

# Economic Edge

## About GCRCD

Greater Chillicothe & Ross County Development's Mission is to promote the industrial, economic, commercial and civic development of Ross County.

## Workforce Strong



## The Heart of Economic Success

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### Ross County: Grounded in hard work. Growing with purpose.

The recent closure of one of our oldest and largest employers has had a profound impact on our community, leaving many with unexpected career changes. While challenging, this moment also highlights the resilience of our workforce. Across Ross County, people are stepping up to reskill, retrain and explore new opportunities - and our local schools and career centers are there to support them.

Every thriving community has one thing in common: People. Programs in vocational training, college education and career development ensure that our workforce has the tools to succeed. For too long, the notion persisted that finding a good-paying job meant leaving our community, but that's no longer the case. Today, local employers offer competitive careers choices right here in Southern Ohio.

When businesses and employees grow together, the benefits ripple outward. Families gain stability, neighborhoods expand, schools thrive, and the local economy grows. By supporting workforce development, training programs, and career pathways, these employers are helping build a community where success isn't just individual, it's collective.

In Ross County, our greatest advantage isn't just location, it's our people. Hardworking, loyal, and skilled - our workforce is the foundation of every success story here. It's simply smart business to grow in a community built on strong hands and stronger values. To learn more about workforce training and supportive resources visit: [SCIOTOVALLEYFORWARD.COM](http://SCIOTOVALLEYFORWARD.COM)

