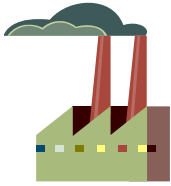


## Progress Update

### FORMER SMURFIT FACILITY



The State Controlling Board approved a \$750,000 Clean Ohio Assistance Fund (COAF) grant on September 8 to the City of Circleville for asbestos remediation and environmental clean-up at this site. CircleGreen, the owner of the site has committed another \$750,000 to match the state grant and demolish buildings on site. Work on the environmental clean-up and demolition should begin in late October and be complete by spring 2009. CircleGreen has plans to construct an ethanol facility on site once the work has been complete.

### FORMER THOMSON FACILITY



P3 applied in May with the owner of the new site, Circleville Pickaway LLC for a \$5 million Job ready grant. The grant will fund roadwork, site grading and sewer and water improvements. The new industrial park will be called Pickaway Progress Park. On August 12, P3 and Circleville Pickaway LLC gave a presentation to the JRS task force that will be making the decision on the grant application. The presentation went very well; Stu Lichter, the majority owner of Circleville Pickaway LLC and the principal of Industrial Realty Group (IRG) told a very compelling story about his company and our community. The JRS task force will inform P3 by mid-November about the grant and if it has been awarded. P3 staff has been discussing an additional grant application with Circleville Pickaway LLC, a Clean Ohio Revitalization Fund (CORF) grant for environmental remediation on the site also.

### DUPONT

P3 received word from Tony Eichstadt, Plant Manager that DuPont leadership has made a decision to bring Tedlar production to the Circleville plant. This \$100 million project will save 80 jobs at the plant. The Tedlar line will go in place of the Mylar line that is currently a DuPont-Tejan joint venture. Without the Tedlar investment there was a great potential that the Mylar line would have gone away and 80 employees would have lost their jobs. Nate Green, P3 Economic Development Director worked with

DuPont and the Ohio Department of Development to secure significant incentives for this project. DuPont's board will make the final decision on the Tedlar investment on October 30.

### EXISTING INDUSTRY SUPPORT OUTREACH

Amy Elsea, President, Pickaway Chamber of Commerce and Nate Green, Economic Development Director, P3 have scheduled meetings with Telesis and Georgia Pacific to discuss their business plans for current operations and how the Chamber and P3 can help them stay and grow in Pickaway County. P3 learned last week that Telesis recently laid off 16 people and will learn more about their operations in Pickaway County when Mrs. Elsea and Mr. Green meet with them.

### RICKENBACKER TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

The Pickaway County Engineer's office recently started a transportation study for the Intermodal East-West Connector to US 23. The first three phases of this study will be complete in 8 months. The Engineer's office hopes to have 2-3 feasible alternatives for this road at the completion of the first three phases. Nate Green has headed up the Rickenbacker Transportation Working Group that includes the Pickaway County Engineer, Franklin County Engineer, ODOT-District 6 and Columbus Regional Airport Authority (CRAA). The intent of this group is to find ways to fund projects in the Rickenbacker area, including the East-West Connector and to speed up the timing of these projects.

### P3 SPECULATIVE BUILDING

Construction is well underway on the building. The walls are in the process of being poured and should be complete next week. The roof system will go up shortly thereafter. Completion of construction has been pushed back until early next year. P3 is working with one potential tenant

that is looking to expand its business. Marketing materials are complete to tout the benefits of the LEED certified building. P3 has begun the process of distributing materials to real estate professionals, attorneys and accountants in Central Ohio.



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## Progress Update Continued

### SOUTH BLOOMFIELD



Several weeks ago Eric Clark, Michael E. Clark and Associates and Nate Green, P3 met with representatives from a large developer located in Columbus. The developer is interested in a site on US 23 for a grocery store anchored retail center. There is more good news on tap for the area: Arby's and Tim Horton's have submitted plans for new restaurants on US 23 and a medical office building is planned by an investment group next to Bob Evans.

### CIRCLEVILLE

Circleville Township officials and P3 staff recently met with Casto to discuss their plans for the Circleville Plaza. Casto has signed an agreement with Buffalo Wild Wings to anchor a strip center on the NW edge of their property. This restaurant is contingent upon receiving approval for a liquor permit from voters in November. Wendy's has begun construction on a new store next to Bob Evans. Paul Lukeman, Casto partner has asked for support from P3 for certain transportation improvements at the site.



### PREVAILING WAGE LAW

Two weeks ago the Strickland administration issued a clarification of prevailing wage law. The clarification of the law could have detrimental impacts on development projects in Pickaway County including Smurfit, Thomson and Rickenbacker. Nate Green, President-Elect of the Ohio Economic Development Association (OEDA) Board has been working with state legislators and the Ohio Department of Development to better understand the clarification. OEDA is going to have further talks with the administration and legislature to try to get the law and the guidelines to work for rather than against economic development.

### LEADS/PROSPECTS/SITE VISITS since last report

State Leads: 0  
Real Estate Professional Leads: 1  
Developer Leads: 1  
Columbus Chamber Leads: 0  
P3 Leads: 1  
Prospects: 1

Circleville Pumpkin Show  
October 15, 16, 17, 18



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