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A Message from the Executive Director

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

We are excited to bring in 2022! As a community, we have an excellent value proposition for businesses to locate here and for business to grow here. We have great access to any marketplace with our location on Interstate 70. We have more shovel ready building sites available for expanding and new businesses than we have had in decades. Our cost of living offers more savings to companies and families than urban centers across the nation. Our educational institutions, both secondary and higher education, continue to innovate and build their programming to meet the needs of our changing workforce. The past investments that have been taken on will continue to set us up for success for generations to come.

One of the largest land development projects ever taken on by the Port Authority and its partners was completed in 2021. The National Road Business Park located just east of the City of Zanesville remains a premier development site in Eastern Ohio. It features all of the required infrastructure and is visible to the most traveled interstate highway in the country, I-70. The 203 acre Greenfield site is progressing in the **Site Ohio** authentication process and will be stamped one of the premier sites in Ohio.

This development came to fruition with partnerships from the City of Zanesville, the Muskingum County Commissioners, Ohio Southeast, JobsOhio, American Electric Power, ODOT Jobs & Commerce, Perry Township Trustees and the Port Authority Board of Directors. The business park will be a catalyst to secure our future economy for decades to come.

The number one goal of the Port Authority is to maintain a climate where existing companies continue to expand in our community. Even with some economic uncertainty from various factors, including the pandemic, companies continue to invest here and believe in Muskingum County. The Ridge Corporation, a premier manufacturer in advanced composite solutions at the East Central Ohio Business Park broke ground on an additional 107,000 square foot expansion. The Ridge Corporation led the way in capital investment from the manufacturing sector, which holistically saw over \$20M invested in 2021.

In 2021, the Port Authority worked with state and local partners to receive nearly \$500,000 in grants to enhance our local economy. These dollars were used to assist businesses large and small, and also included transportation and water infrastructure improvements. The City of Zanesville and Muskingum County continue to be an excellent destination to start and/or grow your business.

We thank you for your continued support and look forward to a prosperous 2022! **#SuccessLivesHere**



Best regards,



Matt Abbott
Executive Director

A Look at 2021 Muskingum County Successes



National Road Business Park - The infrastructure project has completed the access road, as well as water and sewer upgrades. The focus in 2022 will be marketing this prime industrial park.



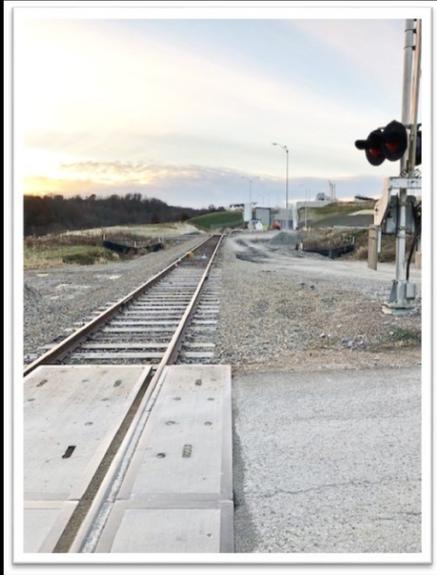
Worthington Kelloggs - Construction of a 40,000 square foot expansion to assist with the growth of their Incogmeato line. Kellogg's \$43M investment in our community retained 303 full-time jobs and will create ~40 additional jobs.



Ridge Corporation - Construction of a 107,000 square foot expansion to their manufacturing facility at the ECO Park. Ridge's \$11M investment in our community retained 89 full-time jobs and will create ~85 full time jobs.



Daniels Industrial Services, LLC - Construction of a new 22,000 facility to replace a previous location. The new location is at the intersection of US 40 and Whites Rd. Daniel's \$2.5M investment is creating 16 new full-time jobs and retaining 25 full-time jobs.



AMG Vanadium - View of the new rail extension leading up to their facility. Trucks will be loaded from the rail cars and then product will be driven up the hill to the facility.



AMG Vanadium - View of the ongoing construction of the manufacturing facility, facing south. The roaster can be seen in the middle of the photo, and is now dwarfed by the two stacks.

You can click **HERE** to view the most recent drone video of the site progress on AMG's \$300M Muskingum County facility.



The next TechCred application period **opens Monday, January 3rd and closes Monday, January 31st at 3:00 p.m.** Businesses with employees who have completed their TechCred training should submit proof of credential completion to receive reimbursement at [TechCred.Ohio.gov](https://www.techcred.ohio.gov).

"TechCred helps businesses of all sizes upskill current and prospective employees with the tech skills they need to compete in today's economy," said Lt. Governor Husted. "As Ohio continues to create jobs faster than we can fill them, it is important that TechCred adapts to the needs of employers."

The October round of TechCred marked the eleventh round of the program. There have been **252 Ohio employers approved**



Ohio Historic Preservation Tax Credit Program

The Ohio Historic Preservation Tax Credit Program provides a tax credit to leverage the private redevelopment of historic buildings. The program is highly competitive and receives applications bi-annually in March and September.

With 26 rounds of funding complete, tax credits have been approved for **525 projects to rehabilitate over 749 historic buildings in 72 different Ohio communities.** The program is projected to leverage more than **\$6.8 billion** in private development funding and federal tax credits directly through the rehabilitation projects.

The credit provides a state tax credit up to 25% of qualified rehabilitation expenditures incurred during a rehabilitation project, up to \$5 million. The tax credit can be applied to

for funding, resulting in Ohio employees earning up to 2,997 technology-focused credentials. Businesses of all sizes are utilizing the program, with 93 new employers joining the program for the first time this round.

“TechCred is helping Ohio businesses upskill their workforce,” said Lydia Mihalik, Director of the Ohio Department of Development. “These credentials will ensure Ohio has the talent to compete in today’s tech-driven economy.”

Starting with the January round, the following updates have been implemented to provide additional flexibility for businesses:

- Grant agreements will no longer be separate documents; they will be incorporated into the online application portal.
- Training for approved credentials may start on or after the first day of the month immediately following the last application period. Training programs must still be completed in less than 12 months from the award date.

“The continued success of the TechCred program is a product of the continued need for the program,” said Ohio Department of Higher Education Chancellor Randy Gardner. “Having nearly 100 new employers join for this latest round speaks well for the future of the program, the economy, and Ohio’s workforce.”

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applicable financial institutions, foreign and domestic insurance premiums or individual income taxes. Projects certified on or before June 30, 2021, can apply the tax credit against applicable commercial activity taxes. Projects certified after this date will not be able to apply the tax credit in that way.

Who Can Apply?

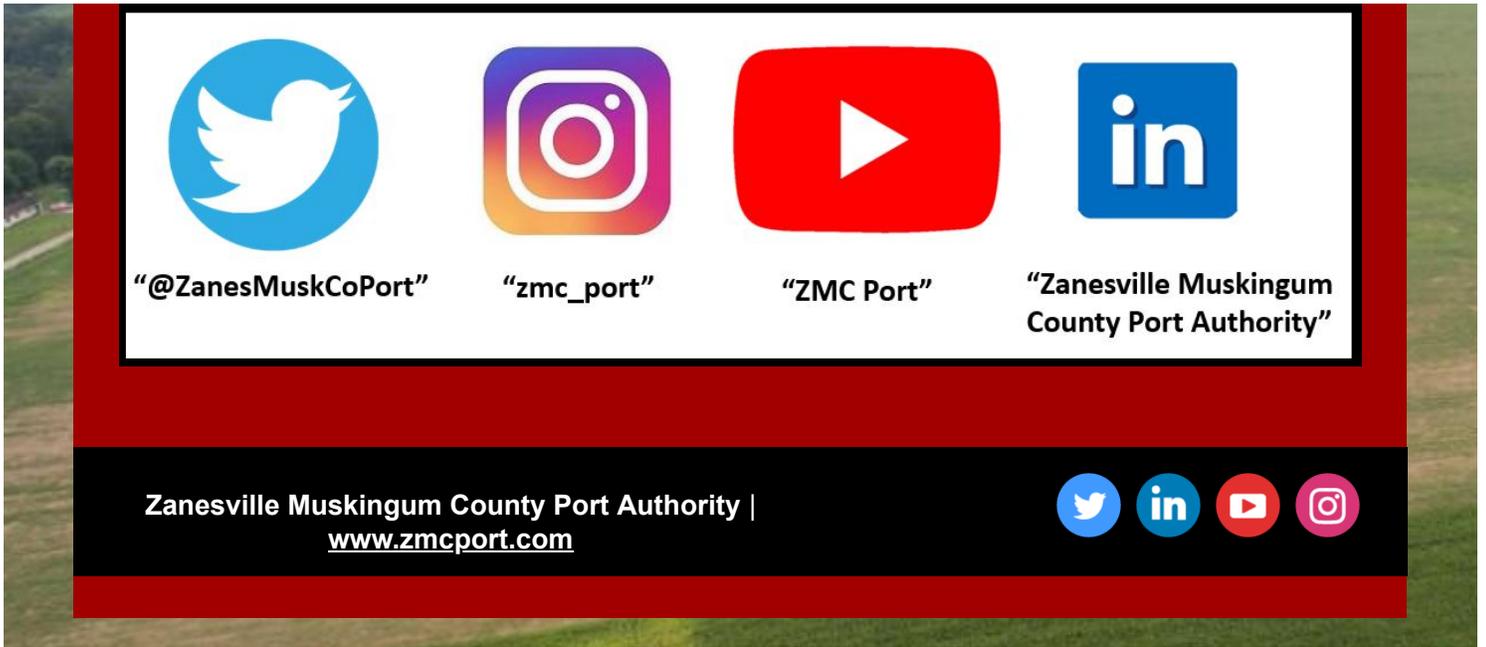
- Owners and long-term lessees of historically designated buildings who undertake a rehabilitation project may apply for the Ohio Historic Preservation Tax Credit.
- A building must be individually listed on the National Register of Historic Places; contribute to a National Register Historic District, National Park Service Certified Historic District, or Certified Local Government historic district; or be listed as a local landmark by a Certified Local Government to be eligible.
- Properties that will be used as a single-family residence or multi-family residential condominiums are not eligible.

How do I Apply?

Applicants file an application with the Department of Development and applicable historic rehabilitation documentation with the **State Historic Preservation Office**. All applicants are required to schedule a pre-application meeting with the SHPO prior to application submission.

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