



The State of the County 2016

Delaware County Commissioners Jeff Benton, Barb Lewis, Gary Merrell

UPDATE:

Strategic New Hires



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Director of Sanitary Engineering and Development: Michael Frommer

Director of Economic Development: Bob Lamb

Communications Manager: Jane Hawes

County Administrator: TBD

UPDATE:

Tanger Outlet Mall
and I-71/Rts. 36/37
Interchange





On target for a June 2016 Grand Opening at 400 S. Wilson Road in Sunbury.

South Wilson Road, from Rts. 36/37 to Rider Road, is now open to the public and improvements to Rts. 36/37 are complete.



Work has begun on the construction of a new, mile-long diverge lane to the I-71 North exit ramp.



80+ tenants are now committed and beginning to take possession of their suites. Some of the stores coming include: Ann Taylor Factory Store, Banana Republic Factory Store, Coach, Gap Factory Store, J. Crew Factory, The North Face, Talbots Outlet, Under Armour.



Tanger is in the process of hiring full-time staff. Thanks to the mild winter, everything is on track for the grand opening in June.

UPDATE: IKEA and related road projects





IKEA – Coming in Summer 2017

Breaking ground this spring on a 354,000-square-foot store, the second IKEA store to open in Ohio, and will be among 360+ IKEA stores in 47 countries



IKEA – Coming in Summer 2017

Is estimated to create 500 jobs during the construction phase and will employ 300 people once open



IKEA – Coming in Summer 2017

IKEA is ranked in FORTUNE's annual "100 Best Companies to Work For" list and in WORKING MOTHER magazine's annual list of "100 Best Companies for Working Mothers."



Road projects related to IKEA

Gemini Parkway Extension: a \$10.4 million joint project with ODOT, the City of Columbus, MORPC, the City of Westerville and NP Limited. Delaware County is contributing \$4 million to the project. Expected completion date: October 2016.



Two road-widening projects: Both 100 percent county-funded. Includes Worthington Road (\$5.2 million) and Powell/Bale Kenyon roads (\$1.7 million). Both projects are expected to be completed in October 2016.

UPDATE:

“Lean Six Sigma”
Efficiency Program

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Efficiency training program funded with a \$17,000
State of Ohio grant

“Lean Six Sigma”

“Six Sigma” developed at Motorola as a way to reduce defects: The term refers to the expectation that a manufacturing process would be 99.99966 percent — or “six sigma” — free of defects.

The “Lean” methodology developed at Toyota and emphasizes continuous improvement of workflow.

In recent years, these methodologies have been combined to create a more stream-lined training program adaptable to a wide variety of industries and business goals.

“Lean Six Sigma”

Will be rolled out first in the Environmental Services department and expanded to other county departments in future years

UPDATE: Outreach Goals





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Outreach Goals

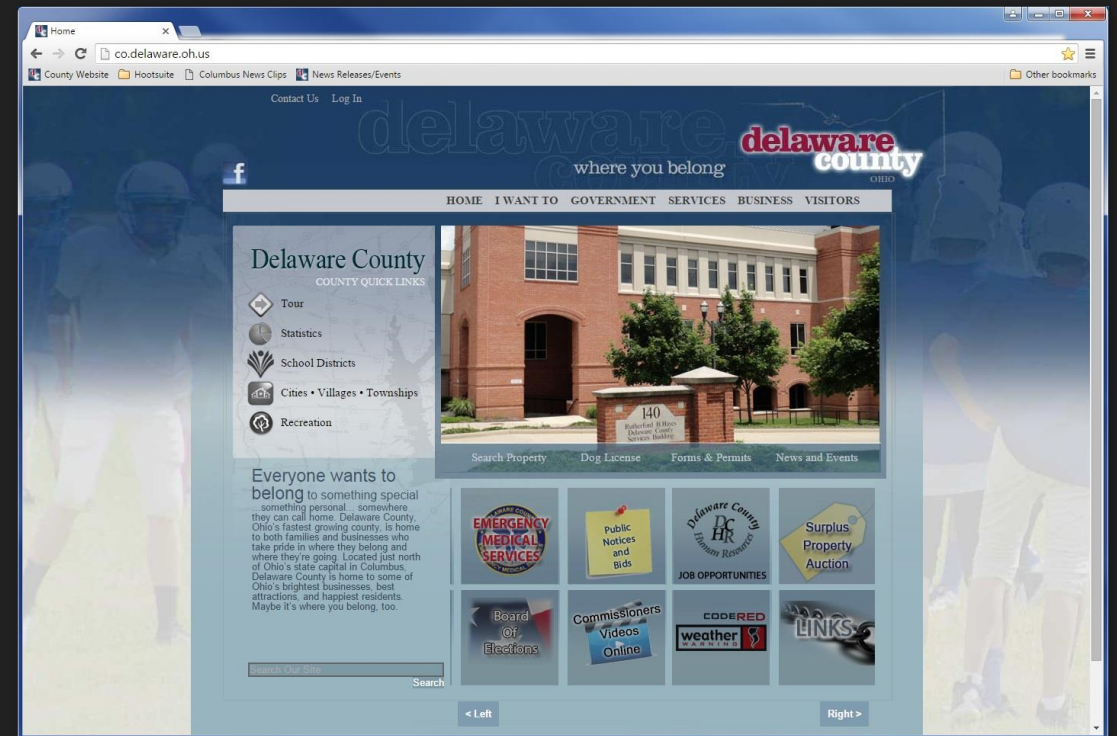
Shared Services: As an example, Genoa Township took the lead on negotiating better trash-collection and recycling rates for Genoa, Liberty and Orange townships. We're looking for similar opportunities at a countywide level.

Outreach Goals: Improved Communications

Tools of Communication:

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The screenshot displays the Facebook page for Delaware County Ohio, a Government Organization. The page features a cover photo of a brick building and a profile picture of the county seal. Key engagement metrics are shown in the 'THIS WEEK' summary:

- 18 Page Likes
- 5,535 Post Reach
- 0 Website Clicks
- 1 of 4 Response Rate
- 10 hours Response Time

The page also shows a recent post by Ron Clayton, published 4 hours ago, regarding an open position on the county's Metropolitan Housing Authority. The post text reads: "Help make a difference when it comes to the matter of affordable housing! Residents of Delaware City and Radnor Township are eligible to apply for an open position on the county's Metropolitan Housing Authority. It's a five-year, volunteer term that involves attending meetings, aiding in annual evaluations, budgeting and planning. To apply, either download an..."

Outreach Goals: Improved Communications

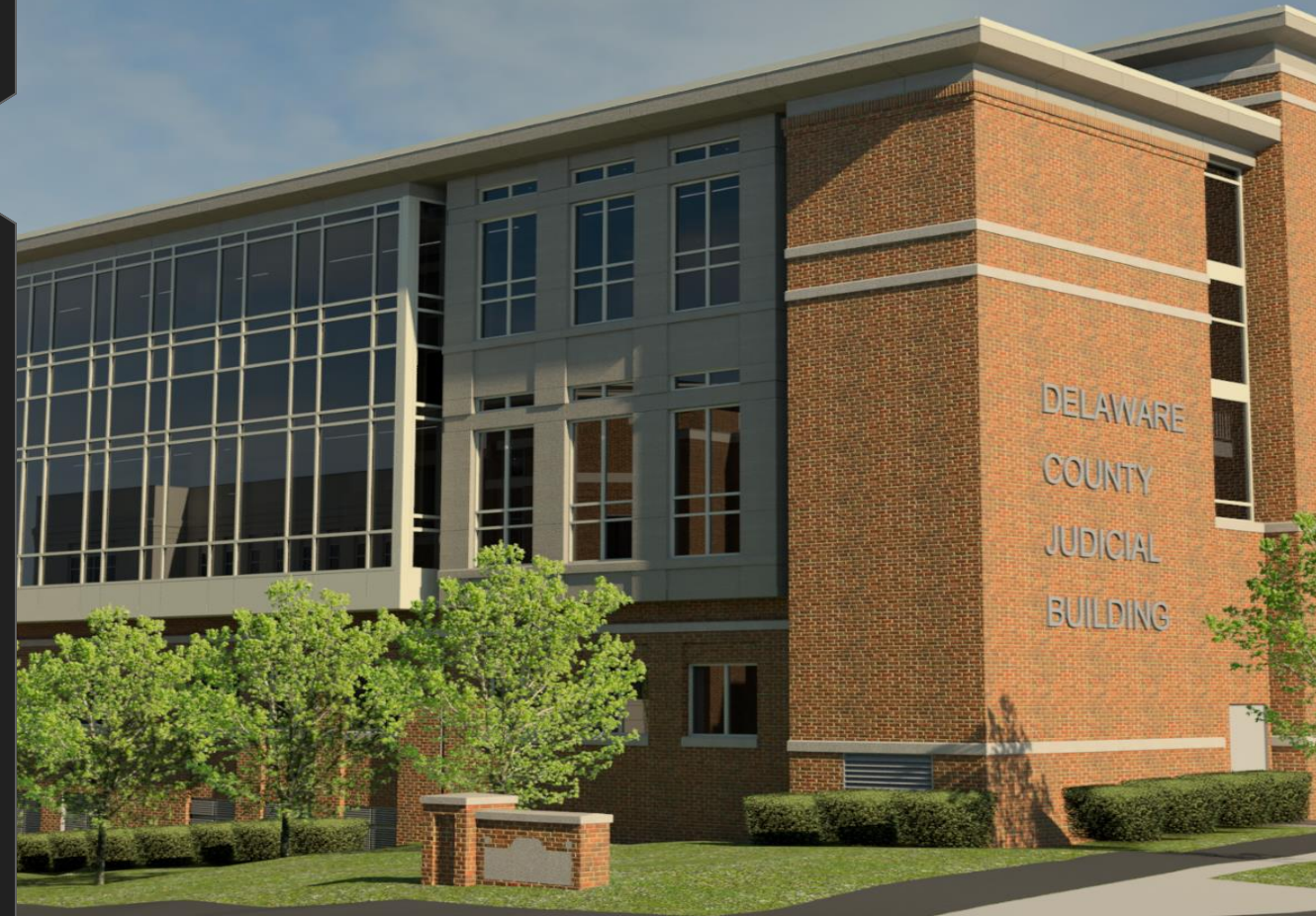
Tools of Communication:

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UPDATE:
Delaware County
Judicial Building





Will house the county's two existing Common Pleas courts, plus the new Common Pleas court for domestic relations, along with...



...the county's adult probation services, the Clerk of Courts operations, two levels of indoor and one level of outdoor parking, plus the state's Fifth District Court of Appeals.



Scheduled for completion in 2017

*Says Delaware City Manager
Tom Homan:*

“The combination of efforts from the county, city and the neighborhood resulted in a prominent court house we are excited to have in our city.”



*Says Delaware County Juvenile
Court Judge David
Hejmanowski:*

"Just as the current Delaware County Courthouse has served the citizens of Delaware County well for close to 150 years, so, too, will this new building meet our needs for the next century and beyond. Designed to be cost effective and to permit future expansion, the building will allow litigants to comfortably, safely and conveniently access services in our justice system. In addition, the historic courthouse can now be renovated and continue to serve our community."



Says Northwest Neighborhood Association member Ray Wollschleger:

“I would like to thank the two sitting County Commissioners, Barb Lewis and Gary Merrell, for honoring their commitment to make this an open and transparent process. They have solicited our community for comments and their architects have attempted to respond to those concerns. This is a perfect example of what participatory democracy is all about.”



UPDATE: Sawmill Parkway Extension





Sawmill Parkway Extension

- * Current phase extends Sawmill Parkway from Hyatts Road north to U.S. Route 42
- * \$10.4 million spent on the project in 2015 with an additional \$20 million to be spent in 2016
- * Completion date: October 2016

*Says Delaware City Manager
Tom Homan:*

"Sawmill Parkway represents the future -- how traffic will move through the region and how economic development will occur."



UPDATE:
9-1-1 Levy

911 CENTER





9-1-1 Levy

The current operating levy expires after 2016. Passed by 64 percent of voters in 2011, it raises more than \$2.5 million a year to fund the county's 9-1-1 emergency dispatching; ongoing dispatcher training for all first responders; and technology upgrades.



In preparing to put this renewal levy on the ballot, the county prosecutor's office discovered that current state law does not allow counties to limit the collection of a 9-1-1 levy to only those areas served. In Delaware County, this means a few pockets that are also part of the cities of Dublin, Westerville and Columbus could be double-taxed. So State Representative Andrew Brenner has introduced a bill to the Ohio House that will enable counties to exclude certain areas.

UPDATE:
Sanitary Sewer
Master Plan

Sanitary Sewer Master Plan

Begun last May, will be completed Summer 2016

Conducted by HDR, Inc., a Columbus-based engineering firm

Is assessing Delaware County's current and future needs over 5-year, 10-year and looking toward a 20-year scenario for population growth and development

Sanitary Sewer Master Plan

Key Findings to date:

The Delaware County Sewer District's key financial variables, including debt ratios, historical operating expenses and cash on hand are "outstanding," according to HDR.

The District has "an impeccable regulatory history."

By early May, HDR will present its recommendations for future service areas, as well as modeling for system maintenance and upgrades.

*Says Director of Sanitary
Engineering and
Development Michael
Frommer:*

“The County has earned a strong track record for environmental compliance and protection of our precious streams and bodies of water and we will maintain that. At the same time, we will be proactive and work with a sense of urgency to match or exceed that of our business partners and customers. Our ultimate goal is seamless collaboration with our many stakeholders on construction and operation of our expansive and constantly growing wastewater system, which is a key component to our growing community and high quality of life.”

