



EG and Imagine Jackson 2020 Highlights Based upon the Five-year Strategic Initiatives

CAMPAIGN STATUS as of May 23, 2016:

Total raised to date - Annually = \$449,532

94% of our Goal!

77 IMAGINE JACKSON 2020 INVESTORS – THANK YOU!

- Abbott, Thomson, Mauldin, Parker & Beer, PLC.
- Airmaster Fan
- Alro Steel Corporation
- Ann Arbor State Bank
- *Arbor North Living Center
- Art Moehn Auto Group
- *Automated Logistics Systems
- Baker College
- Blackman Charter Township
- Blackman Charter Township BDDA
- Blackman Charter Township BLDFFA
- Caster Concepts
- Comerica Bank
- Commonwealth Associates
- *Commonwealth Commerce Center
- Consumers Energy
- County National Bank
- CP Federal Credit Union
- *Daniel L. Jacob & Co.
- Dawn Food Products
- *Dickinson Wright, PLLC.
- Diversified Precision Products
- Economic Development Corp. of Jackson Co.
- *ELCo Enterprises, Inc.
- *Elm Plating Company
- *Emmons Service, Inc.
- Englewood Electric
- Envirologic
- Experience Jackson
- Fifth Third Bank
- First Merit Bank
- Flagstar Bank
- *Gerdau Special Steel N.A.
- *Grass Lake Charter Township
- Great Lakes Industry
- Hanover Township
- Henry Ford Allegiance Health
- Holiday Inn
- Industrial Steel Treating
- I.T.C. Holdings Corporation
- Jackson Area Association of Realtors
- Jackson College
- Jackson Community Ambulance
- Jackson County
- Jackson County BRA
- Jackson County Chamber of Commerce
- JTV
- J.V. Butterfield Investments
- *Klavon's Pizzeria & Pub
- Lally Group
- Liberty Township
- *Local Logic Media
- Lomar Machine
- Marcoux, Allen, Schomer, Bower, Nichols, Kendall & Lindsey, P.C.
- *Markowski & Co.
- Michigan Automotive Compressor, Inc. (MACI)
- Michigan International Speedway (MIS)
- Napoleon Township
- Northstar Capital, LLC.
- O'Harrow Construction
- *Orbitform
- OSB Bank Community Bank
- Parma LDFA
- Parma Township
- *Peak Manufacturing
- Petty Machine & Tool
- Phil & Pat Willis
- Pioneer Foundry
- R.W. Mercer Company, Inc.
- *Richmond Brothers
- *Salco Engineering & Mfg.
- Smith Group JJR
- Spring Arbor University
- Summit Township
- *Technique, Inc.
- *TransPharm Preclinical Solutions
- Walton Insurance Group

****19 New EG Investors***

JACKSON COUNTY SITE & INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT:

The EG is developing a technical working committee to assist with infrastructure and site planning. The areas of focus will include Construction, Engineering, Water and Sewer operations, Electricity and Natural gas, Site Planning, Zoning, GIS utilization, Environmental Review, Transportation, and Local Government. The EG is recruiting representatives from its investors and community members to participate in the work group. The

committee will focus on site identification, a prioritization process, and the issues that need to be addressed to bring sites up to development- ready standards.

RETAINING, EXPANDING, AND RECRUITING BUSINESSES:

The Economic Development Corporation of Jackson County (EDC) closed on a \$200,000 Revolving Loan Fund with Crown Industrial Services, creating up to 30 jobs and a total project cost of \$2,799,000. They also benefitted by a \$20,100 Jackson County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (JCBRA) grant to provide environmental assessments.

The last 14.4 acre site in the Jackson Technology Park SmartZoneSM was sold to Technique, Inc. for their second expansion. The closing was held on January 26th.

The EG held a Spring 'Coffee with the CEO' on April 21st which focused on the Zoom Prospector web site and how to use the newly revamped website as a demographic tool that can be utilized by the community.

Multimatic, a Canada-based company, has moved part of their operation into the City of Jackson. The EG/City issued a joint Press Release touting the company's decision to locate at the former Goodyear Warehouse, initially employing 80 production, manufacturing engineering, quality control, and administrative staff in three operating shifts, beginning in April 2017.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND SKILLED TRAINING:

The Enterprise Group and Jackson County Chamber of Commerce continue to work jointly toward the development of program to enhance the soft skills of junior and senior high school students. Our organizations feel strongly that the effort should be focused on those elements that are relevant to a student's school achievement and the skills needed to be a productive employee. Ensuring that we achieve these goals will require an interactive working relationship with select business leaders and educators. Initially it is our intention to develop a pilot program between business and education that has measurable objectives and provides value to both student and employers. We have had preliminary conversations with the Jackson Area Career Center and the Western Career Preparatory School to determine their interest in developing a pilot program focused on soft skills. The next steps include discussions focused on selecting a career track program at the Career Center and working with instructors there, as well as with Western Career Preparatory School to discuss how enhancing soft skills can be incorporated into their existing curriculums. That discussion will include identifying how business leaders can play a role in sharing the importance of soft skills in the workplace with students. While the initial effort will be a pilot program, the intent is to develop and refine a program that can be scaled in the future so that it might be available on a broader basis to additional districts.

JACKSON COUNTY BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT:

The Jackson County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (JCBRA) has had a number of recent approved applicants for environmental assessment activities. The JCBRA Board has awarded over \$90,000 in Hazardous and Petroleum portion funds from the U.S. EPA Assessment Grant for environmental assessment assistance to local companies.

MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS:

EG Staff met with the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce and Experience Jackson to begin planning for common themes and messages, which will include a welcome promotion for new and expanding companies and businesses in Jackson County.

To view the Imagine Jackson 2020 Campaign information on The EG web site, please click on the following link: <http://enterprisegroup.org/what-we-do/imagine-jackson-2020>. Or, just call us at 517-788-4455 to learn how YOU can participate!