

County Economic Development Symposium

June 24-25 2015



Time and Room	Session
11:15 a.m 12:15 p.m. Union B	Between 1995 and 2013, 35 percent of jobs came from second-stage companies that represent just 13 percent of U.S. establishments. Economic Gardening represents a new way of thinking about supporting second-stage companies and a new approach to economic development. In contrast to traditional business incentives, Economic Gardening addresses strategic growth challenges of target second-stage companies to spark job creation and vibrant economies. The National Center for Economic Gardening has partnered with development organizations in Ohio and around the nation to focus economic development efforts in support of second-stage companies. Our speakers will present a national and statewide perspective on Economic Gardening.
	Moderator: Luke Kellett, Director of Business Development, Heath-Newark-Licking County Port Authority and a Certified Economic Gardening Professional Colleen Killen-Roberts, General Manager of the National Center for Economic Gardening Susan Holben, Economic Gardening Program Administrator, Michigan Economic Development Corporation
11:15 a.m 12:15 p.m. Union C	Energy as an Economic Development Strategy The significant growth of domestic shale and renewable energy development has drawn the attention of policymakers and economic developers from across the nation interested in growing jobs, local tax revenue and keeping energy companies in their communities. This session will review Ohio energy trends related to large-scale renewable energy development, distributed energy generation for local businesses and manufacturers, and shale energy development. We will discuss the benefits and challenges associated with energy development strategies and provide participants with resources to use with businesses in their community. Moderator: Greg Davis, Ph.D., Assistant Director, OSU Extension Community Development Eric Romich, Assistant Professor and Field Specialist for Energy Development, Ohio State University Extension

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12:30 - 1:15 p.m. Franklin	Luncheon Keynote Address: Building Ohio's Communities From Within
	Ohio's rural and urban communities possess tremendous assets in their people, businesses, as well as their natural environment. Professor Partridge will discuss the needs for putting those assets to work for economic development rather than jumping on the latest fad or flavor of the month. In particular, he will discuss education, entrepreneurship and the need to collaboratively work together with regional neighbors in enhancing economic development.
	Moderator: Mike Halleck, Columbiana County Commissioner and President, County Commissioners Association of Ohio
	Mark Partridge, Ph.D., C. William Swank Chair of Rural-Urban Policy, The Ohio State University
1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Union A	Jobs in the Aerospace and Military Sector Ohio has a rich history in aviation. How do we prepare ourselves to support and grow military and aerospace sector jobs? The Ohio Federal Military Jobs Commission will be discussed.
1 T	Moderator: Deborah Lieberman, Esq., Montgomery County Commissioner
	Colonel Cassie Barlow (ret.), Ph.D., Executive Director, Aerospace Professional Development Center, Wright State University
	Dave Burrows, Vice President of Development, Dayton Development Coalition/JobsOhio
a P	Martha Smith, former Director, Defense Finance and Accounting Services
1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Union B	Local Economic Development Incentives This panel discussion will start with an overview of local economic development programs that every county should offer. It will then look at unique local programs that can give your county and communities an edge.
	Moderator: Chris Schmenk, Esq., of Counsel, Bricker and Eckler LLP
	Erik Collins, Director, Montgomery County Community and Economic Development
	John Recker, Senior Project Manager, Regional Growth Partnership
	Rafael Rodriguez, Director, Community & Economic Development, City of Canton

David Civittolo, Associate Professor & Extension Field Specialist, Community Economics, Ohio State University Extension