

UNION COUNTY BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT SERVICES



Business Development Resources

In partnership with the Union County Community Improvement Corporation and the Union County Commissioners, the EDP has launched the Marysville Entrepreneurial Center (MEC). The MEC is a business incubator and business resource center. Located at 128 South Main Street in Marysville, the MEC currently offers business start-ups and entrepreneurs offices suites, flex office space, a business resource library, and networking opportunities.

Business Expo

The Union County Business Expo is held annually to connect local businesses with potential customers. The Union County Business Expo provides businesses with exhibition space and encourages participants to interact, display products/services, build better relationships with customers and other businesses, and hopefully, increase general awareness of Union County's diverse business community.

Business Workshops/Seminars

The Economic Development Partnership (EDP) frequently conducts workshops and seminars designed to assist Union County's small businesses. These seminars, often held in partnership with area businesses and organizations, help connect business owners and managers with the information and resources they need to be successful.

Market & Demographic Reports

There is no question that Union County is an excellent location to conduct business. However, businesses must fully understand market conditions and demographic trends occurring within the county and region. That is why the EDP will work with businesses to not only recommend the best locations within Union County to establish a facility, but also assist with the preparation of market and demographic reports to help business owners make important decisions. We also have a wage and benefit survey and workforce/employee training survey, both of which are updated biennially.

Project Development Assistance

The EDP works with businesses no matter their stage of development. From the first stages of a new venture to the final transition of management/ownership, the needs of each business is unique. EDP staff will meet with any business to understand concerns, answer questions, and respond to any issues that may arise. To schedule a meeting, simply contact our office. We will be more than happy to help.

Resources & Incentives

Union County and the State of Ohio offer a number of resources designed to help businesses achieve the success they desire. The EDP is proud to work with businesses to determine which resources (educational, workforce, financial, etc.) are available and ensure that businesses are connected with the appropriate organizations. The EDP also administers a number of local financial programs - please see reverse for more information.

Site Selection Assistance

Finding a new location for a business is no easy task. That is why the EDP provides Site Selection Assistance to industrial and commercial clients. While not a replacement for real estate professionals, the EDP is more than happy to work with clients to research local development trends, analyze transportation and zoning options, and determine properties that will lead to a company's overall success.

Union County Enterprise Zone Program

The Union County Enterprise Zone Program offers tax abatements on real (building construction) and/or personal property (machinery and equipment, furniture and fixtures, inventory) for manufacturing companies wanting to expand or locate within the designated Enterprise Zone areas which are located in Marysville and Richwood. The term and amount of the tax abatement is based upon the number of employees, amount of payroll, and amount of private property investment.

Union County Revolving Loan Fund

The Union County Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) program is available for companies creating or retaining jobs and making private property investments within the community. Loans may be granted up to \$500,000 and are based upon a loan amount not to exceed \$25,000 per job created or retained. The Union County Board of Commissioners, with assistance from the Community Improvement Corporation (CIC), operates the RLF for the County.

Union County Community Improvement Corporation

The Union County Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) is the statutory non-profit Economic Development arm of the community. The CIC has unique economic development capabilities that include the ability to borrow money, purchase and lease land and buildings, purchase and lease personal property, and to issue bonds or notes.

Marysville Community Reinvestment Area

In an effort to improve its uptown and surrounding neighborhoods, the City of Marysville established a Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) that provides real property tax abatements for residential, commercial, office and industrial development. The term and amount of the abatements vary depending on the land use, amount of jobs created or retained, amount of payroll, and the amount of the investment.

Uptown Plain City Community Reinvestment Area

In 2007, the Village of Plain City established a CRA in the Uptown Area which allows real property tax abatements on qualifying residential, commercial, office and industrial construction projects. The term and amount of the abatements vary depending on the land use, amount of jobs created or retained, amount of payroll, and the amount of the investment. The purpose of the CRA is to encourage the revitalization and growth and development of Uptown Plain City.

Plain City US 42 Business Park Community Reinvestment Area

In 2007, the Village of Plain City established a CRA along the US 42 Business Park which allows real property tax abatements on qualifying office and industrial construction projects (retail projects do not qualify). The term and amount of the abatements vary depending on the land use, amount of jobs created or retained, amount of payroll, and the amount of the investment. The purpose of the CRA is to encourage the growth and development of the prime office and industrial land along and around the US 42 by-pass.