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Greg Bolton, Chemours – Manufacturing Tech Manager**

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Thank you!
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ANNUAL REPORT
2025
WOOD COUNTY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The ultimate resource in economic development is people..."

- Peter Drucker

This past year has been one of meaningful progress for Wood County as we continue to strengthen our economy, work to create opportunity, and prepare for the future. Through strategic partnerships and a commitment to making Wood County a business-friendly community, we are laying the groundwork for long-term prosperity.

We are seeing strong momentum in business retention and expansion. Over the past year, local employers have added new jobs and reinvested millions of dollars in facility upgrades and workforce training. Our collaborative efforts with state and regional partners are helping existing businesses thrive while positioning us to welcome new investment.

Looking ahead, our priorities are clear: continue preparing sites for development, foster innovation and entrepreneurship, and ensure that every resident of Wood County has the opportunity to share in our economic success. The foundation we are building today will create lasting benefits for generations to come. A prime example is the West Virginia University at Parkersburg Innovation and Technology Center that's being renovated and revitalized. A \$30 million project that will change lives and transform the City of Vienna, Wood County and the entire Mid-Ohio Valley.

On behalf of Kate and I, thank you for your support and dedication to Wood County's future. Together, we are creating momentum and we are just getting started.

Lindsey Piersol
Executive Director

L.P. Piersol

Lindsey attended the State of the State at the WV Capitol in February.



Attended the Fall and Legislative WVEDC Conferences in Martinsburg and Charleston, WV.



The WCED assisted with hosting a large Japanese delegation of prospective businesses in December 2024.



+681
FB Followers
4672

+114
LinkedIn
1176

+74.3%
FB Content
Interaction
16,678

ITC PROGRESS

The WCED has continued to work alongside WVUP, The City of Vienna, Wood County Schools and more on the development of the former OVU site. The Innovation & Technology Center project has continued to move forward with students planned to begin classes in August of 2025. The new Vienna Elementary School is planned to be located on a portion of the ITC land and set to open in 2027.



402 AVERY STREET

The WCED office started the process of bidding out the 402 Avery project. Sixmo Architecture was selected to complete the A&E work. The renovations will likely begin in early 2026. 406 Avery was purchased by a business and is being renovated.



20+
NEW
BUSINESSES

First Chapter
book store in
Downtown
Parkersburg.



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RIBBON
CUTTINGS
ATTENDED

The Southside IAR project has continued to move forward. The WCDA also received an IAR grant for the new ITC road on 12th street for the FY 24/25 and plans to reapply for ITC for the FY 25/26.

AWARDS & HONORS

Kate attended 5 more Leadership WV sessions and graduated as part of the 2024 LWV class in November. She also received the Chamber of Commerce of the MOV Emerging Leader award in September of 2024.

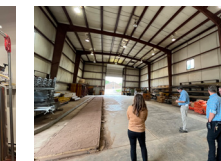
Our office worked with over 49 leads and prospective businesses and completed over 39 project follow ups.

88+
LEADS
PROSPECTS
& FOLLOWUPS



The WCED office continued to work with MOV Regional Airport on site planning.

Attended the Paris Air Show alongside several state representatives in an attempt to attract prospective businesses to locate at the airport. Also assisted in obtaining \$10k in funding from the Wood County Commission to put toward Thrasher's master planning.

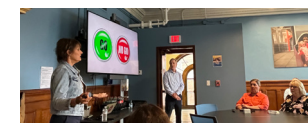
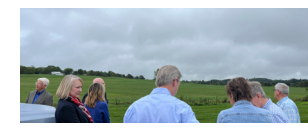


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BUSINESS
RETENTION &
EXPANSION VISITS

The WCED office met with over 64 businesses this year. Including LIUNA 1085, Sheet Metal Workers 33, Plumbers & Steamfitters Local 565, Millwright Local 443, Woodcraft, Parkersburg Brewing Co., Burgess & Niple, ECO USA and Holl's Chocolate.

SITE READINESS



The State of WV YesWV site readiness program continued. The WCED hosted InSite Consulting in Oct of 2024 to present two Wood County sites, both progressed to the next phase of the program.

PROPERTIES
MARKED
INACTIVE

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PLEASANTS COUNTY

The WCED entered into a pilot contract with the Pleasants County Development Authority to assist in managing their development authority after the retirement of their director. Have begun assisting with BRE visits, property database entries, creation of a new website and social media pages and more.



River Town
Aviation
at MOV
Regional
Airport.