



Zanesville & Muskingum County Economic Development Newsletter

July 2023



Department of Development Selects MBAC Partners

The Ohio Department of Development announced its new hosts join the **Minority Business Assistance Center (MBAC) Network Program** for the 7.1.23 - 6.30.25 grant period. They will serve the needs of Ohio's minority-, women-, veteran-owned, and disadvantaged businesses.

MBACs provide technical assistance, professional consulting, access to capital, and assistance obtaining contracts.

Tier 1 MBACs - assist businesses in the ideation and start-up phase.

- [Akron Region](#) - North End Community Improvement Collaborative
- [Akron Region](#) - Stark County Minority Business Association
- [Youngstown Region](#) - Valley Economic Development Partners

Tier 2 MBACs - traditional MBACs, work with existing and growth stage businesses; assist with certifications, procurement, and access to capital.

- [Akron Region](#) - Akron Urban League
- [Cincinnati Region](#) - Greater Cincinnati African American Chamber of Commerce
- [Cleveland Region](#) - Urban League of Greater Cleveland
- [Columbus Region](#) - Columbus Urban League

Zanesville Recognized as Top 100 Micropolitan in U.S.



L to R: Katie Foster, J.P. Marshall, Mayor Don Mason, Scott Ryan (ODOD), Commissioner Cindy Cameron, Commissioner Melissa Bell, Matt

- Dayton Region - Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce
- Toledo Region - Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce
- Youngstown Region - Youngstown Business Incubator

**Click Here for
Additional MBAC
Information**

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Zanesville was recognized as a 2022 Top 100 Micropolitan Community for New & Expanding Facilities by the Ohio Department of Development (ODOD) and Site Selection Magazine.

Scott Ryan, ODOD Chief of Community Engagement, presented the award during a roundtable meeting in May. In attendance were Zanesville and Muskingum County's elected officials and representatives from local companies whose 2022 investments in their business made the award possible. Those businesses/invitees include: J.P. Marshal of Patriot Stainless; Katie Foster of Bimbo Bakeries USA; Fanatics; Stewart Glapat; and Marker Development.



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and Complete!**

- DTX WRX offers private & public coworking spaces, conference rooms, collaborative areas and more.
- WI-FI, AV connections and printers are available.
- To start working or host a meeting at The Downtown Exchange download our mobile app.
- All coworking memberships and meeting room bookings must be made through our app.

Our app is available in both the Apple and Android store.



Coworking Space

2nd Floor, 2,500+ sq. ft.

A QUICK LOOK

- Large tables, desks, collaborative areas and more
- Printers, AV connections and WI-FI are included
- Work for \$10 / day
- Membership available for \$99 / month
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Meeting Rooms

3rd Floor, Three Spacious Spaces

A QUICK LOOK

- Founders and Restoration Conference Rooms
 - Seat 40
 - \$50 / hour with 75" TV & AV connections
- Imperial Conference Room
 - Seats 12
 - \$30 / hour with 75" TV & AV connections
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Did You Know....



The Vibrant Communities Program was established to assist distressed, small and mid-sized cities with development projects that fulfill a market need and represent a significant reinvestment in the community.

The Downtown Exchange is the first project in Muskingum County to successfully take advantage of this program.

Projects must have an Eligible Anchor Tenant, or Tenants, committed to at least 30% of the usable square footage, combined with eligible shared spaces

Contact Matt Abbott at the Zanesville Muskingum County Port Authority to discuss your next big idea for our community.



Click Below For Complete Details



Vibrant Communities Program Grant Funding Guidelines

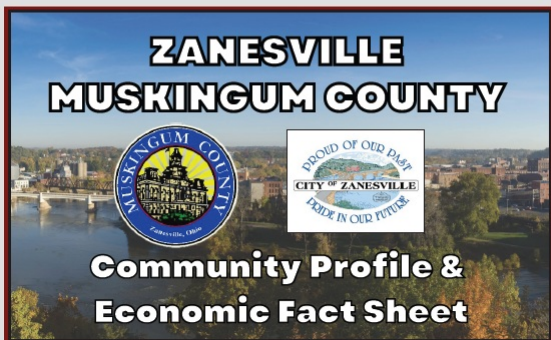
Welcome to the 2023 Community Profile & Economic Fact Sheet

The 2023 Zanesville & Muskingum County Community Profile & Economic Fact Sheet is designed to provide all of the necessary information any developer, broker, site selector or individual might need about working and living in our community.

**Your Business Goes Further in
Muskingum County**



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As a “Micropolitan” Community in eastern Ohio, we are able to offer a lower cost of living, lower utility costs, and lower taxes – resulting in a less costly labor market. Additionally, we enjoy the benefits of numerous State Parks, golf courses, and educational resources. In 2019, Zanesville was ranked the #6 Micropolitan Community in the United States by Site Selector Magazine, and in 2023 it was ranked in the top 30. Click on the image to download a copy or visit <https://zmcport.com/muskingum-county-fact-sheet/>

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