

UPDATE:  
Delaware County  
Fairgrounds



# Passage of the Hotel-Bed Tax...



...will make  
much-needed  
improvements to  
infrastructure  
possible.



# Honoring the past...



DELAWARE COUNTY  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## LITTLE BROWN JUG

Thanks to the vision of founders Joe Neville and Henry "Hank" Thomann, the Little Brown Jug has become "America's Pacing Classic". E. K. "Bull" McManara led the construction that would become the world's fastest half-mile track in harness racing located on these fairgrounds.

Ensign Hanover captured the inaugural Little Brown Jug Pace in four grueling heats on September 18, 1946 at the Delaware County Fairgrounds. Delaware native and Hall of Fame horseman Wayne "Curly" Smart was the winning driver. Ensign Hanover was bred by Hanover Shoe Farms and owned by Castleton Farms.

Since then, every September harness racing's top stars have come to Delaware, Ohio to compete in their sport's greatest event on the world's fastest half-mile track. In 1959, Pacing's Triple Crown was formed and the Little Brown Jug became part of the series along with the Messenger and Cane Pace. Sports Illustrated wrote, "The Little Brown Jug is one of the Top 100 World-Wide Sporting Events every sports fan must attend in their lifetime."



THE WOODS COMPANY  
MAY 1994



...while preparing  
for a better future





Passage of the 3 percent hotel-bed tax will raise an estimated \$200,000 per year.



The money will be spent only on infrastructure improvements, not on operations.

UPDATE:  
Other New  
Business  
Development in  
Delaware County



# MC Fitness & Health

- \* Built by Mount Carmel Health System
- \* 130,000-square-foot complex offering a fitness center and a medically integrated approach to health
- \* Includes Delaware County's second emergency-room facility
- \* Opened Jan. 19, 2016





## Nationwide Children's Hospital and OhioHealth facility in Lewis Center

70,000-square-foot operation will house separate emergency rooms for children and for adults



Will include specialty clinics, developmental therapies and lab services for children

Completion projected for early 2017 and represents a \$16.5 million investment in the county

*The Columbus Dispatch*, Sept.  
18, 2014 :

“The interest in southern Delaware County might come from its ranking as Ohio’s healthiest county, according to a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute study this year of health statistics.”



# *Evans Farm Town Center*

A proposed development in Orange and Berlin townships that will build a walkable neighborhood with housing, retail and office locations, a school and a community/fitness center



# Evans Farm Town Center

Over a 10-year build-out, is projected to bring 1,950 single-family, residential units to the county

Is estimated to yield a \$230 million investment in the county





CONCEPTUAL  
DEVELOPMENT PLAN

**EVANS FARM TOWN CENTER**  
ORANGE & BERLIN TOWNSHIP, DELAWARE COUNTY, OH  
JANUARY 25, 2016



# UPDATE: Big Walnut Interchange



A late 1980s study indicated the need for another I-71 interchange.

A feasibility study seven years ago came with too high a price tag.



Six months ago, another study showed it could be done at a more reasonable cost.

A construction project is still at least four years off, but the goal will be to facilitate commuter needs, not economic development.



UPDATE:  
Economic  
Development:  
Strategic Plan &  
Business Retention  
Study



# Economic Development Strategic Plan

Taking place over the course of 2016

Includes more than 60 meetings with business leaders, organizations and the public

Will help set economic development priorities for the county for the next decade

# Business Retention Study

Also taking place over the course of 2016

Will help the County determine the significant issues facing our business community

We will analyze steps the County can take to diminish negative issues.

UPDATE:

Intra-County  
Government  
Studies

# Intra-County Government Studies

Wages

Health Insurance

Long-Term Facilities Needs

UPDATE:

Accounting and  
Finance  
Improvements

# Accounting and Finance Improvements

ZBB: Zero-based Budgeting

Short-Term Planning: introduce monthly forecasts of cash flow and financial results for the rest of the year after each month's end

Long-Term Planning: introduce five-year projections of cash flow and financial results every year

# Accounting and Finance Improvements

Central Purchasing: look for efficiencies across all departments and lower costs with smarter purchasing decisions

Leveraging Staff Expertise: In the Human Resources and Facilities areas, reduce risk exposure and costs by leveraging the expertise of the county's own experts

# UPDATE: Outreach Goals



# Outreach Goals: Relationship Building

With:

Cities and Villages

Townships

Regional Groups

Service Organizations

