



MARCH 2024

PROGRESS UPDATE



NOVELIS



WILLOWWOOD

RECENT NEWS

BUSINESS RETENTION & EXPANSION:

In 2024, P3 has conducted five Business Retention and Expansion visits. Two of those included WillowWood and Novelis- pictured left. Others included FORJAK, OCU, and Eastland-Fairfield Career Center. Meetings are intended to spark conversation about growth and expansion for organizations in Pickaway County and how Pickaway Progress Partnership can support them.

NOON ROTARY:

P3 is kicking off our Economic Development series at Circleville Noon Rotary on March 7th. If you are a Rotary member, we would love to see you! The series continues throughout the month of March. Each meeting will be highlighted in the Herald.

INNOVATION HUB FUNDING:

\$125 million dollars of funding was announced for Innovation Hubs in Ohio. This funding comes from a portion of the funding announced in House Bill 33. Innovation Hubs are regional innovation ecosystems which create jobs, increase STEM talent, attract outside capital investment, commercialize new products, and ultimately make a significant impact on Ohio. Read more about the program [HERE](#).

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SPOTLIGHT

P3's ongoing commitment to the community has led to an Economic Development Spotlight in the Circleville Herald. Our first article debuted on March 2nd highlighting FORJAK Industrial, a prominent Circleville employer. Our second article about Economic Development tools like the Pickaway County Port Authority, comes out March 2nd. Articles will also be highlighted on our website.



UPCOMING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SPOTLIGHTS...

- **Pickaway County Port Authority & Economic Development Tools**
- **Novelis**
- **Community Banks**
- **WillowWood**
- **Cargill**

For more updates or additional information on P3's operations, please visit:





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AT-GRADE



CIRCLEVILLE GRADE SEPARATION

Driving north and south of the Norfolk Southern Railroad through the City of Circleville has always been a challenge. If these crossings are left un-addressed travel delays will continue to impact not only the travelling public, but also safety forces travelling to emergencies. A feasibility study is underway and will be finalized in 2024. There are currently a few alternatives being discussed. As the study concludes, there will be a public meeting to address the findings and the preferred alternative(s). You can visit the project website for more information on American Structurepoint's website, located [HERE](#).

Comments about this project are welcomed and encouraged. Please submit comments via phone or email to:

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NORTHERN PICKAWAY TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Kimley-Horn was hired by the Pickaway County Transportation Improvement District (TID) to study 23 miles of U.S. 23 through Pickaway County. This study will serve as a tool for the County and other stakeholders to proactively support the growing transportation demands in the area. This study includes Scioto Township, Harrison Township, and Madison Township in Pickaway County. The preparation of this plan for the Pickaway County TID, will serve as a tool for Pickaway County and other stakeholders to use in preparation to address traffic impacts from site development projects prior to rather than reactively. For more information or to submit comments about the study, please contact Andrew Schneider, AICP (Kimley-Horn Project Manager) at andrew.schneider@kimley-horn.com.

SMART GROWTH INITIATIVE FUND

Pickaway County is amid an historic period of growth and change. As part of one of the fastest growing metropolitan areas in the country, our community leaders are faced with new opportunities and challenges almost daily. The Smart Growth Initiative Fund will provide the opportunity for the sharing of ideas and best practices, the crafting of shared vision and the development of tools and resources to help realize our community's greatest potential.

Consistent with the charitable purposes of the Pickaway County Community Foundation, distributions from this Fund will be used to support the opportunity for tools and resources to help realize our community's greatest potential. Resources secured through this fund may include, educational forums, land use plans, zoning code updates, infrastructure planning, grant writing, and development of other tools and resources consistent with this purpose. The fund is limited and first come first serve.

For more information on the fund, please visit P3's website.



SR 762 & US 23 INTERCHANGE

Northern Pickaway County is located near a major logistics hub and is a key economic center in the Central Ohio region. Two of the main roadways in this area are U.S. 23 and S.R. 762 (Duvall Road). This intersection has been identified for improvement by ODOT District 6, due to current and proposed development near the area. This project is currently in the planning phase and no decisions have been made at this time. All findings will be documented in a feasibility study. Using this study, ODOT plans to make a Recommended Preferred Alternative following public involvement and detailed analysis.

Visit ODOT's website for more information [HERE](#).

