

Wyandot County Office of Economic Development Bi-Monthly Newsletter

Upcoming Events

July 5th & 6th
[Wyanstock, The Wyandot County Music Festival](#)
 Wyandot County Fairgrounds

July 8th - 4:00pm
[WCOED Bi-Monthly Board Meeting](#)
 Vaughn Industries - Training Room

[Click here for additional local events](#)

Metrics Dashboard

State Procured Leads	520
WCOED Leads	82
Website Visits (1st time)	59,360
Capital Investment from Attraction Projects	\$686,722,000
Capital Investment from Expansion Projects	\$216,170,135
Jobs Created	1,273
New Annual Payroll	\$48,135,505
Jobs Retained	4,873
Annual Payroll Retained	\$213,366,349
Grant Dollars Submitted	\$26,187,103
Grant Dollars Approved	\$15,335,333
Incentive Value Secured	\$9,448,952
Business Retention & Expansion (BR&E) Visits	280

Note - numbers are cumulative estimates from the organization's inception intended to give board members a snapshot of the overall impact.

Wyandot County Awarded \$19.4 Million for New Jail

(COLUMBUS, Ohio)—Last week, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine and Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction Director Annette Chambers-Smith announced more than \$73 million in state support for the construction of three new jails in Ohio.

Funding for new jails in Adams (\$21.6M), Jackson (\$32.8M), and **Wyandot (\$19.4M)** counties will be awarded through the Ohio Jail Safety and Security Program.

The WCOED would like to wish the Wyandot County Sheriff's Office a well earned congratulations on its successful application for a new jail facility. Wyandot has successfully managed one of the oldest facilities in the state, and many times has to send prisoners to outside jails at its own expense due to capacity limitations. The new, expanded facility will make it possible for Wyandot to house its own inmates as well as accept those from other nearby facilities beyond their own capacity.



[Find the Full Press Release & More Information Here](#)

(Source: Press Release. Governor DeWine Announces Funding For Jail Renovation Projects. 28 May 2004. Retrieved from: <https://governor.ohio.gov/media/news-and-media/governor-dewine->



WCOED Member Spotlight

Ohio Logistics

This month's WCOED Member Spotlight features gold level member Ohio Logistics who submitted the following:

History:

Ohio Logistics began as Findlay's Tall Timbers Distribution Center, LLC, which started in June of 1988. A local group of investors saw the opportunity to support Tall Timbers Business Park developed at the same time as a general purpose warehouse and Foreign Trade Zone.

Services:

Ohio Logistics specialized in being a 3PL and 4PL provider. 3PL stands for third-party logistics, also known as order fulfillment. A 3PL warehouse provides a full range of ecommerce fulfillment services, including storage, order processing, shipping, and receiving. Many 3PL warehouses provide value-added services such as returns processing, cross docking, or kitting.

Fourth-party logistics, also known as 4PL, is an operational model in which a business outsources its entire supply chain management and logistics to one external service provider.

Growth:

The company has facilities in OH, PA, MA, IL, and NY. What started as a 40,000 sq. ft. warehouse with 1 associate has today grown to over 8 million sq. ft. and over 400 associates.

Currently, Ohio logistics has a new 2 million sq. ft. facility being established in a 200 acres business park in Horseheads, NY, and under construction and or soon to be, another 500,000 sq. ft. in three different locations in Northwest OH.

Involvement:

In addition to the WOCED, Ohio Logistics is a member of economic development organizations in Hancock County, Wood County, Sandusky County, Putnam County, Allen County, Bowling Green, Fostoria, and Trenton, Ohio, as well as the Regional Growth Partnership.



New 100,000SF Fostoria Location - Coming soon



Upper Sandusky Awarded \$7.14 Million Wastewater Grant

After many months of planning, grant writing, and waiting, last Friday it was announced the City of Upper Sandusky was awarded the full \$7.14 million requested for a major wastewater project. The grant was part of the Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Grant awarded under the Ohio BUILDS program. In this sixth and final round of program funding, \$122.7 million was awarded and requests for over \$1.4 billion in funding were received.

The project will include new sewer mains along N Warpole Street and down Houpt Drive all the way to the wastewater treatment plant. Not only will the project provide a brand new interceptor into the plant through which much of the city's waste will ultimately flow, but the project is necessary to transport future wastewater generated by the Louis Dreyfus Project.

Almost a year ago, it was determined that although the city's wastewater treatment facility had adequate excess capacity necessary to serve the LDC project, the sewer lines running from the west side of the city to the treatment plant would not be able to handle the new capacity. The City of Upper Sandusky and LDC jointly worked with Peterman Associates to assess the current infrastructure and design system upgrades based on this project and the City's needs moving into the future. Following those studies Peterman Associates worked with the City and WCOED to build out a grant application.

According to the application, grant funds will be used:

"...to construct a new interceptor sewer, which will intercept the flow from the southwestern portion of the city at the location where it turns east to join the east interceptor and divert the flow directly to the treatment plant – reducing the flow at the location where the east and west interceptors combine. In addition to satisfying regulatory requirements, this project will provide a connection point to provide sewers in areas currently undeveloped. It will also provide a sanitary sewer connection point for the recently announced soybean processing plant that is to be constructed west of the city. The project will benefit 6,537 people."

The project will not only alleviate issues within the city's current system and allow service for the new LDC facility, but can be used by future developments with significant wastewater requirements located in and around the western and northwestern parts of the city.

The WCOED would like to thank member partner Peterman Associates for all of the work it put into making this funding a reality.

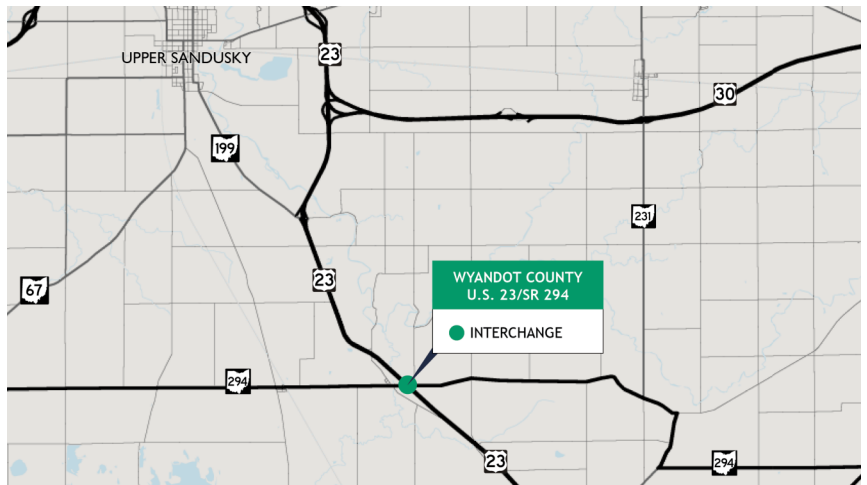


US23 & SR294 Interchange Receives Design Funding

LIMA, Ohio - (June 5, 2024) – The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is delighted to share plans which will construct a new interchange at the intersection of U.S. 23 and State Route 294 in southern Wyandot County.

According to ODOT District 1 Deputy Director Chris Hughes, "Constructing an interchange at this location is vital to enhancing safety along the U.S. 23 corridor. By controlling access to the divided highway, which has seen increasing traffic volumes, we can significantly improve safety."

The new project has received funding for the design phase through Ohio's Major Investments program, paving the way for a potential groundbreaking in 2027, pending construction funding availability.



The new interchange is a key component of ODOT's strategy to reduce serious and fatal crashes on the divided highway. Once a full interchange is open and operating, ODOT will move to close four at-grade intersections nearby: Township Highway 68, Township Highway 74, Township Highway 72, and Township Highway 65.

A public meeting is slated for late 2024 to gather valuable community feedback and thoughts on the preliminary design concepts.

In 2021, an effort to reduce the serious and fatal crashes at the intersections in the section of U.S. 23 included a Restricted Crossing U-turn (RCUT) at State Route 294 and access modifications at six other intersections was shelved due to community feedback.

Source: Ohio Department Of Transportation. *U.S. 23 and State Route 294 interchange connection gets green light for design.* Press Release. Retrieved from: https://www.transportation.ohio.gov/about-us/news/district-1/US23-and-state-route-294-interchange-connection-gets-green-light-for-design?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTAAAR1xuO-KIJLxsYvIR1j-VuVX8la-q4TPgeofkPHeMYjGVb2YL6xPVHxESGY_aem_Adw7SWoCI64-8cvVhqkMoUS6Jq0ENRcnc4_IBxkrewxvDrji9xzdDb2Yys3wDoXP4XQoIIMZtrAMk6R7QtnEc35L



Wyandot Improvement Network Completes First Downtown Wayfinding Sign

The Wyandot Improvement Network (WIN), a community development entity facilitated by the WCOED and Wyandot Chamber of Commerce, this week saw the installation of the first wayfinding sign in the county. The sign, located at the SW corner of Sandusky and Wyandot Avenues, features 11 local businesses and has room for 20 total.

Targeted at foot traffic in downtown areas, the wayfinding signs feature the logos of company businesses and an arrow pointing an onlooker to those establishments depending on which direction they might be facing. The appropriate community logo is featured at the top of each wayfinding sign, which is the outcome of a countywide branding project also facilitated by the WIN.



Street Dept. Supervisor Brad Taylor oversees the new sign installation

Following the implementation of the Upper Sandusky wayfinding sign will be 2 planned signs in the Village of Carey. The WIN worked with Schmidt Machine Company and the Upper Sandusky Street Department to fabricate the signs. The actual signs and decals affixed to the steel post were printed by A-1 Printing.

Additional Upper Sandusky businesses with interest in being added to the wayfinding sign can contact the WCOED. Spaces are available at a price of \$200 for a 2-year display period.

Carey businesses interested in its downtown wayfinding sign project should contact Village of Carey Administration or the WCOED.



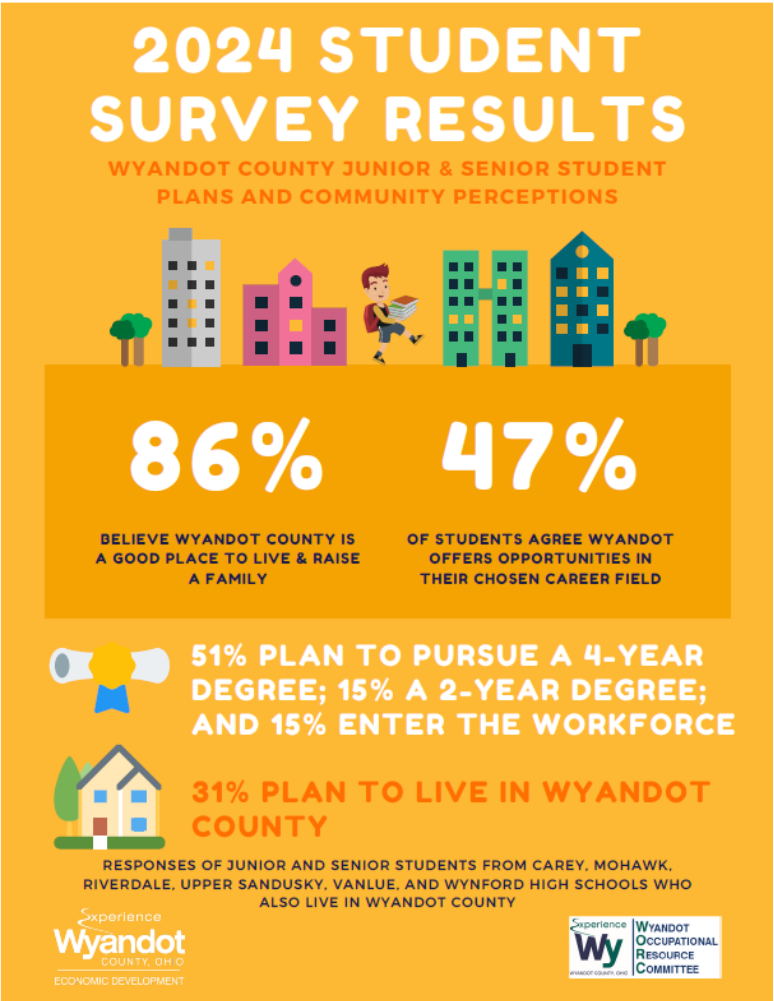
2024 Wyandot Student Plans & Perceptions Report Now Available

Beginning in 2019, the WCOED set out to collect the post graduation plans of local students as well as their perceptions of the Wyandot County community. It is no secret that the vast majority of Wyandot County residents are either from the area or have close ties to the area. Therefore, the WCOED, now working through the Wyandot Occupational Resource Committee (WORC), knows engaging and understanding the thoughts of local young and future talent is necessary to help inform development efforts and programmatic planning in order to retain or re-attract that homegrown talent.

The annual Student Plans & Perceptions survey was recently distributed to all area high schools and shared with junior and senior students. Data collected is filtered to only show those responses from students living within Wyandot County.

The updated report is [now available](#) showing data collected for 2024 versus previous year's data. Of note is the continuing trend that only roughly half of the responding students intend to enter a 4-year college program. The number pursuing a 2-year degree and those directly entering the workforce remain relatively steady, and the percentage who plan to remain in Wyandot County has risen slightly year over year.

[View the 2024 Report Here](#)





Applications Open for Two Community Grant Programs



WCOED member partner Geenex Solar recently opened a new grant program for its Armadillo Solar Project. The [Armadillo Solar Community Grant Program](#) can provide funding to any organization operating within Wyandot County. Applications will run on a quarterly basis, and the current window is open until June 16th.

The program can accept funding requests up to \$10,000. Funds can be used to support specific projects or for operating expenses. More information and the grant application can be found at the new [Armadillo Solar Project Website](#).



The [Wyandot County Community Foundation \(WCCF\)](#) is now accepting applications for its 2024 Grant Program.

Grants are available for Wyandot County 501(c)(3) organizations, schools, or governmental units for programs or projects. Grant applications for specific projects that meet the educational, cultural, health, social services, heritage preservation, or recreational needs of Wyandot County residents will be accepted for consideration.

WCCF Grant applications and guidelines are available on the Community Foundation's website: www.wyandotcommunityfoundation.org or may be requested by emailing Erin at wyandotfoundation@gmail.com. Applications may be submitted via the U.S. Postal Service in care of the Foundation: WCCF, P.O. Box 364, Upper Sandusky, OH 43351 or by email: wyandotfoundation@gmail.com no later than July 24, 2024.

In the past years, 10 or more grants, ranging from \$200 to \$3000, have been made yearly to County-based 501(c)(3) organizations, schools, or governmental units.



Commercial & Industrial Property Transfers

Below is a snapshot of recent commercial and industrial use classified property transfers within Wyandot County since the previous newsletter was published:

Recent Wyandot County Commercial & Industrial Use Property Transfers				
Buyer	Property Reference	Property Address	Sale Date	Sale Price
J & Z MEDIA LLC	Vacant lot south of Taco Bell & Arby's	Morrall Way, Upper Sandusky	4/2/2024	\$ 70,000
IJO PROPERTIES LLC	Old Thiel's Wheels building	505 W Wyandot Ave, Upper Sandusky	4/4/2024	\$ 500,000
RODNEY E & MADELINE PHILLIPS	Runion's Auto	815 E Findlay St, Carey	4/25/2024	\$ 249,900
WAGNER VALLEY LLC	4 apartment unit properly	619 Pleasant View, Upper Sandusky	5/30/2024	140,000
GABRIEL C & NICOLE L COURTAD	Downtown storefront	107 E Findlay St, Carey	5/31/2024	\$ 28,000

New Commercial & Industrial Listings:

Highway Development Site

**For Sale:
\$250,000**

(100 Morrall Way, Upper Sandusky)



This 2.10-acre property offers endless potential for your business ventures. With its strategic location, this site provides easy access to US-23 and US-30, making it an ideal choice for businesses looking for convenient connectivity. Its exceptional visibility from US-23 ensures maximum exposure to passing traffic, with traffic counts reaching up to 13,020 vehicles per day on US-30.

Laundromat / Apartment Building

For Sale: \$125,000

(202 Crawford St, Upper Sandusky)



Great Investment opportunity sitting on a large corner lot. The property includes an operating laundromat on the main floor and the potential for 6 studio apartments on the upper level. All equipment (18 washers and 18 dryers) included in the sale price. Per the tax card, the property also includes an additional 2230 sq ft attached building.



Mission Statement:

The WCOED was established to assist existing local businesses in economic development projects enabling them to remain profitable and competitive. In addition, we strategically research existing supply chains and regional industries to target and recruit new businesses development into the community. Ultimately, it is our intent to help improve the overall economic viability and quality of life in Wyandot County and the various municipalities located therein.

Special Thanks to our Supporting Members



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