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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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## FEBRUARY 2023 UPDATE

This document serves to provide a summary of activities undertaken by the Economic Development team during the month of February.

### Retention & Expansion |

- The Findlay ED office is working alongside Regional Growth Partnership (RGP) to assist Project Repentinus as they explore the possibility of an expansion. If pursued, the project would create an additional 70 jobs and result in an investment of \$10M. Our office and RGP are working together to provide support on incentives and workforce development.

### Attraction |

- Project Hat Trick visited two Findlay sites during the month of February. This food preparation and distribution facility would create 750 jobs and result in a \$145M investment. During their visit Dan Sheaffer spoke to company representatives about the sites, utilities, and potential incentives. The ED office is working with the Center for Advanced Manufacturing to attract this lead.
- Findlay-Hancock County Economic Development also hosted Project Pioneer. The company is a leading global supplier of automotive and industrial high-precision components and systems. The project would create 400 full-time jobs and include an investment of \$130M.
- The Ohio Power Siting Board has issued a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility to South Branch Solar and Border Basin for their solar-powered electric generation facilities in Hancock County. To read more, [click here](#).

### Workforce |

- Residential development is workforce development. Approximately 23,000 employees and associates commute into Findlay every day to go to work. More and more of them are choosing to live in Findlay. To that end, there are several residential projects either in the planning stage, construction stage or leasing/selling stage. These projects represent a diverse cross section of products including single-family, multi-family, 55+ living, senior living, and infill development. Residential and workforce development will continue to be an initiative for the foreseeable future. For example, Horizon Pointe Villas will be entering Phase III with an additional 90 units. To learn more about the offerings at Horizon Pointe Villas, [click here](#).
- **Wage, Benefits & Training Survey - Kicking Off Soon.** Findlay-Hancock County Economic Development, in cooperation with Wood County Economic Development Commission, is coordinating with BGSU's Center for Regional Development to produce a CONFIDENTIAL, no cost Wage, Benefits, & Training survey to assist our manufacturing and logistics sector companies. If your company would like to participate, please connect with us BY MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup> indicating your interest. NOTE: Companies surveyed WILL NOT be identified in the final report.

### Community Planning |

- Flood mitigation efforts are progressing. Blanchard River Watershed Solutions (BRWS), Findlay-Hancock County Economic Development, the City of Findlay, and Hancock County are engaged to stay connected and aligned

regarding funding, permitting, construction, land acquisition, and much more. Recent discussions have centered on continued Phase I and Phase II River Benching, the expansion of the Norfolk Southern Bridge, and the eventual redrawing of the 100-year flood plain map. Each of these projects are on different trajectories but are all important to the overall solution.

### Downtown |

- We expect the DORA (Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area) to be utilized by many on this upcoming St. Patrick's Day (March 17<sup>th</sup>).

### Other |


- Dan Sheaffer presented to Hancock Youth Leadership (HYL) during their Business & Economic Development Day. HYL is a program facilitated by the Chamber of Commerce providing hands-on experience to high school juniors and seniors in order to develop leadership and communication skills.

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<b>RUNS</b> (Projects)	20	26	22	21	23	17	22	24	33

*It's like déjà vu all over again.*  
~ Yogi Berra



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