do first hand.

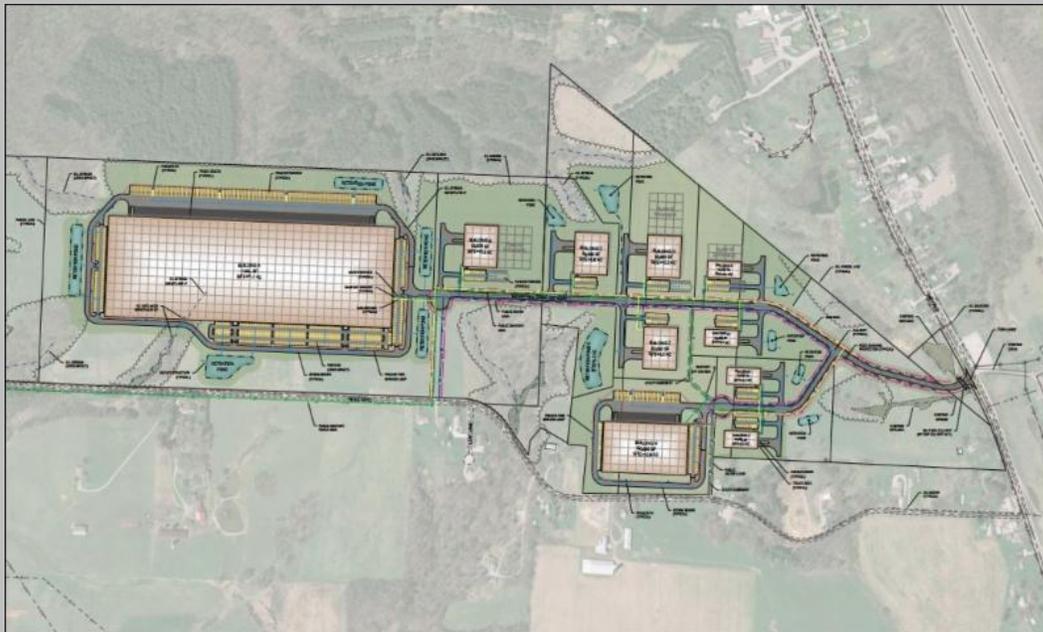


Thank you to **AK Steel**, **Bilco**, **Stewart Glapat**, **Plaskolite**, **Saunders Machine Works**, **Mock Woodworking**, and **Wayne Manufacturing** for opening your doors to our community's youth!



## Port Authority Awarded Grant for National Road Business Park

The Zanesville Muskingum County Port Authority was awarded a \$12,000 grant from **AEP Ohio** to assist with Site Development Plans at the National Road Business Park. This will allow us to continue progress toward creating Muskingum County's fourth business park and begin developing a location that will be attractive to prospective buyers.



Site concept for the National Road Business Park.

## Ables Break Ground on Expansion

Ables Heating, Cooling, Electrical & Refrigeration broke ground on their future headquarters on East Pike, directly across from the ODOT garage on October 25, 2019.

The new Ables location is strategically located between the two markets they serve: Cambridge & Zanesville.



