

Economic Development Progress in 2013

- I. **Attraction of new businesses thru development strategies is working:**
- ✓ most noteworthy accomplishment in 2013, four different international or domestic companies visited Morrow County this year;
 - ✓ New Dollar General Store outside Village of Marengo;
 - ✓ Two new Asphalt plants by Shelly & Sands and Kenmore Construction at Bennington Industrial Park;
 - ✓ Ringler Energy commissioned the first Anaerobic Digester in Morrow County producing Alternative energy for the mega swine farm and selling energy back to the power grid.
- II. **Business Retention & Expansion efforts:**
- ✓ New Ohio Health Hospital facility at SR 61 by Fishburn family and expansion of the Morrow County Hospital.
 - ✓ Marengo Fabricated Steel expansion of 35K sf facility;
 - ✓ Lubrication Specialties upgrading to old News Color Press building and hiring 5 new employees;
 - ✓ CYT granted Ohio Worker's Training grant and CYT creating two new production lines and hiring 100 more employees.
- III. **Business Creation thru Entrepreneurialism (individual company efforts.)**
- ✓ Announcement from Ringler Energy about New Natural Gas Fueling Station at SR 61 & I71.
 - ✓ Mid -Ohio Sports Car Course expanded with addition NASCAR race;
 - ✓ Urgent Care at the Morrow County Hospital;
 - ✓ New ownership and reopening of the Shell Gas Station at SR 95 & I71;
 - ✓ New owners for Marathon Fuel Station and addition of a Subway at SR 61 & I71;
 - ✓ Premier Kennels opened on SR 61 South near I71;
 - ✓ Two new restaurants include Boondocks in Fulton and Hatfield's in Mt. Gilead;
 - ✓ New Dentist in Mt. Gilead -
- IV. **Building our Civic Infrastructure thru collaboration and innovation:**
- ✓ I71 Third Lane nearing completion;
 - ✓ \$1.4 million in Morrow County Airport improvements; completed Airport Master Plan;
 - ✓ Study and Design of Public Sewer at SR 95 & I71 Area in progress;
 - ✓ SR 61 & I71 rezone of Cardinal Business Center;
 - ✓ Planning for Bennington & Cardinal TIF's;
 - ✓ Completion of CR 26 paving and ditching improvements with ODOT & County Engineer;
 - ✓ EPA Superfund cleanup of HPM property;
 - ✓ Moving Ohio Forward demolition of 7 blighted properties;
 - ✓ Approved rezone in Washington Township to assist Plungees in expanding into an industrial facility;
 - ✓ Rezone of Leonhard Property on US 42 South of Mt. Gilead to Commercial.
 - ✓ Collaborated with Connect Ohio to create and launch Technology Plan for Morrow County;
 - ✓ Edited Comprehensive Land Use Plan and prepared to publish plan.

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Thank you for your collaborative efforts and innovative spirit! Patricia K. Davies