



ZANESVILLE - MUSKINGUM COUNTY
PORT AUTHORITY
www.zmcport.com

January 2021 | Updates

A Message from the Executive Director

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Welcome 2021! We are excited to see what the future entails for our local economy. Partnerships with the City of Zanesville, Muskingum County Commissioners, Ohio Southeast and JobsOhio have allowed us to utilize 2020 as a year to expand our “job-ready site” site portfolio. Our plan is to continue to build on these partnerships and welcome new ones to create a climate for a prosperous economic future.

The year 2020 will be one of the most memorable in the thirty-three year history of the Zanesville-Muskingum County Port Authority. Our county was not immune to the COVID-19 pandemic, however if you want a challenge taken on – give it to a small business owner, give it to a factory worker, give it to an order selector, give it to a welder or give it to a foreman and they will rise above any adversity. We do not want to downplay those individuals that have faced an uphill battle. We will continue our efforts to communicate and align resources to assist those in need. Together we will continue overcome!



We were excited to break ground at the National Road Business Park on a 203 acre Greenfield development site in July, located just east of the City of Zanesville. This development came to fruition with partnerships from the City of Zanesville, the Muskingum County Commissioners, Ohio Southeast, JobsOhio, AEP Ohio, ODOT Jobs & Commerce, and the Port Authority Board. The Business Park will be a catalyst to secure our future economy for decades to come.

One of the most important responsibilities of the Port Authority is to work to provide a climate that is conducive for existing companies to expand in our community. Even with all of the headwinds prompted by the pandemic, two of our large employers expanded in 2020. Dollar General at the Eastpointe Business Park and Worthington Foods/Kellogg’s at the Northpointe Business Park together they have committed \$61M in capital investment, 105 new full-time positions, retention of 1,061 existing positions, an additional 170,000 sq. ft. and an added payroll of over \$2M. We appreciate their continued investment in the City of Zanesville and Muskingum County.

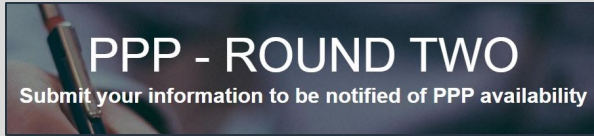
In 2020, the Zanesville-Muskingum County Port Authority worked with state and local partners to receive over \$3.6M in grants to enhance our local economy. Those dollars assisted companies in the creation of over 266 new jobs and over \$105M in new capital investment. The City of Zanesville and Muskingum County continue to be an excellent destination to start and/or grow your business.

In 2021, we look forward to working with existing companies to provide linkages to federal, state and local programs that will attract new capital investment, new and retained employment, and added payroll to our community. We also look forward to marketing our community with our featured sites.

We thank you for your continued support and look forward to a prosperous 2021!

Best regards,

Matt Abbott
Executive Director



SBA Funding and SBA Loan Group have entered a joint venture for the purpose of facilitating the second round of the Paycheck Protection Program ("PPP").

The application for the second round of PPP funding is not yet available, but you can **sign up** to receive notifications. You will automatically be notified when the application process has been opened.

While official guidance has NOT been released by the U.S. Small Business Administration yet, however borrowers may receive a loan amount of up to two and a half the average monthly payroll costs in the one year prior to the loan or the calendar year (up to \$2 million).

Restaurants and other hospitality businesses may multiply those costs by 3.5x, making them eligible for slightly more funding.

The legislation includes \$284 billion for PPP and former PPP recipients are eligible, with some provisions. You can read about those by clicking **HERE**.



ODOT's Walk.Bike.Ohio Draft Plan Now Available for Public Comment

Walk.Bike.Ohio is ODOT's first plan to focus on walking and biking policies and programs around the state. When complete, it will guide Ohio's bike and pedestrian transportation policies and investments in infrastructure and programs.

ODOT has completed the draft of its first-ever pedestrian and bicycle plan — **Walk.Bike.Ohio** — to address growing interest in active transportation among Ohioans.

How to Give Feedback

Download a copy at the **Walk.Bike.Ohio website** – transportation.ohio.gov/WalkBike.

After reviewing the draft, please share your feedback by taking a brief survey at: PublicInput.com/Walk.Bike.Ohio by Friday, February 26th.

To receive a printed copy of the plan and survey, or to request specialized communication needs such as translation services, please email statewide.planning@dot.ohio.gov or call 614-466-7410.

Featured Property - Airport Business Park 30.18 Acre Site

This 30.18-acre site is located in the Airport Business Park two miles south of I-70 Exit 160. All utilities are in place. Water capacity 500,000 gallons/day, sewer line has just been extended to the site, capacity of 185,000 gallons/day. There is currently 10 MW capacity at the site on a 12 KV primary delivery. This site underwent deep dynamic compaction to create a completely shovel ready site. The option to create up to a 35.18-acre site exists with an adjacent parcel.

The Airport Business Park is located adjacent to the

Zanesville Municipal Airport, which features two 5,000' runways and ILS. Click [HERE](#) for full site info, photos and drone video.



Click image to watch drone video of site

Join the Snowman Project

The Zanesville Muskingum County Visitor's Center is promoting a county wide tourism project and is encouraging local businesses to take part. Tourism brings over \$200M into Muskingum County annually, and supports over 3,000 jobs.

With the help of Xpressive Graphics, a customized snowman will be created for your business, showcasing what makes your business unique.

This project is not only a great way to support tourism in our community, but it will give your business a high quality winter decoration to use for many years.

Contact Director of Sales and Marketing, [Ashley Cook](#) for complete details or to place an order!

Thank you to our first supporters: Quality Care Partners, The Muskingum County Community Foundation, American Pride, Allen and Baughman Attorneys at Law, Park National Bank and Muskingum County Welcome Center!



Shown above are the snowmen purchased by Quality Care Partners, Park National Bank, and the Muskingum County Welcome Center.