

# Pickaway Progress Partnership & Pickaway County Port Authority



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## **Pickaway Progress Partnership and Pickaway County Port Authority Name Brian Hill Executive Director**

CIRCLEVILLE, OH – Brian D. Hill, a longtime business executive with a history in public service and agriculture, has been selected to lead Pickaway County’s economic development efforts. The county’s economic development is coordinated by Pickaway Progress Partnership (P3) and Pickaway County Port Authority (PCPA). P3 is a coalition of business and government leaders promoting economic development for one of the most rapidly growing counties in Ohio. PCPA is a governmental entity that drives economic development through infrastructure, investment and community support.

Brian Hill joins P3 and PCPA after serving as manager of engagement and partnerships at Ohio Southeast Economic Development (OhioSE), where he worked with local leaders to boost economic development across a 25-county region of Appalachian Ohio. He previously served as CEO/general manager of Guernsey-Muskingum Electric Cooperative. He has had a long career in public service as a Muskingum County commissioner, and a member of the Ohio House of Representatives and Ohio Senate. Brian Hill is a graduate of The Ohio State University, and continues to operate a farm where the family raises beef cattle and grows crops. He is the father of three children.

Diane Hill, president of P3’s Board of Directors, said, “What excites me most about Brian’s leadership is his ability to connect the dots—between agriculture and advanced manufacturing, between long-term planning and immediate community needs. That balance is exactly what Pickaway County requires right now as we grow in ways that honor our heritage while preparing for new opportunities.”

Brian Hill succeeds Tim Colburn, who has led P3 since 2023. “We’ve built strong momentum—supporting existing employers, recruiting new investment and advancing infrastructure,” Colburn said. “Brian will build on that with the same commitment to openness, partnerships, and long-range planning that our communities expect.”

April Metzger, chairperson of the PCPA, welcomed the appointment. “Brian brings a rare mix of agricultural, business, utility, and public-sector experience,” she said. “The boards are aligned on a clear approach—shared prosperity, collaboration and transparency, and strategic, intentional growth—and Brian is well-suited to deliver on it.”

The appointment of Brian Hill comes at a critical time for Pickaway County.

P3 and PCPA support planned development as part of Central Ohio's surge in advanced manufacturing and logistics. Recent activity includes the \$900 million Anduril "Arsenal-1" manufacturing program in northern Pickaway County near Rickenbacker International Airport, backed by state and regional partners, that will employ 4,000 workers.

At the same time, Pickaway County has been welcoming a growing number of new residents, especially in the northern part of the county.

Brian Hill said it will be important early on to hear from school districts, townships, municipalities, and new and existing businesses about the issues that are on their minds.

"You have to have a plan, and you have to make sure that everybody has a seat at the table and has input," Brian Hill said. "We must have an open mind and make sure that we listen to what the community is saying, what's important to them."

He also knows it is essential to build on Pickaway County's agricultural history.

"By committing to shared prosperity, open collaboration and intentional growth, we can ensure Pickaway County's future is strong, balanced and built for everyone," Brian Hill said.

#### ***About Pickaway Progress Partnership (P3)***

P3 is the economic development agency for Pickaway County and its municipalities, working to attract new businesses, support existing ones and foster sustainable development that benefits the entire community. For more information, visit [pickawayprogress.com](https://pickawayprogress.com).

#### ***About the Pickaway County Port Authority (PCPA)***

The Pickaway County Port Authority is a governmental entity dedicated to promoting economic development in Pickaway County by facilitating infrastructure projects, attracting investments, and providing financing and support for business and community initiatives. It works in close collaboration with Pickaway Progress Partnership to drive sustainable growth that benefits residents, businesses and local governments.

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