



WILLIAMS COUNTY ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT



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Local Resources

WEDCO

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**Northwest Ohio
 Job Center**

419-636-5047

**Maumee Valley
 Planning Organization**

419-784-3882

**Small Business
 Development Center**

419-782-6270

**Success Through
 Partnership**



2007 ANNOUNCED PROJECTS

Name	Location	Type	Programs	Sq. Ft.	New Jobs	Re-tained	Investment
Oren Elliot	Edgerton	Capital Expansion	166 / RLF		25		\$462,900
121 W Butler LTD	Bryan	New Business	RLF		1		\$70,000
Prospect Acres	County	New Business	Micro Loan		1		\$20,000
G & M Media Packaging	Bryan	New Business	JCTC / Rapid Response		48		\$10,500,000
Airmate	Bryan	Expansion	RLF	8,400	8		\$60,000
Bryan Die Cast	Bryan	Acquisition	RLF /Regional 166		2	6	\$1,150,000
Bestway Motor Lines	Montpelier	Expansion	RLF / EZ	8,000	18		\$2,055,000
Chardan	Bryan	Capital Expansion	RLF		3		\$168,000
One Way Plastics	Edon	Relocation	RLF / Rapid Response		25		\$138,000
Dr. Tyler Pittman	Montpelier	Acquisition	RLF				\$25,000
Bryan Metals	Bryan	Renovation / Expand M&E	CRA				\$610,000
Titan Tire	Bryan	Expansion	CRA	22,000	150	322	\$125,000,000
Shafer Ready Mix	Montpelier	New Business	EZ	1,240	9		\$4,850,000
Flying J	Northwest Township	New Business	CDBG / Ohio Water Dev. Authority	17,000	64		\$15,000,000
TOTAL				254,640	354	328	\$160,108,900

Comments from the Chair...

As WEDCO approaches the new year, I am privileged to serve as your chair. At the recent annual meeting I talked about the ways that WEDCO can become more involved within the entire county. One of those areas that I would like to focus on in 2008, is being able to reflect the real "numbers" at next year's banquet. That is where you, our investors, can help us out. If you plan to add on to your facility, be it in labor force or capital expansion or in any area, please inform the WEDCO office of your plans. As always, WEDCO is happy to assist you if needed, but in the end, we would really like to report any County project at the annual meeting. We are not looking to take credit, but only to shout to others about all the great things going on in Williams County.

The WEDCO organization has gone through many changes in 2007, but through it all, it is you, our investors, who we truly appreciate and thank for seeing us through this period. If you should need anything, don't hesitate to contact myself, or give Diamond a call at the WEDCO office. We are your organization and can only become better with your support. Have a GREAT Holiday Season!

~ Dan Yahraus ~

The WEDCO Annual Meeting was held on November 7th, 2007 at Orchard Hills Country Club. Approximately 74 people were in attendance. Activities throughout the meeting included a DVD presentation on WEDCO's announced projects, and Board Recognitions. Dan Yahraus, Vice Chair presented the 2007 Annual Report.

WEDCO 2008 Board Members

<p><u>Bryan</u> Tom Herman; Treasurer Dan Yahraus; Chair</p>	<p><u>Edgerton</u> Lance Bowsher Dale Mathys</p>	<p><u>Edon</u> Dennis Fenstermaker Sam Steffes</p>	<p><u>Holiday City</u> Sean Rupp Gary Baker; 2nd Vice Chair</p>
<p><u>Montpelier</u> Richard Shatzer; Vice Chair Kurt Roan; Secretary</p>	<p><u>Pioneer</u> Edward Kidston Jim Bryan</p>	<p><u>Stryker</u> Gary St. John; Past Chair Joan Ruffer</p>	<p><u>West Unity</u> Shay Purcel Garcia Randy Mahlman</p>
<p><u>Williams County</u> Lew Hilkert Dennis Bell</p>	<p><u>Utility Board Members</u> Dennis Astley <i>North Western Electric Co - Op</i></p> <p>Steve Casebere <i>Bryan Municipal Utilities</i></p>		<p><u>Williams County Labor</u> Kent Hardy Don McCandless</p>
<p>Richard Hallett <i>Ohio Gas</i></p>			



ECONOMIC UPDATE FOR WILLIAMS COUNTY

<p><u>Unemployment Rates</u></p> <table border="0"> <tr><td>June</td><td>6.4%</td></tr> <tr><td>July</td><td>6.8%</td></tr> <tr><td>August</td><td>5.4%</td></tr> <tr><td>September</td><td>5.7%</td></tr> <tr><td>October</td><td>5.9%</td></tr> </table>	June	6.4%	July	6.8%	August	5.4%	September	5.7%	October	5.9%	<p><u>Sales Tax Revenue</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Amount Collected January 2007 to September 2007</p> <p style="text-align: center;">\$4,420,484.04</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><small>Information obtained from the Williams County Auditors Office</small></p>	<p><u>Permit Information</u></p> <p>Building Permit Requests January 2007 to November 2007</p> <p>Residential: 192 Commercial: 123</p> <p>Cost / Investment</p> <p>Residential: \$7,047,135.00 Commercial: \$30,765,477.00</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><small>Information obtained from the Williams County Auditors Office</small></p>
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**Quality of Life
Enhancement Projects**

- Bryan -
*Community Hospitals & Wellness Centers
Compassion Clinic
Downtown Revitalization
Fountain City School
Tri-State University
Williams County Library
Bryan Branch Expansion*

- Edgerton -
Town Hall Restoration

- Edon -
New Library


- Montpelier -
*Library Renovation
Main Street Park*

- Pioneer -
*Downtown Revitalization
New Storm Sewer System*

- Stryker -
*Downtown Gazebo Park
New K-12 School*

- West Unity -
*New Grocery Store
New K-12 School*

- Williams County -
*Rails to Trails
Veterans Memorial Building*

Williams  **County**

Trivia

**Do you know which lake in
Williams County is the ONLY
naturally formed lake in the
entire state?**

**Small Business
Basic Course**

The Small Business Basics Course is a free 2 hour seminar for individuals who are looking to start or expand a small business.

Call WEDCO to register.

Location:
Northwest Ohio Job Center
228 S. Main St.
Bryan, Ohio 43506

* December 14th *
9:30 - 11:30 am

ANSWER: NETTLE LAKE

