

# Pro-Business Attitude



Local elected officials recognize that a vibrant and growing business community will improve the area's quality of life.

## Development Focus

To support economic development, local officials have invested millions to improve access and infrastructure – two key components for business growth. Further, they have approved tax incentives to encourage over a billion dollars in investment.

In 1999, Plaskolite, Inc. selected Muskingum County as the site for its new 163,000 square foot manufacturing facility. Two years later, the Columbus-based company expanded. The company completed a second plant expansion in 2004 bringing its total investment in Muskingum County to \$45 million. The facility produces clear and colored acrylic sheet, acrylic mirrors and acrylic and styrene lighting panels.

Nine other companies also call the Airport Industrial Park home. In each case, local incentives were provided as a way to encourage investment and job creation by the private sector.

A long-time member of the Zanesville business community, Mattingly Foods, a distributor of food products to national and regional restaurant chains, has accessed local and state incentives for two expansions in the past four years. As a result, Mattingly Foods added 65 employees, increasing its total workforce to more than 250.



*"From the inception, local development officials have been there to assist us with various tasks including selecting the best location for the plant and setting up interviews with potential employees."*

**Matt Brunner,  
Plant Manager,  
Plaskolite, Inc.**



## Quick Facts - Muskingum County

*Population: 84,585*

*Projected Population, 2020: 91,144*

*Largest City: Zanesville, population 25,586*

*2004 Unemployment Rate: 8.2%*

