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## **Adams County Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) Receives \$4.2 Million JobsOhio Grant to Develop the Winchester Industrial Park and Attract New Business**

**Winchester, Ohio: March 18, 2021** – JobsOhio, Ohio Southeast Economic Development (OhioSE) and the Adams County CIC today announced that development of the Winchester Industrial Park will be supported by a \$4.2million JobsOhio Grant.

“To attract more opportunity to Adams County, we and our partners are working on improving site inventory to ensure businesses can easily succeed here,” said J.P. Nauseef, JobsOhio president and CEO. “This assistance will support needed infrastructure improvements to the Winchester Industrial Park, making it an ideal location for future investment and job creation.”

The overall investment includes water, sewer and an access road to the park. Adams County plans to make regional sewer and water upgrades, which will improve the excess capacities at the park. Water capacity will be increased by a 12” water main extension along State Route 32 from the Village of Seaman and will be supported by a 200,000 gallon elevated tank.

A new 700,000 GPD capacity wastewater treatment plant will be built off-site to add capacity to the Village of Winchester’s municipal sewer system as well as supporting the industrial park. The JobsOhio grant will fund extensions of water and sewer to the park boundaries. In addition, new roadwork will be constructed to avoid residential and recreational areas and allow for a safe turn radius for truck traffic.

“The Winchester Industrial Park is just another great example of JobsOhio partnering with Local communities to stimulate economic Development in the 90th district,” said Representative Brian Baldrige of House District 90. “I commend JobsOhio, Adams County Commissioners, Adams County Community Investment Corporation, Adams County Economic Development Office, Adams County regional water, and the Village of Winchester for this unified effort. This is a significant investment for Adams County and our region.”

“This business park’s location allows access to both our region’s labor surplus and the Cincinnati metro area while also being within a federal Opportunity Zone, and I think it has great promise for the future of Adams County,” said OhioSE President Mike Jacoby. “Adams County has been hit very hard economically, and we were pleased to work with Adams County Economic Development and the Adams County CIC to provide vital infrastructure for this industrial park.”

“Our office with the support of the Board of Adams County Commissioners and The Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) has worked diligently to bring the Winchester Industrial Park to life

since 2018,” said Holly Johnson, Adams County Economic and Community Development Director. “We are pleased with the opportunity on this important project and eager to begin putting infrastructure in place for a shovel ready site. Many thanks to all who have made this possible.”

The Winchester Industrial Park is located near SR-32 and the acreage is currently used for agricultural purposes. In 2018, the Adams County CIC purchased 36 acres and in 2019, the Adams County Commissioners purchased an additional 19 adjacent acres to form the Winchester Industrial Park. All planned improvements are expected to be complete by end of year 2023. The industrial park will be a shovel-ready site with all due diligence studies completed, water, sewer and electric to the site and roadwork in place to serve new tenants.

“The Winchester Industrial park has been a goal of ours for a long time and we are excited to see this dream become reality. The Park is a key asset to bringing business into Adams County,” said the Adams County CIC. “In addition to the enterprise zone the Winchester Industrial Park is located entirely within an opportunity zone in Adams County’s northwestern quadrant. Once infrastructure is in place, we are confident this will be a springboard that attracts more development into our community.”

Funding to install infrastructure in the park was made available through the JobsOhio-Ohio Southeast Site Initiative, a program that started in 2018 with the goal of assisting southeastern Ohio counties by creating competitive, development-ready sites capable of winning new business investments. The sites in the program were selected with the assistance of a group of southern Ohio CEOs who advised JobsOhio and Ohio Southeast Economic Development.

“The ‘Route 32 Corridor’ is a vital part of the economic development future of Ohio’s 14th Senate District,” said Senator Terry Johnson. “With the combination of state support for infrastructure enhancements and the strong spirit of entrepreneurship and free enterprise coming from our business community, we are securing a stronger future for the good people of southern Ohio.”

Several other sites in southern Ohio also participated in due diligence reviews through this initiative. These due diligence reviews include a title review, environmental assessment, wetlands delineations, threatened & endangered species study, cultural resources report, geotechnical report, utility assessment, grading plan, and engineer’s development cost estimate.

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**JobsOhio** is a private nonprofit economic development corporation designed to drive job creation and new capital investment in Ohio through business attraction, retention and expansion. The organization also works to seed talent production in its targeted industries and to attract talent to Ohio through *Find Your Ohio*. JobsOhio works with six regional partners across Ohio: *Dayton Development Coalition*, *Ohio Southeast*, *One Columbus*, REDI Cincinnati, Regional Growth Partnership and Team NEO. Learn more at [www.jobsohio.com](http://www.jobsohio.com). Follow us on LinkedIn, Twitter and Facebook.

**Ohio Southeast Economic Development (OhioSE)** is the JobsOhio Network Partner for southern, eastern and southeastern Ohio, providing economic development work and resources in 25 rural counties; they

are the newest and geographically the largest of the six regions across the state. OhioSE partners closely with regional development districts, local economic development offices, state agencies and other entities to expand, retain and attract businesses in the counties they serve. Learn more at [OhioSE.com](http://OhioSE.com).

**Adams County CIC:** The CIC is a public-private partnership governed by a local, volunteer board of trustees and an executive director. It was established under Chapter 1724 of the Ohio Revised Code for the purpose of advancing, encouraging, and promoting the industrial, economic, commercial, and civic development of Adams County.

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