



2015 CEDS Annual Performance Report

Component Four: Goals for Next Year

First and foremost, the OMEGA executive board, members, director and staff will remain committed to being valuable partners and responsible economic development stewards of the OMEGA region.

Under the leadership of new Executive Director, Jeannette Wierzbicki, P.E., we will continue to work with our local communities to build a more sustainable economy for our region through our federal and state grant programs, grant assistance activities, transportation planning, and revolving loan fund programs. All executive board and membership meetings will continue to offer current and relevant economic development substance. Four executive board meetings will be held in addition to two full membership meetings. A legislative mixer will also be held in the Summer of 2016. Executive board meetings typically have an attendance of 40-50. Full membership meetings and the legislative mixer historically have drawn a crowd of 100 or more. OMEGA meetings have become known over the years as the meetings to attend if you need to network with the local elected officials and economic development professionals in the OMEGA region. Our meetings are well attended by representatives of state agencies and the legislature. The meetings are a great mechanism for keeping in touch with our members who are responsible for submitting the priority projects listed on the following pages.

While it is no longer a requirement of the CEDS report, representatives of the OMEGA region believe it is still important to document a list of priority projects for which funding is currently being sought. Federal and state funding continues to play a significant role in whether or not a project can be accomplished. **So many of these projects are still focused on fulfilling basic infrastructure needs in the OMEGA region.**



Priority Projects in the OMEGA District

Belmont County

Project Name: Fox-Shannon Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements

Improvements at the Fox-Shannon wastewater treatment plant are necessary for mitigating discharge violations and to increase the plant capacity for future development in the Fox Commerce Industrial Park and small businesses within Belmont County. The discharge violations are the result of much needed upgrades at the sewer plant along with high ammonia levels in the sewage received from the Belmont Correctional Institution. A capacity increase at the Fox-Shannon plant has the potential to influence hundreds of local jobs.

Project Construction: The project will provide the following improvements: allow the Fox-Shannon plant to maintain compliance with Ohio EPA; increase capacity for future development at the Fox Commerce Park; and allow the Belmont County Sanitary Sewer District to continue supplying existing customers with reliable service.

Other Funding Sources: Ohio Public Works Commission, Ohio EPA (WPCLF), Local Funds, USDA Rural Development

Estimated Project Cost: \$6,200,000

Project Name: Ohio Vally Mall Sanitary Sewer Lift Station

The existing Ohio Valley Mall sanitary sewer lift station is fundamentally outdated. The infrastructure is 35 years old and cannot support the new requirements of the expanding mall

area. A new lift station to accommodate the increased force main capacity will be required to support the proposed mall expansion project and any future development in this area. A capacity increase at the Ohio Valley Mall lift station and force main has the potential to create/retain hundreds of local jobs.

The proposed upgrades are necessary to maintain compliance with the Ohio EPA. Appropriations for this project will help keep user rates affordable for new businesses and our existing customers.

Project Construction: The project will provide the following improvements: allow Belmont County Sanitary Sewer District to maintain compliance with Ohio EPA, increase capacity for future development at the Ohio Valley Mall area, and allow the Belmont County Sanitary Sewer District to grow and continue supplying existing customers with reliable service.

Other Funding Sources: Ohio Public Works Commission, Ohio EPA (WPCLF), Local Funds, USDA Rural Development

Estimated Project Cost: \$1,200,000

Project Name: Mall Road Connector

(Portions of this project have recently been funded)

The purpose of the mall road connector is to relieve traffic congestion and provide comprehensive transportation improvements that will both preserve and facilitate the growth of existing regionally important economic assets, and enable the sustainably planned economic development of another 200 adjacent acres.

The project will construct a connector road from National Road 40 over I-70 and connect to the Mall Ring Road.

This project is the top priority for the Belmont County Board of Commissioners and the top priority of the Belmont County Transportation Improvement District (TID). It is part of the

Bel-O-Mar Interstate Planning Agency's (MPO) Plan. The project is partially funded with approximately \$7 million currently available for design and construction available to the City of St. Clairsville. The project has already completed ODOT's Project Development Process Steps 1-4.

The subject construction will create a large number of jobs, but more importantly are the permanent jobs this project will protect by correcting transportation limitations in the area. Moreover, the highway construction will encourage new development on over 200 acres of adjacent land that has been targeted for development for some time, only to see that development hindered by access concerns. The permanent job creation on this new area promises to be significant as it already is on the adjacent properties.

Estimated Project Cost: \$13,000,000

(\$9.1 million has been committed) (\$3.9 requested from TRAC)

The City of Martins Ferry Projects:

Project Name: Upper Cemetery Road Sewer Project

Due to recent expansions at Jaycee Manor Housing Project there is a drainage problem on Cemetery Road. Heavy rains and run off often cause over-flows and backups within the current system. There is a need to replace approximately 500 feet of 48" pipe and rebuild the culverts along Cemetery Road.

Estimated Project Cost: \$500,000

Project Name: Economic Recovery & Implementation Plan

The City of Martins Ferry would like to do a survey of current businesses to see what issues they are facing and channel them towards some funding either individually or in a cooperative group. They would also like to create a marketable inventory of commercial stock in an effort to

help the area recover lost jobs, tax dollars and residents. The completed inventory would be uploaded to all available economic development web sites. The final component and/or strategy would be a Marketing/PR Campaign for Martins Ferry to support economic recovery.

Estimated Project Cost: \$65,000

Project Name: Martins Ferry Water Valve Replacement Project

Replacement of approximately 75 older valves and install 25 additional valves varying in size from two (2) inch to twelve (12) inch. This project is important not only to the 6,953 residents of Martins Ferry but also to the major employers located within city boundaries: East Ohio Regional Hospital, Nickels Bakery and United Dairy. New and incoming businesses, including National Lime and Stone and Timberwolf will also be dependent on a good reliable supply of water. Having all current valves in working order and the additional ones in place will allow repairs to be made via smaller zones thus interrupting service to the least amount of customers as possible.

Estimated Project Cost: \$92,300.

Project Name: Fifth Street Paving Project

Fifth Street is a major arterial street that serves the City of Martins Ferry business district including two major employers (United Dairy & East Ohio Regional Hospital) and both the city building and U.S. Post Office. Keeping infrastructure up to date and in good working order is imperative to both the retention of current business and to the attraction of new business.

Estimated Project Cost: \$175,000

Project Name: Fire Hydrant Retro Fit

The city has approximately 375 Fire Hydrants within their system. Due to the various types of threads on the hydrant base, first responders must connect various couplings and fittings prior

to connection. This issue comes into play most often when offering mutual aid. Retro fitting the hydrants with Storz Fittings would allow any size hose with any type of thread to connect immediately, thus decreasing set up time during an emergency.

Estimated project Cost: \$56,500

Project Name: Yorkville Water Line Extension

Extension of water lines approximately one-half mile to connect to the Yorkville system. This extension would open up the areas along State Route 7 for future development and provide water service to the Village of Yorkville. Yorkville has an aging system which supplies approximately 1,300 customers. This project would also include the installation of a new pumping system to ensure proper flow and pressure.

Estimated Project Cost: \$ 750,000

Carroll County

Project Name: Northern Corridor Water and Sewer Project

This project begins at the intersection of State Route 43 and Lemon Road southeast of Malvern and extends south along State Route 43 to the intersection of Arrow Road – a distance of approximately 3.85 miles. State Route 43 is the primary transportation corridor in Carroll County and is a prime location for business development. However, the lack of public water and wastewater systems is a major deterrent to economic development. Several businesses have decided to locate to other counties due to the lack of this basic infrastructure. This project will include the installation of water and sanitary sewers and is in response to recent requests from businesses related to the oil and gas industry as well as other industries seeking locations in the subject area. Components of the project include 20,400 feet of 12” water main, 23 fire hydrants, 54 water services, 20,400 feet of 8” PVC sanitary sewer, 5,300 feet of 8” PVC sanitary

force main, and 3 duplex sanitary pumping stations. This project encompasses Fairmont Tool which has plans to add 25 – 35 jobs in the next three years.

Estimated Project Cost: \$6 million (An application is currently being prepared to submit to EDA seeking grant funds from the public works program.)

Project Name: Fairmont Intermodal Facility

This project consists of adding multiple rail sidings to the Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway line that extends into Carroll County. The project is being spearheaded by Fairmont Tool, who has recently purchased the grounds and needs the intermodal facility to do business. Fairmont Tool would also like to open the intermodal facility to other businesses to allow them to transact business more efficiently. The facility will be located on State Route 43 halfway between the Villages of Malvern and Carrollton.

Estimated Project Cost: \$3 million

Project Name: Amsterdam Village Sewer Line

The Village of Amsterdam is looking to alleviate problems with failing or poorly designed septic systems by replacing them with a sewer system within the village. The village is one of the largest villages not served by sewer according to the Ohio EPA, and as the village sits flush to the Jefferson County/Carroll County line a joint county project is being investigated. Carroll County is partnering with Jefferson County to pursue grant funding and resolve the issues.

Estimated Project Cost: \$9 million

Columbiana County

Project Name: St. Clair Township Columbia Drive

This project would finish Columbia Drive from State Route 170 to McGuffey Drive in St. Clair Township. Approximately \$750,000 has been spent on the first phase of this project. The current phase will open at least 60 acres of land in a densely commercial area and is anticipated to result in the addition of 200 new jobs. The project will also address safety and congestion issues along State Route 170.

Estimated Project Cost: \$2,200,000

Project Name: Benton Road Sewer Extension (Salem)

The focus of this project is to add sewer service to open up future industrial development sites.

Estimated Project Cost: \$225,000

Project Name: Salem Sewer Extension/Improvement Project

This project is currently in the planning stages. It involves the potential retention of 850 jobs as well as an opportunity to open 30 acres of industrial zoned sites in the City of Salem.

Estimated Project Cost: \$2,200,000

Project Name: Planning for Revitalization of Historic Downtown Salem

The City of Salem and the Salem Area Sustainable Opportunity Development Center are spearheading an effort to develop a plan to revitalize historic downtown Salem.

Estimated Project Cost: \$300,000

Coshocton County

Project Name: Clow Lane Upgrade

Clow Pipe, a division of McWayne Ductile has spun off a new company, Clow Pole, and Coshocton Trucking has expanded their business, as well. Clow Lane services these companies and other industrial businesses in the area such as SanCast and MFM Building Products. The lane needs drainage improvements as well as new pavement.

This project will involve not only improved drainage but acquisition of land right-of-ways, the relocation of electrical poles, and fire hydrants in preparation for the widening of the lane to accommodate the increased truck traffic generated by the new business as well as the current truck traffic from several other existing businesses in the vicinity.

Currently both ODOT Jobs & Commerce and the Jobs Ohio 629 Roadway Fund have expressed interest in helping to fund the project. OPWC funding is also a possibility as well as CDBG Critical Infrastructure.

Estimated Project Cost: To Be Determined

Project Name: West Rock Paper Mill Access Route

The City of Coshocton, in conjunction with the Coshocton County Engineer, is proposing to repair and resurface the truck access route to the RockTenn Paper Mill. In 2014, the County Engineer resurfaced County Road 1A from U.S. 36 to the city corporation limit funded entirely from the Engineering Office budget. The City of Coshocton is seeking funds to complete their portion of the access route. The county and city sought funds from the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and JobsOhio to fund this project, but were unable to obtain a funding commitment from either entity.

Estimated Project Cost: \$450,000 (city portion only)

Project Name: Cassingham Hollow Sanitary Sewer Project

The City of Coshocton is proposing to install sanitary sewer to Overlook Drive, Sara Drive, Cambridge Road and Cassingham Hollow Road, areas where sanitary facilities are not currently available. The cost estimate is based on a preliminary engineered estimate for projects of a similar nature in the state and reflects payment of prevailing wages.

Estimated Project Cost: \$2,050,000

Project Name: Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements

The City of Coshocton is proposing a Raw Sewage Pump Replacement, Trickling Filter Isolation and Ultraviolet Disinfection. The cost estimate is based on a preliminary engineered estimate for projects of a similar nature in the state and reflects payment of prevailing wages.

Estimated Project Cost: \$660,000

Project Name: SR16 & SR541 Interchange Improvements

With the two bridges on SR541 leading into the City of Coshocton being scheduled for replacement in 2018-2019 changes to the interchange have been proposed. This would involve doing away with the current “cloverleaf” design and replacing it with a diamond interchange to reduce congestion and improve safety. Elimination of the cloverleaf will facilitate the expansion of Central Ohio Technical College and Roscoe Village to improve connectivity with other attractions in the area.

Estimated Project Cost: \$2,228,680

Project Name: Airport Road Extension

The Coshocton County Engineer, in conjunction with the Coshocton County Regional Airport Board and the Coshocton County Commissioners, is proposing to extend Airport Road to

intersect with County Road 193. Presently there is only one way in and out of Richard Downing Airport. For improved safety and traffic flow these entities are working to acquire property and funding to construct approximately one-half mile of road to provide alternative access to the airport and the various businesses located there. Also located at the airport is the Ohio National Guard Readiness Center. The property needed for the extension passes through property currently owned by The Ohio State University and operated by the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center. In addition, the development of the brine disposal facility on Airport Road by Buckeye Brine makes an alternative route to the airport even more important.

Estimated Project Cost: \$650,000

Guernsey County

Project Name: State Route 209/I-70 Interchange Improvements

The location of a major truck stop just several feet south of the State Route 209/I-70 interchange has created congestion that is not just inconvenient, but also dangerous. Eastbound on and off ramps to the interchange intersect with State Route 209 almost directly in conjunction with entrance and egress to the truck stop. Adjacent to the truck stop is the entrance to a K-Mart shopping plaza and several commercial establishments. Pressure on this area will soon increase with the completion of a new hotel currently under construction in the area. The developer also plans to build a second hotel, small retail strip, and a restaurant. The development would route an estimated 800 cars daily into this already highly congested area. Planners are currently examining several options to relieve pressure on the area which may involve reconfiguration of the interchange.

Estimated Project Cost: \$6.5 million

Project Name: Establish a New Industrial Park

The Guernsey County Commissioners and economic development professionals recognize the need for a new industrial park to attract businesses to the area.

Estimated Project Cost: To Be Determined

Project Name: D.O. Hall Business Mine Mitigation

The D.O. Hall Business Park is the only full service business park in Guernsey County with development sites available. However, these sites are encumbered with the presence of deep mines and mine spoils which must be mitigated in order for development to occur.

Estimated Project Cost: To Be Determined

Harrison County

Project Name: The Junction at Jewett Logistics Campus

The Junction at Jewett project responds to huge volumes of essential products that need to be imported and exported as the Utica Shale area continues to grow over the next several decades. By linking effective, strategic rail and truck transloading services with unit train capacity infrastructure, the best economies of scale are provided. These economies of scale help create a unique development and operating platform.

Estimated Project Cost: To Be Determined

Project Name: Harrison County Justice Center

An August 2013 inspection by the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction found the Harrison County jail did not comply with 44 of the 68 standards of the “minimum Standards for Jails in Ohio.” The inspection report stated that the age and layout of the existing jail facility did

not provide an established jail security perimeter or a secure booking and release area. It also stated that the facility's layout did not provide a recreation area or the require 35 square feet per prisoner; nor did it segregate violent offenders from the non-violent. The proposed justice center will have the capability to house 60 prisoners, accommodate female prisoners who are currently being sent to other locations, provide an observation cell for special need prisoners, and reduce operating costs county-wide due to the sharing of services.

Estimated Project Cost: \$7,500,000 - \$9,000,000

Holmes County

Project Name: ProVia Road Improvement

The Board of Holmes County Commissioners, Holmes County Engineer, and Holmes County Economic Development Council are seeking funding to complete improvements to portions of Holmes County Road 140 and Township Road 420. The improvements will include stabilizing the road sub-grade, widening and replacing the existing road surface with reinforced concrete, and installing an aggregate shoulder and guardrail. The proposed improvements will improve public safety by better accommodating additional heavy truck traffic that will accompany the opening and operation of a new 300,000 square foot manufactured stone facility. This project includes the retention of 35 jobs and the creation of 15 jobs.

Estimated Project Cost: \$520,000 (This project was recently funded by ODOT Office of Jobs & Commerce, JobsOhio 629 funds, and Governor's Office of Appalachia Rapid Response Program.)

Project Name: Village of Killbuck Industrial Park Phase II

The Holmes County Commissioners, Village of Killbuck Mayor and Council, Holmes County Economic Development Council, and the Holmes County Planning Commission have worked

cooperatively to bring the Killbuck Industrial Park Phase 1 from a 0% occupancy rate in 2007 to a 100% occupancy rate in 2014. The Holmes County Commissioners and the Village of Killbuck are seeking funds to develop the Killbuck Industrial Park Phase II. The site will require the extension of utilities and other infrastructure.

Estimated Project Cost: \$2,000,000

Jefferson County

City of Steubenville

Project Name: University Boulevard Sewer Rehab Project

A portion of the 48" University Boulevard combined sewer is a critical line which is in the process of collapsing. Other sections of this sewer are in bad condition and need to be rehabilitated. The University Boulevard combined sewer services four hotels, two restaurants, the Franciscan University of Steubenville, several other businesses, and many private residences. This line also services a large strip of land along University Boulevard that the Franciscan University of Steubenville is seeking to develop which will result in more jobs to benefit the local economy.

Estimated Project Cost: \$2,000,000

Project Name: Lover's Lane and Fort Steuben Drive Intersection Improvement - Phase I

Intersection improvement project to alleviate a congestion problem that exists at the intersection. This is the first of three phases. The option chosen is a single lane, three leg roundabout. This will also improve access for pedestrian traffic.

Estimated Project Cost: \$1,531,00

Project Name: Lover's Lane and Sunset Boulevard Intersection Improvement - Phase II

This intersection has been identified as a high crash location in the Ohio Department of Transportation Highway Safety Program. The project will implement the recommended improvements identified in the latest safety study. Work involves realignment of State Route 43 through the intersection, widening to lengthen the east bound left turn lane, widening to create right turn lanes on the eastbound, westbound and southbound approaches.

Replacement of sidewalks, curb and catch basins as needed. Mill and fill existing asphalt concrete surface, minor pavement repair, curb ramp construction, drainage improvements, pavement markings, traffic control signs, street name signs, replacement of traffic signal installation including replace of traffic signal video vehicle detection. Right-of-way acquisition is also required.

Estimated Project Cost: \$2,396,000

Project Name: Mall Drive and Fort Steuben Drive Roadway Upgrades

This roadway improvement project will rehabilitate approximately 2,350 linear feet of pavement that has reached the end of its useful life. In addition, it will replace 10 storm drainage basins which will improve the roadway drainage. The project also includes the installation of long life pavement markings which will improve safety and traffic flow.

Estimated Project Cost: \$350,000

Muskingum County

Project Name: East Muskingum Community Development Center

Eastern Muskingum County, along Interstate 70 and U.S. Route 40, has been the primary manufacturing and distribution growth area in Muskingum County. The Muskingum County Commissioners and Zanesville-Muskingum County Port Authority have identified this corridor as the most promising location for the development of the county's next business park. A feasibility study for the project is currently underway. However, sanitary sewer service is near

capacity in this area. Water line capacity is also inadequate in the corridor. Muskingum County proposes to upgrade and install new sewer and water infrastructure in this corridor to both accommodate existing businesses and facilitate the development of a new business park.

Estimated Project Cost: \$5,700,000

Project Name: Graham Industrial Site

The Graham Farm between Frazeyburg and Nashport in Jackson Township has over 460 flat acres of ground between 4-lane State Route 16 and the Ohio Central Railroad. The site is intersected by electric transmission line and has great economic development potential, except that it lacks water and sewer infrastructure and has not had due diligence performed on soil compaction, environmental assessment, archeological assessment, wetlands delineation, and verification of clear title. The Zanesville-Muskingum County Port Authority is seeking funding for preliminary utility engineering and other due diligence studies to make the Graham site more marketable.

Estimated Project Cost: \$100,000

Project Name: Southeast Ohio Energy Research Park

With historically high-unemployment, high-poverty, and low-educational attainment rates, Southeast Ohio has been pegged as a typical Appalachian region with little momentum for prosperity. However, a new vision of the region is gaining momentum: the vision of a vibrant community filled with businesses investing capital, setting up operations, and creating high-paying jobs in the region; colleges and universities offering state-of-the-art research capabilities, workforce training, and continuing education opportunities; and healthy families enjoying an enhanced quality of life and innumerable community assets.

This vision is endorsed by the federal, state, county, and local government officials, community and economic development leaders, Chambers of Commerce, businesses, private philanthropists, and local residents. Realization of the vision would transform one of the most distressed areas in Ohio into a world-class research and business hub where quality of life is enhanced and small town congeniality is not sacrificed.

The Research Triangle Park (RTP) in North Carolina is an inspiration for what Southeast Ohio could become. Renown as one of the world's largest research parks, the genesis and growth of RTP was the result of a well-formed vision and strategy. In the late 1950s there was very little reason for companies to want to operate in North Carolina. However, university leaders, economic developers, and philanthropists looked at the region's strengths and competitive advantages and created a new future on a 7,000 acre tract of land that has resulted in six decades of prosperous economic conditions for the entire state.

Southeastern Ohio is ripe for dramatic economic development. The land targeted for the Southeast Ohio's Energy Research Park is part of a 9,500 acre expanse located in Guernsey, Muskingum, and Noble Counties that is rich with abundant natural resources and lies near two major interstate highways. The recent exploration and drilling of the Utica and Marcellus shale formations in eastern Ohio are attracting multi-national oil and gas companies to the region and has created a resurgence of business opportunities for existing local pipeline, compression, and drilling companies and their suppliers.

The area to be served has many of the ingredients needed for an energy research park:

- A tract of reclaimed strip mined land may be available that is massive in size, spans three Appalachian Ohio counties, and is held by a single owner. The land owner and commissioners from four contiguous counties co-commissioned a study to determine the feasibility of developing the land as a business park. The study--conducted by a nationally recognized leader in architectural, engineering, and planning services--concluded that the mega-site has many characteristics necessary to become a center of

major job creation and economic investment.

- Interstate 70 and Interstate 77 intersect in the region near the mega-site. I-77 extends from Cleveland, OH and south through Charlotte, NC; U.S. 22 traverses from Pittsburgh to Cincinnati and the Southwest; and I-70 from Washington, DC through Indianapolis and on to the West Coast. Thus 50 percent of the U.S. population and two-thirds of the nation's manufacturers are within one day's drive.
- Zanesville Municipal Airport (Muskingum County) can accommodate corporate jets. Cambridge Municipal Airport (Guernsey County) currently has a 4,300 foot asphalt runway with plans for expanding it to 5,000 feet to enable the landing of larger planes. Pittsburgh International Airport, Cleveland Hopkins, Port Columbus, and Akron Canton airports are within an hour or two by car.
- Vast natural resources are abundant, including oil, gas, coal, and multiple sources of renewable energy.
- Higher education institutions preparing tens of thousands of students annually for knowledge jobs are located in and/or near the region.
- World Class Research Capability
- With oil and gas as the catalyst for economic growth, the time is now to capitalize on university-business partnerships to create a sustainable economic future for residents that does not rise and fall in tandem with production and profit cycles of a single industry or one large employer.
- Major national and global leaders in research and development are focused on the region to conduct research and provide support to business, agricultural, energy,

animal preservation, environmental, and other national priorities. Included among these leaders are:

- Battelle Memorial Institute
- Ohio University George V. Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Affairs
- The Ohio State University Eastern Agricultural Research Station
- The Ohio State University John Glenn College of Public Affairs
- The Ohio State University Subsurface Energy Resource Center Shale Energy and Environmental Laboratory
- The International Center for the Preservation of Wild Animals, Inc. (also known as the Wilds)

Currently the 2016 federal budget includes more than \$700 billion to fund research projects and new policies that would ensure environmentally sustainable domestic and global supplies of oil and natural gas and reduce the nation's dependence on foreign sources for its energy needs; support discovery of technological innovations that reduce cost, enhance performance, educate and train an energy workforce; and modernize the nation's energy infrastructure.

As Ohio's energy corridor begins to prosper, the growth of community resources and assets will demonstrate to other industries that Appalachian Ohio is "the" place to locate for economic advantages. The corridor will attract advanced manufacturing and research sectors such as polymers, aerospace, and information technology.

Benefits/Anticipated Outcomes

Anticipated outcomes of the Southeast Ohio Energy Research Park will benefit the United States in reduced dependency on foreign energy supplies, lower energy costs for consumers, and worldwide leadership in the production, generation, and transmission of energy industries. The region will experience dramatic growth in jobs created, population, per capita income, and quality of life.

Estimated Project Cost: To Be Determined (A request for funding from EDA for a feasibility study is currently being developed.)

Project Name: Waterline for The Wilds

The International Center for the Preservation of Wild Animals or, The Wilds, is located in the southeastern corner of Muskingum County on 10,000 acres of reclaimed surface-mined land. The Wilds is affiliated with the Columbus Zoo and has partnership agreements with the Ohio State University for academic and research programs. The Wilds attracts over 100,000 visitors a year, including international scientists, Ohio students and tourists from across the United States. In addition, the Wilds' animal outreach program visits local schools, nursing homes and libraries and impacts nearly 26,000 people annually. In the heart of its season, the Wilds provides over 120 jobs for area residents. The Wilds is developing a Scientific Institute to help solve a broader range of real world issues for endangered animals, the environment and humankind including leading research in the field of restoration ecology.

The Issue: Located in a very rural part of Muskingum County, the facility lacks basic infrastructure including a sufficient potable water source. The nearest public water line is 4 miles from the property and operated by the Muskingum County Water Authority. This lack of public water results in The Wilds spending \$60,000 per year to have water trucked on-site.

The Solution: Extend the Muskingum County Water Authority water line, which currently terminates at the Village of Chandlersville, to the site and create a modern looped delivery system throughout the park for future growth and development.

Project Cost: \$4,499,000

Project Name: Broadband for Downtown Zanesville

The City of Zanesville is researching the possibility of adding high speed internet to the downtown area to attract and retain high wage occupations. The city will soon undertake a major public works project when it complies with an Environmental Protection Agency mandate of separating the combined sewers and will seize the opportunity to add value to the central business district while the streets are exposed to the utility level.

Estimated Project Cost: \$3,000,000

Tuscarawas County

Project Name: County-wide Radio System Upgrade and Maintenance

This project will upgrade the infrastructure of the radio system and provide for maintenance and future compatibility of the county's radio system.

Estimated Project Cost: \$16.1 million

Project Name: Tuscarawas Regional Technology Park Broadband and Electricity Upgrades

The Tuscarawas Regional Technology Park would receive greater interest by broadband critical user companies and data centers with broadband and electricity upgrade for redundant service. This project would include extension of electricity and broadband to connect with alternative and independent sources.

Estimated Project Cost: \$1,000,000

Project Name: Newcomerstown Industrial Park Bridge

The Newcomerstown Industrial Park could expand its footprint to include a 200 acre developable tract across the Tuscarawas River with a new bridge constructed across the river. In addition to transportation, this bridge would provide utility extension to the currently undeveloped tract.

Estimated Project Cost: \$2,000,000