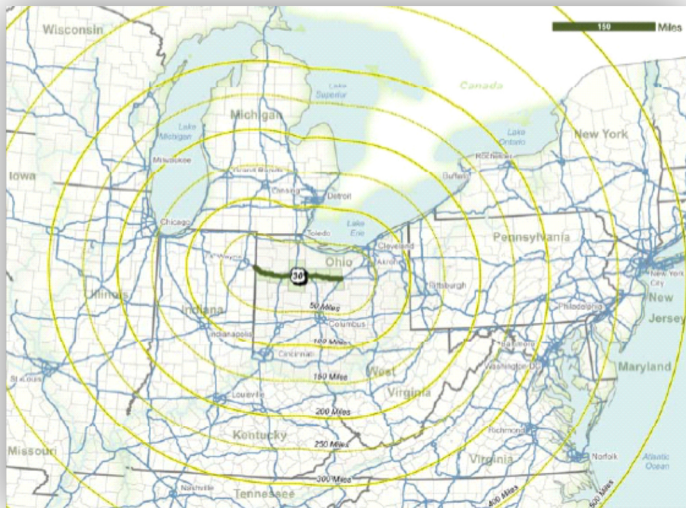


Crawford County in collaboration with Wyandot, Ashland, and Richland counties, all located along the U.S. Rt. 30 Corridor, is home to an abundance of opportunities for business expansion or retention.

U.S. Rt. 30 Corridor

Sites



Infrastructure access & capacity

Opportunity to bring large companies, since greenfield & brownfield sites are available

Potential Industry: Energy, Manufacturing, Distribution, Food & Beverage

Shovel Ready Sites - SiteOhio Authenticated Site in Crawford County & Richland County

12 Interchanges in Richland County

7 Interchanges in Crawford County

6 Interchanges in Wyandot County

Logistics

U.S. Route 30 is an east-west four-laned limited access freeway

93% travel reliability (per ODOT), highest in the state, travel can be measured in minutes vs. miles

Crossed by two interstates: I-75 and I-71

Extensive system of U.S. & State Routes connecting the region to the U.S. markets

Region is within 500 miles, a day's drive, of major population centers, 60% of the U.S. population can be reached

Accessible to major east coast, great lakes, and Ohio River ports

Well served by rail lines - major carriers are CSX Transportation; Norfolk Southern; Chicago, Fort Wayne, & Eastern Railroad; and Wheeling and Lake Erie Railway Co.

5 major airports within a two-hour drive

Affordability

The wage differential is below the national average, may be an advantage to operate along the U.S. Rt. 30 Corridor

Displaced labor pool represents a labor pool for retraining

Productive & competitive workforce

Low cost of living

Low taxes

Attractive energy costs

Educational Resources

In the area of the U.S. Rt. 30 Corridor are several area colleges, universities, & trade schools:

The Ohio State University - Mansfield, Marion, Lima, Wooster ATI

North Central State College

North Central State College - Crawford Success Center

Pioneer Career & Technology Center

Madison Adult Career Center

Heidelberg University Ashland University

Tiffin University Kent State University

University of Findlay Ohio Northern University

Walsh University College of Wooster

Tri-Rivers Career Center Marion Technical College

Natural Resources

Productive topsoil & area is relatively flat

Available land

Abundance of water (Sandusky & Olentangy Rivers)

Accessibility to natural gas (Marcellus & Utica Shale) via the Rover Pipeline

Wind

Solar