

The Greene County Community Improvement Corporation is an economic development arm of the Greene County Board of Commissioners. It was established in 1974 in accordance with Ohio Revised Code - Section 1724. The purpose of the CIC is to advance, encourage, and promote the local industrial, commercial, and civic development of Greene County and each of its political subdivisions.

The CIC was initially established to assist the County Commissioners in the issuance of Industrial Development Bonds. The functions and capabilities of the CIC have subsequently broadened to cover a wide spectrum of economic development functions outlined in Section 1724 of the Ohio Revised Code.

BOARD STRUCTURE

The organizational charter of the Greene County CIC requires that a minimum of 40% of its board members be public sector individuals representing the entire County.

COMMITTEES/WORK ASSIGNMENTS

As a result of the county's most recent Five-Year Development Economic Plan, four committees have been formed that are at work to better prepare Greene County for its future growth.

- The ***Retention and Expansion Committee*** is made up of economic development practitioners from throughout the county. The county and several of its cities have joined the regional BusinessFirst! Retention and Expansion Program and have scheduled visits to the businesses and industries throughout Greene County.
- The ***Marketing Committee*** is made up of local chambers of commerce and marketing executives. The committee is literally visiting each community in Greene County to accentuate

positive points to better promote not only the county but each of its communities.

- The ***Base Realignment and Closure Committee (BRAC)*** is made up of representatives from defense companies and local municipalities. Its intent is to assure information is shared on the progress of the BRAC activities and that communities are prepared to respond to opportunities presented.
- The ***Labor/Education Committee*** is made up of business and academic representatives from throughout the county. Its intent is two-fold; first, to have a formal plan to assure Greene County students receive appropriate training to meet the future needs of Greene County employment opportunities. Second, it is attempting to address the more immediate needs of short falls in certain employment categories.
- The CIC is working with its ***Forward Planning Committee*** to both develop and market the 165 acre OVCH South property into an office/business park. To date, the CIC and the Commissioners have obtained nearly \$2 million to be utilized in bringing sanitary, sewer, water and other utilities to the property. Funds have also been designated to assist in the construction of an access road through the property.

FUNDING

The CIC is both public and privately funded through the Greene County Board of Commissioners and private entities from throughout Greene County and the Greater Dayton area.

STAFFING

The Greene County Community Improvement Corporation is staffed by the Greene County Department of Development. The functions of both entities are intertwined.

FUNCTIONS

The CIC established the formal economic development program, commonly called the Campaign for Greene County, in conjunction with the Greene County Department of Development approximately 18 years ago. The Campaign was launched with an initial five-year economic development plan that was funded by both the public and private sectors. The plan, while attempting to serve all industries bringing outside revenue into Greene County, focused on five general industries including:

- aerospace
- agri-business
- distribution
- information technology
- secondary manufacturing.

Subsequent to that, regional retail was added as a new focus.

The plan called for attention to be focused on:

- retention and expansion of existing industries in Greene County
- cataloging economic development incentives
- internal marketing
- external marketing
- transportation corridor development.

The economic development plan has been updated three times since its inception.

TOOLS AVAILABLE TO THE COMMUNITY

- Industrial Development Bonds
- State of Ohio financing programs
- Small Business Administration financing programs
- Enterprise Zone
- State of Ohio Tax Credits

ACCOUNTABILITY

The Campaign for Greene County committed to annually report to businesses and governments of Greene County on the economic well being and vitality of the community. Each year since 1989 an annual Report to the Community dinner has been held to report on the economic activities of the previous calendar year. Each year since 1989 a Report to the Community has been issued outlining economic growth in the communities as well as the listings of growth firms and other services available to Greene County businesses.

BOARD MEMBERS

Chair - John Finlay; Senior Partner, Finlay, Johnson & Beard Ltd.

Vice-Chair - Joe Harkleroad, President, Brentwood Builders

Treasurer - Howard E. Poston; Greene County Administrator

Secretary - Patricia Hobbs; Greene County Department of Development

Alan G. Anderson, Greene County Commissioner

Mark Guess; President, GroCo Family Farms

Frank James; President, James Investment Research, Inc.

Deb Keller; Vice President, Corporate Banking, Key Bank

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