

## What's rollin'?

### MRCI Website Up and Running

The MRCI website is up and running at [mrci.ysu.edu](http://mrci.ysu.edu) and has been edited to reflect changes, additions and corrections recommended as a result of the preview at the June MRCI meeting. The site also includes the new Corridor Initiative logo.

In addition to monitoring and updating site information, we are working on incorporating more about other available sites and businesses and the Mahoning Valley workforce.

Special thanks to Amanda Mahon, who designed and constructed the site; John Bralich, who produced and designed the interactive site maps; Hal Withrow, who maintains the web server; the Fund For Our Economic Future and corridor communities for funding the web site and the Regional Chamber for their cooperation in providing information about incentives and available buildings.

### Developing Connections

The MRCI Marketing and Outreach Committee, in partnership with the Regional Chamber and Western Reserve Port Authority, are working on an event entitled "Developing Connections". Depending on the responses received by August 6th, the event is scheduled for September 16, 2010 at the YSU Williamson College of Business from 8:30 to noon.

Developing Connections is aimed at providing corridor businesses, property owners and other interested parties with the opportunity to network and interact with representatives of various organizations and agencies about financial incentives, workforce training brownfield opportunities, marketing, etc. available to help promote development.

Approximately, eighty invitations have been send to date. MRCI partners who know of someone who can benefit from attending should notify Dan Mamula, or send them the invitation on the following page.

### HUD Sustainable Communities Program

The Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant was released June 24, 2010. In light of the final criteria of the grant, it became questionable whether a smaller regional effort would be competitive. A consortium of northeast Ohio foundations and communities initiated a process whereby the mpos (4), counties and cities in northeast Ohio would collaborate in filing a regional application for funding. Currently, discussions are being held as to the areas of focus the planning grant application should address and the organizational structure for implementation.

### Mahoning River Corridor Mayors' Association Meeting

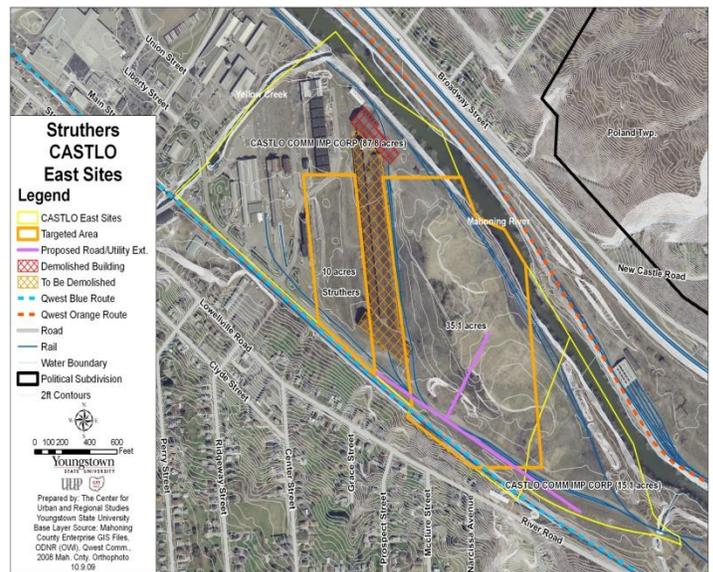
Friday, July 30, 2010, 1:00 p.m.  
McDonald Village Hall, 500 Ohio Ave.

The MRCI Manager, Eastgate COG and others from the valley are participating in the process. The MRCI has provided enlight, the consultant of the consortium, with the various Mahoning Valley stakeholders to be contacted. It is important the interests of the Mahoning Valley are addressed in any application. The application deadline is August 23, 2010.

For more information, interested corridor partners can contact Amy Kulisheck at 216-245-0759 or [Amy.Kulisheck@enlightadvisors.com](mailto:Amy.Kulisheck@enlightadvisors.com)

### CASTLO Jobs Ready Site

On Tuesday, June 29, 2010, the MRCI Manager joined with Randy Partika, Chairman of the CASTLO Board of Directors, in making a presentation to the JRS review panel in Columbus on the CASTLO's \$4,000,000 JRS application. CASTLO's application proposes to make infrastructure (roadway, sewer, utility) improvements on a remediated forty acres site and demolition of a mill building in the industrial park. Grant awards are expected to be announced by September.



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As a business/ property owner or interested party in economic development in the Mahoning River corridor, you're being invited by the Mahoning River Corridor Initiative - in partnership with the Regional Chamber and Western Reserve Port Authority - to join us in

### ***“Developing Connections”***

**Where:** the new YSU Williamson College of Business (Parking will be available.)

**When:** Thursday, September 16, 2010, 8:30 – NOON (Light refreshments available)

**Who:** business owners, property owners, commercial realtors, civic leaders and development agencies.

**Why:** To make connections and have the opportunity to network and interact with the appropriate individuals, organizations and agencies about your interests, concerns and the economic development and marketing opportunities available to the private sector.

Want to know more and make connections about financial incentives, workforce training programs, brownfield opportunities, tax credits, marketing opportunities, and more? RSVP for “Developing Connections” by emailing or calling Dan Mamula, MRCI Manager ([dcmamula@ysu.edu](mailto:dcmamula@ysu.edu)) at 330-941-1850 or Kathy Globeck ([klglobeck@ysu.edu](mailto:klglobeck@ysu.edu)) at 330-941-1524 by Friday, August 6, 2010.

We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Dan Mamula



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