

GLR CONNECT

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Hello there,

GLR remains committed to delivering timely strategic project updates, spotlighting key upcoming events, and sharing notable developments shaping the Greater Lima region. Explore this issue to stay informed on the latest activity and opportunities across our community.

WHAT'S NEW



Collaboration in Focus: AEDG Hosts Coffee & Conversation with RGP and JobsOhio

GLR was glad to support and attend AEDG's **Coffee & Conversation** event on **February 26** at UNOH Racers Station. The session featured **Chase Eikenbary** and **Jeff Sprague** from the Regional Growth Partnership, who shared valuable insights on the JobsOhio Relocation Incentive Program and its impact on helping employers attract new talent to Ohio.

We appreciate AEDG for hosting this collaborative conversation and bringing partners together to strengthen workforce and business growth across our region.



Spotlighting Talent Tools & Regional Collaboration at Wake, Rattle & Roll

AEDG and GLR were present to support JobsOhio during their presentation at the Chamber's Wake, Rattle & Roll event. The morning program featured keynote speakers Trent Wise and Zack Ellsworth from OhioMeansJobs Allen County, who provided an overview of the AcuMax Assessment and highlighted workforce and talent-development services available to local employers. Attendees also heard updates from event sponsors NexGen Research and Howard Hanna's Sheila Custer, along with community updates from Activate Allen County and Visit Greater Lima. The event offered strong networking opportunities and reinforced ongoing collaboration around regional business growth and workforce development.



Evaluation Work Begins as Riverfront One Redevelopment Advances

Downtown Lima's Riverfront One project is progressing through early evaluation steps, with crews clearing old materials and exposing the building's original brick as part of the review process. Supported by the Allen County Land Bank and the City of Lima in collaboration with developers, the effort is moving toward potential residential redevelopment that would strengthen downtown living and long-term investment.



CEDS Draft Now Open for Public Review

The final draft of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) is now available for public review. You can view the document by scanning and/or clicking the QR code below. **We encourage you to review the Summary of CEDS Goals (pages 44-56)**, which connects stakeholder input to clear regional strategies and actions. AEDG will align its priorities with these goals and pursue support from the U.S. Economic Development Administration.

The public comment period runs from **February 10 to March 11**. Following the review period, the five county economic development boards will submit letters of support and the final CEDS submission to the U.S. Economic Development Administration.



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



A New Investment in Women's Wellness for Allen County

GLR was honored to join Mercy Health – St. Rita's on February 25 as they introduced their new Women's Health practice in downtown Lima. The expansion strengthens access to comprehensive, specialized care for women throughout the region, including support for hormone and metabolic health, nutrition, CBT, and therapeutic services. This is a meaningful step forward for our community, and we congratulate Mercy Health on the opening.

EVENTS

STATE OF OHIO ETHICS TRAINING

We invite you to participate in our upcoming Ethics Training for all government agencies, boards, and commissions.

This session provides essential guidance to help individuals in both the public and private sectors understand and comply with the Ethics Law. All boards, commissions, and government agencies are encouraged to attend this free training opportunity.

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LIMA, OH 45804

WEDNESDAY
MARCH 4, 2026

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

RSVP TODAY!

Register Today for the State of Ohio Ethics Training in Lima

There's still time to register! Join us for a State of Ohio Ethics Training designed for government agencies, boards, and commissions. This free session will provide essential guidance to help public- and private-sector professionals understand and comply with Ohio's Ethics Law.

For those wondering about certification: Public employees and officials are not statutorily required to take this training, but participation is strongly encouraged, as all are subject to the Ohio Ethics Law.

AEDG will provide certificates of participation verifying attendance for anyone who needs documentation for their office, continuing education records, or professional licensing requirements.

The training will be delivered by the **Ohio Ethics Commission Manager, Susan Willeke**, and will take place on **Wednesday, March 4, 2026, from 10:00-11:00 AM at OhioMeansJobs, 951 Commerce Pkwy, Lima, OH 45804**. Any questions or concerns can be sent to susan.willeke@ethics.ohio.gov.

RSVP today by scanning or clicking the QR code in the image above!

Member Connect Sessions

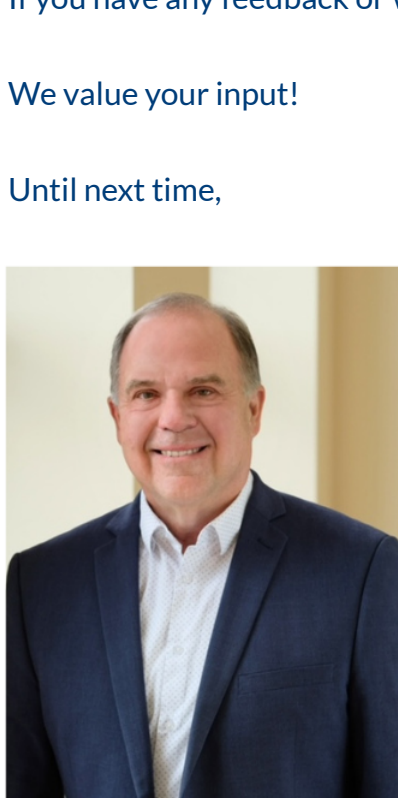
If you're interested in setting up a time to meet and talk through your membership commitment and any other ideas or visions, feel free to reach out to me directly. I'm happy to coordinate a time that works well for you and make sure we get everything in place.

Thank you for reading this month's edition of **GLR CONNECT**. We're excited about the growth and progress within our community, and we look forward to keeping you updated on future developments. Stay tuned for more exciting news, events, and opportunities to get involved.

If you have any feedback or want to contribute, don't hesitate to reach out to us.

We value your input!

Until next time,



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