

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SPOTLIGHT

# Pickaway County Port Authority

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One tool used for economic development in Pickaway County is the Pickaway County Port Authority (Port). The Port works hand in hand with Pickaway Progress Partnership, Pickaway County's Community Improvement Corporation (P3). For more information about P3, see our

introductory spotlight article, or visit our website at [pickawayprogress.com](http://pickawayprogress.com).

The Port is a governmental entity set up to promote economic development, facilitate infrastructure projects, and attract investment to Pickaway County. Despite its name, the Port may not be involved in maritime activities like a traditional seaport; instead, the Port works to attract new

businesses to the area and supports the expansion of existing ones.

The Port collaborates with various stakeholders including businesses, government agencies, educational institutions, and community organizations to use resources and expertise in achieving common economic development goals.

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Ports often administer financing programs such as revolving loan funds and grants to provide financial help to prospective investors in Pickaway County.

One incentive offered through the Port is a sales and use tax exemption on construction materials. Typically, 50% of the costs of a building contributes to labor, which is not subject to sales

tax. The remaining portion, materials cost, is where the sales and use tax exemption is applied.

Commenting on the importance of economic development tools, April Metzger, Chair of the Port, emphasized, "Our county is ripe with potential, and by leveraging the right mix of economic development tools, we can unlock opportunities for growth, prosperity, and long-term sustainability."

The Port isn't the only tool that Pickaway County has in its toolbox for economic development. Look for future articles in the Herald covering JEDDs, TIFs, CRAs and more! After the articles are published, you can also find them online at [circlevilleherald.com](http://circlevilleherald.com) and [pickawayprogress.com/news/](http://pickawayprogress.com/news/).

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