UNION COUNTY, OHIO
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With a prominent corporate base, outstanding quality of life and true community spirit, Union County continues to emerge as the preeminent location for growth and investment in the Columbus metropolitan area.

Union County is strategically located near Columbus, Ohio, the nation's fourteenth largest metropolitan area, along an extensive highway system that provides easy access to major markets throughout the United States and Canada. Union County's close proximity to Columbus, an extensive transportation network, pro-business atmosphere, low cost of living, and skilled workforce have been the ingredients to make Union County very attractive to businesses and new residents.

Union County's economy is strong with a unique and solid mix of manufacturing and research and development facilities. Our world class corporations, Honda of America Mfg., Inc., Scotts Miracle-Gro Company, Nestle Product Technology Center, Inc., Parker Hannifin Hydraulics, Continental, Velocys, and Select Sires, continue to provide employment opportunities for our residents, a stable tax base for community services, and corporate giving programs to ensure our quality of life.

Throughout history Union County has established itself as an important location for industrial innovation and success. The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company, which started in the 1860s as a small local hardware store in Marysville, has since developed into the world's largest producer of lawn and garden products. Scotts Miracle-Gro continues to invest in its Marysville facilities evidenced by the construction of a new office
building and manufacturing building in 2010.

Another important milestone in Union County history was reached in 1979 when Honda of America Mfg. established its first North American production facility, the Marysville Motorcycle Plant. Since the opening of its Motorcycle Plant, Honda of America Mfg. continued to expand including the Marysville Auto Plant in 1982 and the Honda R&D Center in 1985. Honda's success in Union County resulted in additional Honda facilities in East Liberty and Anna, and to the development of numerous supplier facilities throughout Ohio which provide parts and supplies to the main Honda operations. Honda employs over 13,000 Ohioans, making it one of the leading private sector employers in the state.

2019 Population Estimate: 57,835

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While Union County is a regional leader in industrial innovation, it is also known for its agricultural production, alternative energy and life science industries. Union County is home to the headquarters of the Ohio Quarter Horse Congress (Richwood), while the world headquarters for Select Sires, the Ohio Cattleman's Association and the Ohio Beef Council, are all located in Jerome Township. Additionally, The Ohio State University Veterinary Clinic is located in Marysville.

As Union County's attracts new residents and businesses, the county's interconnectedness with metropolitan Columbus is becoming more evident. Over the past two decades, emerging growth trends have focused new residential, office/retail and industrial development along the US 33 corridor in southern Union County. As Union County's economy and commuting patterns evolve, it is apparent that Union County will maintain itself as an integral part of Central Ohio.

One such community that has benefitted from recent growth is the village of Plain City. The village, already enjoying substantial residential development, has taken steps to ensure that future growth occurs in a smart and sustainable fashion. With completion of a new elementary school, the recent construction of a U.S. 42 bypass, and a number of programs designed to strengthen its historic Uptown area, Plain City is poised to experience unprecedented industrial, office, and commercial growth as economic conditions improve.

Elsewhere in Union County, the village of Richwood, located in northeastern Union County, also has its eye set toward a bright future. After receiving over $700,000 in grant funds for the construction of the Richwood Industrial Park, the village has since witnessed the construction of nearly 100,000 square feet of industrial/manufacturing space. To accommodate additional growth and to enhance the quality of life of its residents, community leaders began street paving and infrastructure improvement projects including upgrades to the Richwood Lake Park.

Union County is proud of its history and is excited about its future. Not many communities have been able to maintain small town charm while experiencing rapid growth, but Union County is a prime example of what can be accomplished when business and community work together.

In Union County, businesses can flourish, residents thrive, and the American dream can become reality. We invite you to join us as together… we achieve success.

CITY OF MARYSVILLE, OHIO
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The City of Marysville, which serves as the county seat of Union County, is a community rich with small town charm, conservative family values, and a populous with an unparalleled work ethic. Marysville remains one of the fastest growing communities in central Ohio thanks to its vibrant economy, well-planned neighborhoods, strategic community visioning, and strong community pride. In Marysville, the adage *Where the Grass is Greener* is not merely a phrase, rather a statement that boldly reflects the community's many outstanding qualities.

City leaders continue to strengthen the community's quality of life by promoting the historic preservation of culturally-significant structures and sites. In fact, Marysville has been recognized as one of Ohio's Safest Cities (2014), The #3 Power Suburb in America (2014), The Best Place to Find a Job in Ohio (2014), Most Affordable Suburbs (2010), designated as a Preserve America Community (2008), Certified Local Government (2007), and was recognized as one of the Best Hometowns in Ohio (2006).

Among many assets, Marysville is strategically located for business growth and development. Located just 30 miles northwest of downtown Columbus, 18 miles from the I-270 outerbelt, and 45 miles from John Glenn International Airport, the community is closely linked to the metropolitan Columbus area. Marysville is served by US 33, a four lane, limited access highway which connects Elkhart, Indiana to Richmond, Virginia. Marysville is also a short distance to I-71, I-70, I-75, and is serviced by CSX rail.

Historic Uptown District
The heart of Marysville, in both community spirit and commerce, is the historic Uptown District. Efforts are underway to enhance the business and residential environment in Uptown Marysville by retaining and attracting small businesses and entrepreneurs, supporting the development of loft and upper-level residential units, exploring comprehensive marketing and tourism opportunities, and by creating positive partnerships that promote an attractive and unique Uptown District.

Despite a recent downturn in the national economy, Uptown Marysville continued to witness extensive public and private investment, further evidence of its true economic vitality. Since 2008, the Uptown District has received more than $2,500,000 in private investment and an additional $600,000 in infrastructure improvements including new sidewalks, crosswalks, street lights and banners, traffic signals, benches, flower pots and hanging baskets. These improvements, together with the dedication of residents, business owners and community leaders, will ensure that Uptown Marysville continues to flourish for generations to come.

2019 Population Estimate: 23,286

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Commercial Growth
Thanks to its strong economy and rapid population growth, the City of Marysville and Union County has experienced the largest expansion of commercial and industrial development in its history during the past ten years, totaling over $377 million in development. To accommodate recent residential growth, a number of shopping centers have been developed throughout the area.

Marysville has lead the county in commercial development and presently has seven shopping centers including Eastpointe Plaza, City Gate, Coleman's Crossing, Stocksdale Plaza, Marysville Plaza, Mill Valley Plaza, and The Shoppes of Marysville. Commercial interest has remains high in the community, as evidenced by the recent completion of Meijer and Kroger Marketplace.

Residential Development
Whether residents wish to live in a community close to modern conveniences, in the country with room to roam, or somewhere in between, Marysville and Union County offers residential options for everyone. Marysville has an established housing stock including a number of homes built in the 1800s and early 1900s in the historic Uptown District, and on farms and rural estates located on the outer reaches of the community. Various farms and homesteads are also located throughout rural Union County, where homeowners can enjoy beautiful rolling hills and creeks or gently rolling prairie lands.

The past decade has also brought the most extensive residential development Union County has ever witnessed, with over $745 Million in new single and multi-family units. These new developments, primarily in Marysville, Plain City, Milford Center, Darby Township, and Jerome Township, have brought an incredible influx of new residents to the county. In fact, Union County was the third fastest growing county in Ohio from 1999 to 2009, achieving 53% population growth. With average new home prices around $160,000, housing in Union County remains one of the most affordable suburbs of Columbus.

Education
The City of Marysville is served by the Marysville Exempted Village School District, a progressive district composed of 148 square miles located in the central portion of Union County. Enrollment continues to increase (over 5,400 students) thanks to the community's on-going growth and development.

The District strives to provide the best education to prepare students to meet the challenges of the future. Staff regularly evaluates and upgrades programs, materials, equipment and instructional strategies to best meet the needs of the students. In fact, in 2014, the district opened the Marysville Early College High School, the first high school in Ohio concentrating solely on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM). Because of this, Marysville's educational program achieves at a high standard and is recognized for outstanding performance, achieving consistent excellent rankings from the Ohio Department of Education.

VILLAGE OF RICHWOOD, OHIO
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Where the Clock Strikes Hospitality
The Village's motto perfectly describes the people who live and work in Richwood. This community is proud of its agricultural heritage and is known as a close-knit agricultural community with small town values and work ethic. Throughout the year, Richwood residents gather to enjoy fairs and community festivals such as the Richwood Independent Fair. For relaxation, residents frequent Richwood Park, a beautiful 29-acre park that offers fishing, swimming, picnic shelters, hiking/walking trails, playground, horseshoes, basketball, and baseball/softball.

The All American Quarter Horse Association was established in Richwood and is responsible for the planning of the annual All American Quarter Horse Congress at the Ohio State Fairgrounds in Columbus. The event is the world's largest single-breed horse show with more than 8,500 registered American Quarter Horses. The Congress attracts more than 650,000 to Central Ohio and brings more than $110 million to the regional economy.

Richwood is served by the North Union Local School District, which is composed of 1,500 students within a 162 square mile boundary. The district has recently spent over $32-million to construct a new elementary and middle school and complete renovations on its high school. The district is also served by the Tri-Rivers Career Center in nearby Marion.

Located in northeastern Union County, Richwood is conveniently located 15 miles from Marysville, Marion, and Delaware. This geographic positioning, along with workforce availability, has contributed to recent industrial development in the Richwood Industrial Park.

2019 Population Estimate: 2,273

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Union County Enterprise Zone Program
The Union County Enterprise Zone Program offers tax abatements on real (building construction) and/or personal property (machinery and equipment, furniture and fixtures, inventory) for manufacturing companies wanting to expand or locate within the designated Enterprise Zone areas. The term and amount of the tax abatement is based upon the number of employees, amount of payroll, and amount of private property investment.

Union County Revolving Loan Fund
The Union County Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) program is available for companies creating or retaining jobs and making private property investments within the community. Loans may be granted up to $500,000 and are based upon a loan amount not to exceed $25,000 per job created or retained. The Union County Board of Commissioners, with assistance from the Community Improvement Corporation (CIC), operates the RLF for the County.

Marysville Community Reinvestment Area
In an effort to improve its uptown and surrounding neighborhoods, the City of Marysville established a Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) that provides real property tax abatements for residential, commercial, office and industrial development. The term and amount of the abatements vary depending on the land use, amount of jobs created or retained, amount of payroll, and the amount of the investment.

Plain City Community Reinvestment Areas
The Village of Plain City established CRA Programs in the Uptown District, US 42 Bypass, and US 42 South areas. These programs generally allow real property tax abatements on qualifying residential, commercial, office and industrial construction projects. The term and amount of the abatements vary depending on the land use, amount of jobs created or retained, amount of payroll, and the amount of the investment. These incentive programs are administered by Madison County.

Union County Community Improvement Corporation
The Union County Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) is the statutory non-profit Economic Development arm of the community. The CIC has unique economic development capabilities that include the ability to borrow money, purchase and lease land and buildings, purchase and lease personal property, and to issue bonds or notes.

Marysville-Union County Port Authority
While the Marysville -Union County Port Authority does not operate a traditional port, under the Ohio Revised Code, port authorities are given certain powers in the areas of real estate development, financing and management of foreign trade zones. Unlike a city or county, port authorities can buy land and construct a building that could be leased or sold to a business of its choosing at a privately negotiated price. They can also issue tax-exempt (and therefore, lower interest bonds) on behalf of a private entity for the construction of new plant or equipment.

State of Ohio Assistance
The State of Ohio offers assistance through the Development Services Agency and JobsOhio. Typically, the programs available are based on employment projections, payroll, and total investment.

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Marysville Entrepreneurial Center (MEC)
The Marysville Entrepreneurial Center (MEC) is a business incubator and business resource center located at 129 North Main Street in Marysville. The MEC currently offers business start-ups and entrepreneurs offices suites, flex office space, a business resource library, and networking opportunities. The MEC frequently conducts workshops and seminars designed to assist local businesses. These seminars, often held in partnership with area businesses and organizations, help connect business owners and managers with the information and resources they need to be successful.

Market & Demographic Reports
There is no question that Union County is an excellent location to conduct business. However, businesses must fully understand market conditions and demographic trends occurring within the county and region. That is why we will work with businesses to not only recommend the best locations within Union County to establish a facility, but also assist with the preparation of market and demographic reports to help business owners make important decisions. We also have a wage and benefit survey which is updated biennially.

Project/Development Assistance
We work with businesses no matter their stage of development. From the first stages of a new venture to the final transition of management/ownership, the needs of each business is unique. Our staff will meet with any business to understand concerns, answer questions, and respond to any issues that may arise. To schedule a meeting, simply contact our office. We will be more than happy to help.

Site Selection Assistance
Finding a new location for a business is no easy task. That is why we provide Site Selection Assistance to industrial and commercial clients. While not a replacement for real estate professionals, we are more than happy to work with clients to research local development trends, analyze transportation and zoning options, and determine properties that will lead to a company's overall success.

Training & Employment Assistance
Ohio Means Jobs - Union County is part of a statewide system of workforce development centers and is equipped to assist employers in locating and screening qualified job seekers for available positions.

Ohio Means Jobs - Union County typically provides assistance in the following manner:

- Posting of available positions on two websites.
- Notice of available positions distributed through extensive email lists in Union County and surrounding counties which includes multiple agencies and subscribers.
- Posting of available positions on public display board.
- Distribution and collection of online or paper applications.
- Preliminary screening to ensure that applicants meet minimum qualifications as set by the employer.

FEDERAL OPPORTUNITY ZONE PROGRAM

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What are Opportunity Zones?
Qualified Opportunity Zones are a new community development program established by Congress in the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017. This program encourages new, long-term investment in property or businesses in specific areas through the use of special federal tax incentives. To take advantage of the program, investors must reinvest new capital gains into Qualified Opportunity Funds which are spent in Qualified Opportunity Zones.

What are Capital Gains?
A capital gain occurs when a company or individual sells something for more than it was purchased. Just about everything a company owns qualifies as a capital asset that could create a capital gain, whether it is an investment, such as stocks, or property that was purchased for company use.

How do investors invest in an Opportunity Zone? And what are Qualified Opportunity Funds?
Investments in Opportunity Zones must be made through Qualified Opportunity Funds. There are very few limitations on what kinds of organizations can create and manage an Opportunity Fund, though it must be created as either a partnership or a corporation, and the Fund must be established and managed according to regulations created by the United States Department of Treasury.

Are there Qualified Opportunity Zones in Union County?
Yes. In Union County, Census Tract 505 has been designated by the Department of Treasury as a Federal Opportunity Zone. Census Tract 505 is located in central Union County and includes portions of the City of Marysville and Paris Township. ***Please refer to the map on the reverse of this document.***

How do Qualified Opportunity Funds benefit Opportunity Zones?
At least 90% of the money placed in Qualified Opportunity Funds must be spent within Opportunity Zones. Investments can be made in operating businesses, equipment, and real estate.

The Funds will not provide direct grants but could provide repayable loans or equity investments to projects located in a Zone. Funds have the potential to direct financing to specific geographic areas.

What does the Opportunity Zone Program mean for Business and Property Owners?

As a Business Owner: If you are a business owner currently in an Opportunity Zone or thinking about relocating to one, the program provides two major benefits:

1. Attracting Investors: Your location offers potential investors significant tax incentives for investing in your business through Qualified Opportunity Funds, for example, as a repayable loan to purchase new machinery or a long-term equity investment for a share of your business. Whether you chose to set up a Fund, talk to existing investors, or approach other Funds, the program increases the marketability of your business to attract new capital.

2. Investing in Yourself: If, as a business owner, you or your company has new capital gains, the program and Qualified Opportunity Funds provide a chance to earn the federal tax incentives while making needed investments in your business.

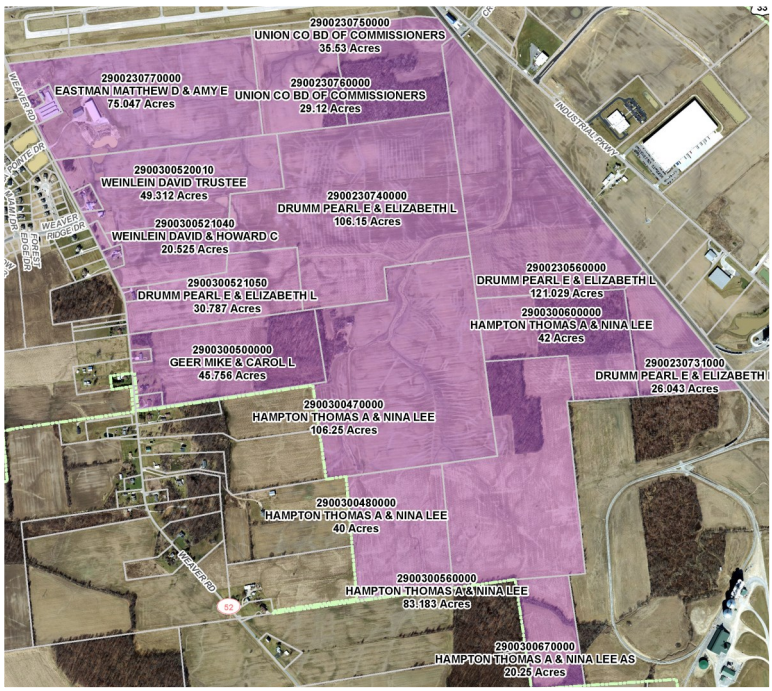
As a Property Owner: If you are a property owner currently in an Opportunity Zone, the program increases the marketability of your property.

Whether it is an investor looking to purchase your house or land, or a business interested in leasing space in your building, this program offers significant benefits you should be aware of:

1. Investors: For the person or company looking to purchase your property, they are able to gain the federal tax benefits by making the purchase through a Qualified Opportunity Fund, increasing the value of the investment in your property.

2. Tenants: For the business interested in leasing space from you, they are able to attract and make investments from Funds due to their location in an Opportunity Zone, increasing the marketability of their business.

Additional Information:
For more information about the Federal Opportunity Zone Program, please visit:
www.cdfifund.gov/Pages/Opportunity-Zones.aspx
or www.unioncounty.org/oz.



ZONE PROFILE

Name	Census Tract 505
County	Union County
State	Ohio
Area (square miles)	8.28
Land Area (square miles)	8.19
Water Area (square miles)	0.08
Total Population	5,278
Total Housing Units	2,547
Total Households	2,273
Median Age	37.6
Vacant MFG Land (acres)	830.9

MARYSVILLE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA PROGRAM

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Purpose
In 2002, the Marysville City Council approved the continuance of a Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) in the Uptown District and surrounding residential areas. The main purpose of the program is to encourage development, redevelopment, and revitalization in the older areas of the community so as to improve economic stability, maintain real property values, and create new employment opportunities. Please refer to the back page of this document for a map of the CRA boundaries.

The CRA program's main mechanism is the use of tax incentives granted to property owners for real property improvements to their buildings which meet the goals, objectives and requirements listed in this document. The abatement reduces the increase of property taxes that occur as a result of the completion of renovations or new construction. It does not reduce existing property taxes. The real property improvements include building and structural modifications such as a new addition, new windows, new façade, new storefront, new awnings and major structural repair.

Eligibility
Residential (no more than two units in building), commercial, and/or industrial property owners in the CRA designated zone who plan to make structural improvements may qualify. Commercial buildings with residential units on the upper levels will be considered as commercial buildings.

Benefits & Requirements
Qualifying residential properties may receive a 75%, seven (7) year real property tax abatement for new improvements for which the cost of remodeling is at least $7,500. Said residential buildings shall not have more than two residential units, shall be owner occupied, and shall not have commercial on the first floor. The review and approval of the Housing Officer is required.

Qualifying commercial and industrial properties may receive up to a 100%, ten (10) year real property tax abatement for new improvements for which the cost of the remodeling is at least $10,000. Approval is on a case-by-case basis and is determined by the amount of investment and number of jobs created or retained.

Qualifying commercial and industrial properties may receive up to a 100%, fifteen (15) year tax abatement for new building construction for which the cost of the new construction is at least $350,000. Approval is on a case-by-case basis and is determined by the amount of investment and number of jobs created or retained.

Criteria for Approval

The City shall consider the following when reviewing each application:

- Residential building is less than two units and is owner occupied;
- Use of building shall meet zoning and building regulations;
- Shall encourage private investment that will repair, construct, or improve a building;
- Commercial and industrial projects that create new employment, restore historical significance, or promote revitalization of the Uptown area are preferred. Non-residential projects should comply with the Union County Economic Development Incentive Policy, a copy of which can be obtained by contacting the Economic Development Office.

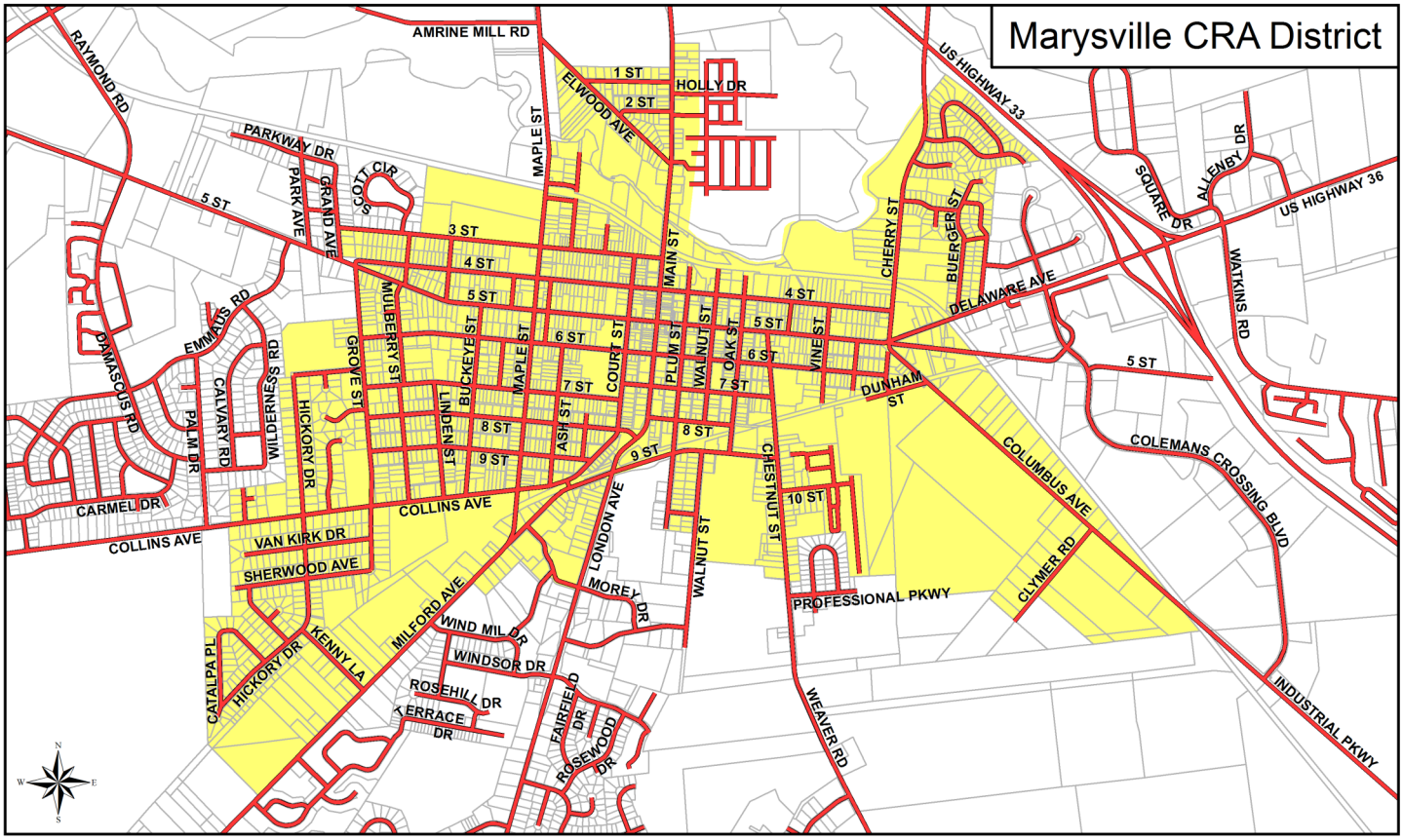
Compliance
Every project that receives a tax abatement is reviewed annually by the City of Marysville Housing Council. The Housing Council is comprised of business owners, citizens, and City officials.

If a property owner does not comply with the terms and conditions of the approved CRA Application, the tax abatement may be removed by action of the Housing Council. Therefore, it is important that the property owner is realistic and plans to satisfy the pledged construction values, jobs created, and the project's impact when he/she completes the CRA Application.

Process

- Property owner contacts the Economic Development Office at 937.642.6279 to discuss the program.
- Once compliance is determined, property owner submits CRA Application for review.
- The City reviews and determines whether the application meets guidelines; application is approved.
- Prior to construction, property owner submits and receives zoning approval. Design Review Board approval may also be required. Please contact the City Zoning Administrator at 937.645.7361.
- Prior to construction, property owner submits and receives an approved Building Permit. Please contact the Union County Building Department by calling 937.645.7359.
- After construction is complete, the Union County Auditor determines the value of improvement and formally institutes the abatement.

CRA Boundary



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Job Creation Tax Credit
The JCTC is a refundable tax credit to companies creating new jobs. The tax credit is measured as a percentage of the state income tax withholdings for all new employees hired under the program, and is applied toward the company's commercial activity tax liability. Minimum requirements; 10 full-time equivalent employees generating at least $660,000 in annual payroll.

Ohio Enterprise Zone Program
Provides real property tax incentives for businesses that expand or relocate in Ohio. To establish an Enterprise Zone, a municipality or county must apply to the Director of Development for certification. To secure benefits, businesses must apply to the local community.

Workforce Training Grant
Supports companies that are making investments in facilities, equipment, and training that result in the retention and creation of jobs. The program provides direct financial support to employers for training, paying for a portion of instructor salaries, materials, travel, and special needs.

Roadwork Development (629)
Funds are available for public roadway improvements, including engineering and design costs. Projects must typically create or retain jobs. Grants are usually provided to a local jurisdiction and require local participation.

166 Direct Loan
Provides loans for land and building acquisition, construction, expansion, or renovation, and equipment purchase for eligible businesses. The program provides low-interest loans up to $1.5 million.

Ohio Enterprise Bond Fund
Provides revenue bond financing through an S&P AA+ rated fund, whereby proceeds from the sale of bonds are loaned to companies for fixed-rate, long-term capital asset financing. Rates are market-driven and fixed prior to funding. Loan terms range between 7 to 10 years for equipment and 15 to 20 years for real estate. Up to $10 million in financing is available through the program.

Research and Development Investment Loan Fund
Provides loan financing between $500,000 and $5 million for projects primarily engaging in research and development activity. Rates are fixed (at or below market rates) with other loan terms similar to those of commercial bank financing. Companies receive a dollar-for-dollar, non-refundable Ohio commercial activity tax credit for principal and interest payments up to $150,000 annually during the loan term.

Innovation Ohio Loan Fund
Provides loans for acquisition, construction, and related capital costs of technology, facilities, and equipment purchases. The fund was created to assist existing Ohio companies in developing next generation products and services within the state's Targeted Industry Sectors up to 75% ranging from $500,000 to $1.5 million.

MARYSVILLE / UNION COUNTY WORKFORCE RESOURCES

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Marysville Early College High School
After being awarded $12.5 million through the Ohio Straight-A Fund program, renovations began to transform the former Marysville Middle School into the Marysville Early College High School (ECHS). The ECHS, which opened to nearly 150 students in August 2014, offers a rigorous college and career readiness curriculum with a unique focus on workforce development. This state-of-the-art learning space was created through a collaboration with Marysville Schools, Columbus State Community College, Otterbein University, Honda of America Mfg., Inc., Ohio Hi-Point Career Center, and the Union County Economic Development Partnership.

Otterbein University - Marysville Innovation Center
Beginning in the fall of 2015, Otterbein University began offering a four-course Organizational Leadership Certificate, taught entirely in the evening for adult learners at the Otterbein-Marysville Innovation Center (OMIC) at the Marysville Early College High School. In addition to the Leadership Certificate, various communication courses will be offered in a hybrid course delivery – incorporating in-class and online study. These credit-bearing classes will be offered in the evening and may count toward additional leadership degrees.

Columbus State Community College - Marysville Regional Learning Center
Columbus State Community College has established the Columbus State Marysville Regional Learning Center at the Marysville Early College High School. In Spring 2016, Columbus State began offering certificate courses in advanced manufacturing.

Ohio University – Dublin Integrated Education Center
Ohio University began construction of a new 86,000 SF facility in Dublin. Known as the OU Dublin Integrated Education Center, the facility will house the university's new Master's Degree in Physician Assistance Practice. The building opened in April 2015.

Tolles Career & Technical Center – RAMTEC
In 2015, Tolles Career & Technical Center (Tolles) established a Robotics & Advanced Manufacturing Technology Education Collaborative (RAMTEC) Center at the school's Plain City campus. Funded by the Ohio Straight-A Fund program, Tolles and seven additional career centers expanded and established RAMTEC centers in order to address the skills gap by preparing high school and adult students with advanced manufacturing and engineering skills.

Mobile Manufacturing Training Lab (MMTL)
The Mobile Manufacturing Training Lab Program will establish (or expand) permanent labs at Tolles, Ohio Hi-Point, and Tri-Rivers Career Centers. The project also includes the purchase of a mobile lab that will visit area schools and industries to promote careers in the manufacturing sector and provide on-site incumbent worker training. The program will provide access to over 78,000 K-12 students and potentially thousands of incumbent workers in Champaign, Franklin, Hardin, Logan, Madison, Marion, Morrow, and Union Counties.

Workforce Resource Portal
The Union County Community Improvement Corporation has launched a new website that is designed to connect employers, educators, and incumbent workers with various workforce development resources. This new portal includes links and in-depth information about local, regional, and statewide workforce programs, initiatives, educational opportunities, and events. The website can be located at www.unioncountyworks.org.

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Japanese Language & Friendship City Programs
To further advance local ties with the Japanese people, in 2013, the City of Marysville and Yorii-machi, Japan entered into a Friendship City agreement. Since then, both communities have hosted delegations of community officials, and a new Japanese Student Exchange Program was launched at Marysville High School. In addition, Japanese language courses were introduced at Marysville and North Union High Schools, with current enrollment exceeding 215 students.

Expanding Workforce Development Services
With RAMTECs located at Tri-Rivers and Tolles, along with the Marysville Early College High School, Union County will have three centers that will offer Advanced Manufacturing as a pathway for students. These facilities, together with the three promotional mobile labs and the Transportable Training and Educational Lab, will allow the community to be better able to deepen its workforce pipeline. These important new projects will ultimately service nearly 80,000 K-12 students and 62,000 manufacturing employees in an eight county region.

Young Entrepreneurs Academy (YEA!)
The Young Entrepreneurs Academy (YEA!) is a year long class that transforms middle and high school students into real entrepreneurs. Throughout the class, students develop business ideas, write business plans, conduct market research, pitch their plans to a panel of investors, and actually launch and run their own companies and social movements.

Union County Human Resources Council
The Union County Human Resources Council is open to anyone with HR responsibilities or advisers providing an HR service to businesses. The Human Resources Council provides attendees with legal updates, employer best practices, and topics for peer-to-peer discussion. Those attending benefit from wide ranging opinions, insights, and key points that can be applied in the workplace.

Wage and Benefit Survey
This Union County Wage & Benefit Survey is produced every two years. Local employers and prospective employers can use the survey to set fair, competitive salary and benefit packages; and estimate costs for adding new staff.

Business-Education Connection Grant Program
With the support of local businesses, the Union County Business-Education Connection Grant Program allows educators in Union County schools to seek funding to implement classroom projects that focus on business development, financial literacy, economic and entrepreneurial development. The projects implemented are designed to help students understand the functions of Capitalism and the open-market theory. Over $75,000 in grant funding has been awarded since the program's launch a decade ago.

Union County Job Fair
The Union County Job Fair is held annually and connects Union County employers with potential employees. Besides networking opportunities with area employers, the Union County Job Fair also provides on-site resume reviews, soft-skills training and interviewing techniques to ensure that Union County residents are better prepared for and able to obtain employment positions within the community. For more information, please contact Ohio Means Jobs – Union County, by calling 937.645.2018.

MARYSVILLE EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL

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A School of Choice
The Marysville Early College High School (ECHS) is a "school of choice" high school for the Marysville Exempted Village School District that opened in August 2014. It was created through a partnership with Marysville Schools, Columbus State Community College, Honda of America Mfg., Inc., Ohio Hi-Point Career Center, and the Union County Chamber of Commerce. It is funded through Ohio's Straight A Grant Fund Program with the intention of providing students with a STEM focused, inquiry based curriculum based on real world experiences.

What is STEM?
STEM is an acronym for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math, but it is much more than that. STEM is a unique approach that fosters creativity and innovative thinking in all students. STEM schools are characterized by:

- Personalized Learning
- Rigorous Learning
- Problem-Based Learning
- Career Pathways
- School and Community Belonging

What is an Early College High School?
An Early College High School is a bold approach based on the principle that academic rigor, combined with the opportunity to save time and money, is a powerful motivator for students to work hard and meet serious intellectual challenges. Early college high schools blend high school and college in a rigorous, yet supportive program, compressing the time it takes to complete a high school diploma and the first two years of college. At the Marysville ECHS, students have the potential to earn between 19-60 credits from Columbus State Community College by the time they graduate. This is the equivalent of an Associate Degree.

What Makes the Marysville ECHS Unique?

- Instruction: The Marysville ECHS uses inquiry-based instruction. Students find answers instead of memorizing them and will develop life-long skills for problem solving and thinking critically.
- Habits of Mind: In and out of classrooms, educators emphasize and model flexibility, outside the box thinking, resilience, collaboration, communication and self-sufficiency.
- Design: The Marysville ECHS uses an integrated design model. Like engineers, artists, and scientists, students use a design process which is: Investigate, Plan, Create and Communicate.
- Mastery Learning: Grades reflect mastery of skills and standards. Students have multiple opportunities to demonstrate mastery of required coursework and must have an 80% to earn a course credit.
- Internships: Internships, mentorships and capstone projects are being planned so that upon graduation students will not only have earned college credits but have extended their learning beyond the school walls.

2019 MARYSVILLE / UNION COUNTY LARGEST EMPLOYERS

UNION COUNTY MARYSVILLE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Enterprise	Community	Sector	Employment
HONDA OF AMERICA (inc. subsidiaries)	Marysville	Manufacturing	7,110
THE SCOTTS MIRACLE-GRO CO	Marysville	Manufacturing	1,100
MEMORIAL HEALTH	Marysville	Healthcare	868
MARYSVILLE EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS	Marysville	Education	746
UNION COUNTY	Marysville	Government	550
OHIO REFORMATORY FOR WOMEN	Marysville	Government	479
CONTINENTAL	Marysville	Manufacturing	400
TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH CENTER	East Liberty	R&D	377
KROGER MARKETPLACE	Marysville	Retail	317
WALMART	Marysville	Retail	310
SCIOTO SERVICES	Marysville	Service	300
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT	Jerome Twp.	Landscaping	300
NESTLE	Marysville	R&D	250
MADE FROM SCRATCH	Jerome Twp.	Retail	216
NORTH UNION LOCAL SCHOOLS	RICHWOOD	Education	200
DUBLIN HEATING & COOLING	Jerome Twp.	Service	200
KELLER WILLIAMS REALTY	Marysville	Service	200
CITY OF MARYSVILLE	Marysville	Government	185
SELECT SIRES	Jerome Twp.	R&D	184
PARKER HANNIFIN HYDRAULICS	Marysville	Manufacturing	170
HONDA MARYSVILLE	Marysville	Retail	154
LOWE'S HOME IMPROVEMENT	Marysville	Retail	150
SUMITOMO ELECTRIC WIRING SYSTEMS	Marysville	Logistics	138
RICHWOOD BANK	Richwood	Finance	135
FAIRBANKS LOCAL SCHOOLS	Milford Center	Education	124
THE HOME DEPOT	Marysville	Retail	105
A2Z FIELD SERVICES	Jerome Twp.	Service	102
MORIROKU TECHNOLOGY NA	Marysville	R&D	82
NISSIN INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT	Marysville	Logistics	78
CASSENS TRANSPORT	Marysville	Logistics	76

List Accurate as of May 2019.
Employment totals may also reflect seasonal and/or part-time employees.

MARYSVILLE / UNION COUNTY JAPANESE FACILITIES

UNION COUNTY MARYSVILLE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

With 22 companies employing approximately 6,615 people, Japanese companies provide numerous jobs and opportunities to Marysville and Union County. These 6,615 jobs account for 24.4% of the total jobs (27,087) in Union County. Over the past 35 years, these companies collectively have invested nearly $5 billion dollars (Honda has invested $4.4 billion alone) into Union County.

Major Japanese Firms Operating in Union County:

- **Advanced Technology Products**
- **Denyo North America**
- **HL-A Company**
- **Honda Engineering North America**
- **Honda Marysville and Honda Marysville Motor Sports**
- **Honda of America Mfg., Inc.**
- **Honda North America**
- **Honda R&D Americas**
- **Honda Trading of America Corp.**
- **KAPI-O USA**
- **KNB Tools of America, Inc.**
- **KTH Parts Industries**
- **Midwest Express, Inc.**
- **Moriroku Technology North America**
- **NB Coatings**
- **Neaton Auto Products Manufacturing, Inc.**
- **Nissin International Transport USA, Inc.**
- **NKC of America, Inc.**
- **Precision Tools (Toyo)**
- **Sanko Gosei Technologies USA, Inc.**
- **Sumitomo Electric Wiring Systems, Inc.**
- **Yaskawa Electric America, Inc.**

Total Companies/Subsidiaries: 22
Total Employees: 6,615

MARYSVILLE / UNION COUNTY FRIENDSHIP CITY PROGRAM

UNION COUNTY MARYSVILLE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Building Stronger Ties
In 2012, former Consulate General Matsuda met with City and County officials and encouraged the community to consider a sister city in Japan as well as Japanese language courses in our school districts. With our close ties to Honda and with our numerous Japanese companies, we began a journey to strengthen our community's ties with Japan. On December 2, 2013, former Marysville Mayor John Gore and Yorii Mayor Makoto Shimada signed a Friendship Declaration agreement. With our close ties to Honda and with our numerous Japanese companies, we eagerly began a journey to strengthen our community's ties with Japan.

Some of the accomplishments since 2012 include:

Midwest U.S. – Japan Association Meetings
The City and County representatives have annually attended Midwest-U.S. Japan Conferences since 2014.

Marysville Schools Mission
In 2014, working closely with the Consulate General's Office in Detroit, Marysville EVSD received a grant from the Japan Foundation to send Marysville High School Principal Aaron Cook to Japan, which included a trip to Yorii. In 2019, Marysville STEM School Principal Ken Chaffin also traveled to Japan.

Friendship Garden
In 2015, the City of Marysville completed Partners Park in Uptown Marysville which included a Friendship Garden. The Friendship Garden was sponsored by Honda of America Mfg., Inc. and included a Japanese stone and Cherry Tree, both donated by the citizens of Yorii.

Japanese Language Program
Marysville Exempted Village School District (MEVSD) began its first Japanese language program during the 2014-2015 school year. The City of Marysville and Union County Commissioners partnered with MEVSD and provided funding that ensured two instructors in the program. As a result, the Japanese language program was expanded to include the North Union Local School District. The program has since grown to the largest in the state of Ohio.

Student Exchange Program
In 2015, seven Marysville students travelled to Yorii-machi, beginning the Marysville-Yorii Student Exchange Program. Since then, students have traveled to Yorii-machi in 2017 and 2019, while students from Yorii-machi have traveled to Marysville in 2016 and 2018.

Japanese Cultural Event
Marysville students have held annual Japanese Cultural Events to raise funds for the Student Exchange Program. To assist with the exchange program, the Honda Foundation recently provided a $20,000 grant.

Marysville Gift to Yorii
To honor our relationship with Yorii-machi, the Marysville-Yorii Friendship Committee worked with Honda of America Mfg., Inc., Tool Technologies, Celebrity, Quantum Technologies, Nissin International Transport, and Marysville EVSD to create a 3D printed Pottersburg Covered Bridge replica as a gift to the citizens of Yorii-machi. The gift was delivered in-person to Yorii-machi City officials.

MARYSVILLE ENTREPRENEURIAL CENTER

The Marysville Entrepreneurial Center is a hub for entrepreneurs, start-ups, and small businesses in Marysville and Union County.

We're Here to Support You!

Many individuals have ideas about new products, systems or programs. With the availability of the Marysville Entrepreneurial Center (MEC), local entrepreneurs are given the opportunity to take their ideas and grow them into viable, sustainable businesses without being forced to leave the community to find highly-specified support and service.

Our History

To support entrepreneurship in Union County and foster "grassroots" economic development, the MEC was created in 2008 in partnership with the Union County Commissioners, Union County Community Improvement Corporation, the Ohio Small Business Development Center, and Rev1.

Our Mission

By forging productive and meaningful relationships with the community's private and public sectors, local and regional stakeholders, and providing the resources businesses need to grow and succeed, the MEC will help foster grassroots innovation and entrepreneurial development.

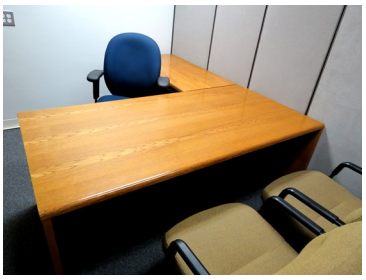
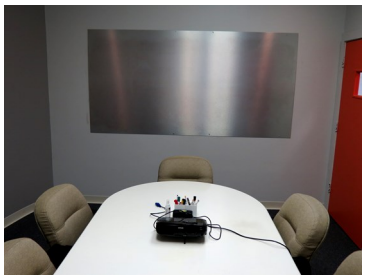
Our Funding Partners

Union County Commissioners

City of Marysville

Union County Economic Development

MARYSVILLE ENTREPRENEURIAL CENTER

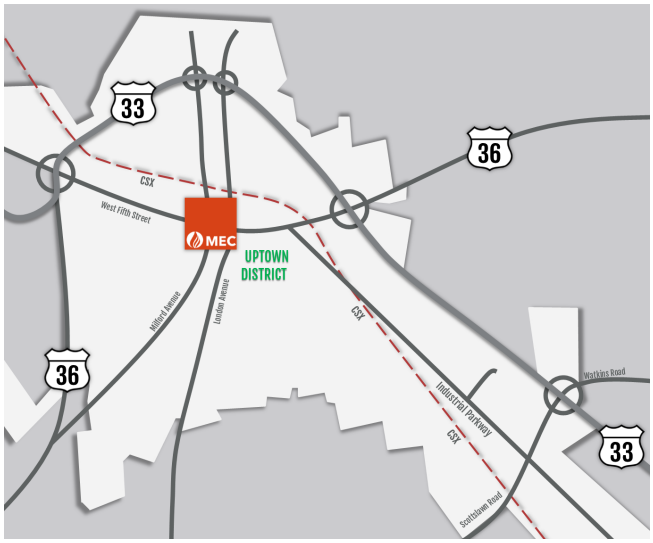
MEC Programs

The MEC provides a number of programs and resources to ensure the success of your business.

- ✓ Business Start-up Assistance
- ✓ Business Planning Sessions
- ✓ Brainstorming Sessions
- ✓ Workshops
- ✓ Educational Seminars
- ✓ Peer-to-Peer Networking
- ✓ Government Regulation Guidance
- ✓ Mentorship and Referral Program
- ✓ Young Entrepreneurs Academy (YEA!)

Our Convenient Location

The MEC is conveniently located in the heart of Marysville's Uptown District at 129 North Main Street.



On-street parking (2-hour limit) is available in front of the MEC. A Public Parking Lot is located at the corner of Fourth and Plum Streets, just one block from the facility.

MEC Features

With limited financial resources to move from their favorite coffee shop or kitchen table to a professional and impressive office environment, start-ups can lose talent, business opportunities, and respect. That is why the MEC offers a professional environment for start-ups. Affordable flex space/hot spots and traditional office space are also available to lease.

The MEC also provides the following for its tenants:

- ✓ 24-hour, 365 Access
- ✓ Training Room
- ✓ Conference Room
- ✓ Kitchenette
- ✓ WIFI
- ✓ Phone Service
- ✓ Mail Service
- ✓ Business-friendly Lease Terms
- ✓ Convenient Uptown Location
- ✓ Chamber Membership Discount

Professional Office Space

To help you keep start-up costs low, the Marysville Entrepreneurial Center offers modern and professional furnished office space at a reduced cost. Space is limited.

Flex Space/Hot-Spots

Do you just need a place to sit and work for a while? Need to meet with a client? The MEC offers a shared office space option for those who need a part-time office either a few days per week or a few hours per day.

Contact Us To Begin Your Journey

The experts at the MEC are more than able to provide the quality assistance start-ups need to grow.

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