Anderson

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BUSINESS RESOURCE GUIDE

Quality of Life Affordable, gracious living enjoyed by residents

The Anderson Plan

Providing a long-term vision for the future





Anderson Township has it all! From its hilly riversides in, this prospering community is surrounded in natural beauty. Residents enjoy plenty of sweeping views of the Ohio and Little Miami Rivers, bountiful protected forested greenspace and valleys of wildflowers.

A strong community identity is supported by signature services and facilities: Anderson Center (a government, arts and civic center) with adjacent lake and park. Anderson Center Station (a state-of-the-art METRO park & ride transit hub) and a growing Anderson Trails network, including a beautiful hike-bike trail through the community's center

In the past decade, Anderson has carefully leveraged its assets, generating an infusion of more than \$100 million in public and private investments, creating better safety, recreation and public services for residents.

There's even more to appreciate in Anderson Township. Affordable, gracious living in friendly neighborhoods is supported by outstanding schools, an awardwinning hospital, and equally highly-rated township and county parks. Housing stock is diverse and exceptional. With abundant shopping, recreation, medical facilities, churches and the airports, residents enjoy a high quality of life right where they live.

Anderson is just minutes from the pulse of Cincinnati, with easy access to offices, first-class museums, entertainment and professional sports. In just a nine-mile drive from downtown, you'll retreat here to enjoy peace, privacy and the comfort of suburban living.

With all these amenities matched with the area's natural beauty, it's no wonder that Anderson Township is one of Hamilton County's most livable communities. Come see why!





Anderson Township believes in building relationships with area businesses, supporting their ideas and recognizing their achievements within the community. I am proud to operate a business in Anderson Township.

Debbie Heitzman, GM Appearance Plus Cleaners

Over the last several decades. Anderson Township has been one of Ohio's largest and most progressive townships. Although larger than many cities, the township must operate within the restricted role and power state legislation affords townships. Township trustees work to provide the best services for the community, while recognizing certain limitations related to funding resources and regulatory abilities.

A vision for Anderson's longterm future has been carefully documented in The Anderson Plan, a comprehensive look toward a 20year horizon by a diverse group of residents and business representatives. This vision also was validated by several planning groups and adopted by the Board of Township Trustees.

Comprised of objectives for transportation, economic development, Beechmont Avenue,



land use, services and quality of life elements, The Anderson Plan spells out community visions and provides ideas to meet the community's longterm goals and objectives.

To obtain a copy of the plan, contact the Planning and Zoning Department at (513) 688-8400 or visit AndersonTownship.org.





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Business Incentives

Encouraging private investment in the community

Beechmont Corridor

Increased safety, convenience on community's major artery





Tax Incentives

Enterprise Zone

Provides real property tax incentives for industrial businesses and larger office projects that expand or locate in Anderson Township. Businesses can receive up to 60 percent exemption for up to 10 years on real property improvements. Retail and service projects are not eligible for the program.

Hamilton County Development Company

Financing Programs

For more information on these programs, call Hamilton County Development Company at (513) 631-8292.

SBA 504 Loan Program

This program provides loans for business expansion purposes, including land and building acquisition, expansion or renovation and equipment purchases. The program can provide up to 40 percent of total eligible costs at a long-term fixed interest rate in partnership with private financing.

Ohio 166 Program

The Ohio 166 Program provides loans for business expansion purposes, including land and building acquisition, expansion or renovation and equipment purchases. The program can provide up to 40 percent of total eligible costs as a belowmarket, fixed interest rate.

Public Infrastructure Improvements

Tax Increment Financing

Anderson Township has a township-wide tax increment financing district, which was adopted in 1994 for underutilized or undeveloped properties.

The funds generated under this program have been used to facilitate capital improvements to enhance the quality of life in Anderson Township and improve the vitality of the township's business and industrial areas.

Ohio Department of Transportation Programs

For more information about these programs contact the Ohio Department of Development at 1-800-848-1300.

Job Creation Tax Credit Program

Provides commercial activity tax or state income tax credit for businesses that expand or locate in Anderson Township. Businesses must create at least 25 net new full-time jobs and pay a minimum of 150 percent of federal minimum wage. In special circumstances, a business could create as few as 10 new, fulltime positions paying at least 400 percent of the federal minimum wage.

Ohio Investment Training Program

Provides financial assistance and technical resources for customizing training involving employees of new and expanding Ohio businesses. Can receive up to 50 percent reimbursement to fund instructional costs, materials and training-related activities.

The heart of the Anderson business district is Beechmont Avenue, which runs from Mt. Washington, a city of Cincinnati neighborhood, to the county boundary east of Nordyke Road. Over 35,000 cars a day travel the Beechmont corridor in Anderson Township, providing a tremendous exposure for businesses along Anderson's "Main Street."

Safety and convenience for both shoppers and drivers has been significantly increased in recent years through implementation of the award-winning Beechmont Corridor Plan. Created by a joint task force of the Anderson Township Trustees and the Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce, the project today relies on inter-agency cooperation and the efforts of the township to continue implementing its goal of increased safety.

Traffic flow has been improved through partnerships among private businesses, as well as township, county and state government agencies, which have all played a key role in creating positive proactive change. Enhancements include newly planted trees and landscaping along the corridor, plus two miles of new curb and resurfacing.

Cross-access roadways between properties (known as Anderson Accessways), additional sidewalks and improved crosswalks, turning lanes and address number signals also have helped safety and convenience. Future plans for betterment of Beechmont Avenue include a highly innovative Continuous Flow Intersection (CFI) at the Five Mile intersection and



additional upgrades to this important corridor. Other safety and traffic concerns are addressed in updates to the Beechmont Corridor Plan.

Thanks to a big vision for the community carefully shaped by Township Trustees, Anderson is poised for a prosperous and successful future. Both privately and publicly funded projects are creating ripples of change down the Beechmont and Five Mile corridors and throughout the area.



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Community Identity Facilities, lake and trails support high quality of life

Anderson Center

Completed in 2008, Anderson Center has created a whole new look for the heart of Anderson Township. On a 16-acre site between the Mercy HealthPlex and Anderson Center Station is a facility that houses operations of Anderson Township government. But that's not all. The widely used public space includes a 223-seat performing arts theater, a multi-use boardroom, an Emergency Operations Center, an atrium/ assembly area and multi-purpose community and large conference rooms. In 2011 alone, the center hosted some 2.000 events.

Additionally, Anderson Center serves as a base for several civic organizations, including rented space for the Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce, Beechmont Players (community theater group), Summerfair Cincinnati and Anderson Community Television. Other organizations using the facility include Brieabi Productions, the

Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra, Anderson Community Band, Matinee Musicale and Theater in the Loop.

Anderson Lake

Adjoining the Anderson Center development is Anderson Lake. This passive park-like setting is a unique addition to this area and home to many native aquatic plants. A wetland observatory was created on the far east of the expanse, with large mass plantings surrounding the lake.

With a walking trail of almost a mile for active walkers and joggers, Anderson Lake also includes plenty of creature comforts. Mature trees have been preserved at the site, while a native grass meadow area highlights open spaces. For the more active, the three-level lake has two weirs with small waterfalls that can be crossed by "rock-hoppers." Best of all, the setting blends together with the Five Mile Trail, a popular hike and bike path that serves as the spine of the township's Anderson Trails program.







Anderson Center Station

Between Anderson Center and the 50-acre Anderson Towne Center shopping center is the township's main park & ride called Anderson Center Station. It's the first public transportation transit hub envisioned by METRO to be constructed around Greater Cincinnati region. Besides convenient parking, Anderson Center Station amenities include a 1,600 square-foot climate-controlled waiting facility with restrooms, bike racks and a scenic view over Anderson Lake. This lodge-like facility is available for rental and is the site for the Anderson Farmers' Market.

Five Mile Trail

Linked sidewalks lead walkers, runners and bikers to the beautiful Five Mile Trail, a 2.5 mile paved pathway that winds users through forested hillsides and across a dramatic wooden bridge. This trail,

awarded the "2006 Outstanding Transportation Improvement Award" from a Cincinnati regional civil engineering organization, links township schools, parks and shopping areas with neighborhoods. Beautifications along the Five Mile Trail and Five Mile Road further complement the improvements to the Five Mile Corridor.

Beechmont Corridor Project

The Beechmont Corridor Plan, designed in 1994 and updated in 2005, is paying dividends in a healthier business community and safer travel on the corridor. The plan has united Anderson Township business, government leaders and county and state highway officials who have collaborated to connect parking areas, eliminate unsafe driveways, create turning lanes and introduce sidewalks along the heavily traveled corridor.

Anderson Trails Program

One of the most popular quality of life projects in Anderson Township is the Anderson Trails network, a nearly 20-mile network of bike/hike trails and sidewalks that ties neighborhoods with shopping areas and institutions. When complete, the network will consist of nearly 30 miles of trails crisscrossing the community. In the past eight years, Anderson Township has leveraged its funds by applying for and receiving significant federal and state grants. These trail-related grants have saved local taxpayers nearly \$8 million to date, while accelerating implementation of the Anderson Trails Plan.

One of the newer completed links in the trails program is the Ohio River Trail, a 1.1 mile segment running along Anderson's entertainment district on Kellogg Avenue. The sidewalk is part of the larger shared



use trail which is planned to extend from the Lunken Airport Bike Path in Cincinnati to New Richmond. In late 2011 construction began on the southern one mile spine of the Anderson Trails network, a sidewalk along Asbury Road.



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Public Services

Excellent amenities support community







Anderson Township is governed by a board of three elected officials called trustees, and an elected fiscal officer. All serve four-year terms. Operating under a Limited Home Rule form of government, the township has increased flexibility to provide responsive, high-quality services while also relying on the expertise of county agencies. Public services are delivered in a professional manner to protect citizens, enhance the community's viability, and increase opportunities for work and play.

Fire and Rescue

Anderson Township operates its own professional fire and emergency medical services, the Anderson Township Fire and Rescue Department. This department is known for its dedicated personnel and provides excellent paramedic, fire, rescue and life safety services to Anderson Township from its four fire stations, while also providing many community safety education programs. With an Insurance Services Offices rating of "3", the township joins an elite group of communities nationwide which have earned this notable rating.

Police Protection

Police protection in Anderson Township is provided by the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office which maintains a district headquarters located at 7954 Beechmont Ave. The deputies coordinating special community programs out of Anderson Center offer small-town personal contact, while also offering resources available only through a large law enforcement organization. Special deputies include a crime prevention officer, traffic safety







officer, school resource officer and community resource officer.

Planning and Zoning

The township's Planning and Zoning Department is responsible for the community's planning, zoning, and economic development activities. It coordinates a variety of special projects or research efforts to aid Anderson Township's elected officials, citizens and businesses in making sound decisions. Nearly 60 residents and business owners comprise the township's seven citizen advisory committees, focusing on transportation, development, Greenspace and beautification.

Public Works

When that first snow of the season arrives, Anderson Township's streets are quickly cleared. Resident surveys often note how efficiently Public Works' crewmembers operate during snowstorms. The Public Works Department also plays a critical role in maintaining the township's 120 miles of roadway and related infrastructure, as well as numerous community-owned

buildings and properties. In addition to in-house maintenance, much of the department's construction and maintenance work is produced through the private sector, so it provides administration and oversight for many design, construction and maintenance contracts on an annual basis. The department also assists in hosting some 1,800 events annual held at Anderson Center.

To learn more about Anderson Township's services, click on the township's website at AndersonTownship.org.

Schools

Anderson Township is served by the highly regarded Forest Hills Local School District. The Forest Hills School District, currently rated Excellent with Distinction by the state of Ohio, is among an elite group of nine school districts in the state to have received the state's highest rating for 11 or more consecutive years. The district is a comprehensive preschool through 12th grade school district serving Anderson Township and the village of Newtown.



For information: foresthills.edu. Excellent private and parochial educational options also are located in Anderson and nearby.

Parks

Park land is abundant in Anderson Township. With parks operated by both the Anderson Township Park District and Hamilton County Park District within the community. residents have access to an abundance of services, programs, and passive and active recreational opportunities. For more information, visit greatparks.org or andersonparks.com.

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Transportation

Easy access to interstates, close to downtown Cincinnati

ANCOR

A developing industrial area

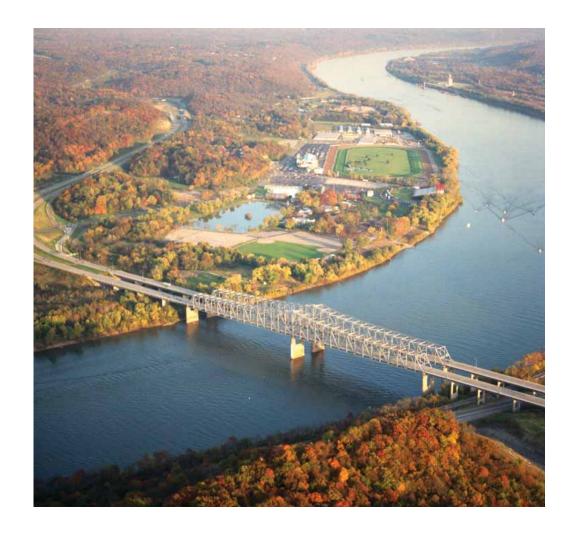
Located in southwestern Ohio, 15 minutes east of downtown Cincinnati, Anderson Township provides easy access via I-275 to Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana from three interstates: I-71, I-74 and I-75. The area has tremendous east-west traffic volumes with I-275 managing 40,000 cars per day and Beechmont Avenue (State Route 125) carrying 35,000 cars per day, while nearly 30,000 vehicles per day traverse Batavia Pike (State Route 32). U.S. Route 50, just to the north and west of Anderson, also carries a high traffic volume and provides easy access to downtown.

Interstate 275 cuts across the southern portion of the Township and provides a convenient link to the Cincinnati/ Northern Kentucky International Airport, which is approximately a half hour from Anderson Township. Anderson also is adjacent to Lunken Airport (Cincinnati's municipal airport) and about 10 miles from the Clermont County Airport near Batavia.

More than 40 percent of the U.S. population lives within a one-day drive of the community.

Rail service to Anderson's industrial region (ANCOR area) is provided by Norfolk & Western Railroad, located in the northern portion of the township. More than 50 motor freight carriers serve the Anderson area.

The Ohio River, Anderson's southern boundary, serves as an important corridor for transportation of goods. River freight transport locations are close by on the Ohio River. Cincinnati's inland port is the fifth largest for domestic barge traffic.



METRO provides bus service from many locations around the Township via major thoroughfares including Beechmont Avenue, Salem Road and Sutton Road.



Conveniently located within the I-275 beltway, Anderson Township's northern industrial area, known as the ANCOR area, is zoned for industry and professional office uses. Just minutes from I-275, State Route 32, U.S. 50 and Lunken Municipal Airport, the area also is just 15 minutes from connections to I-71 and I-75 and just over 30 minutes from the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport.

With its abundant land ready for future development, the ANCOR area contains one of the largest concentrations of undeveloped industrially zoned land available in Hamilton County. Large contiguous tracts are still accessible on some 330 readily usable acres.

Rail service is provided by Norfolk & Southern, with possible future commuter rail service through the area to downtown Cincinnati as part of the Eastern Corridor improvements.

There are many reasons to consider an ANCOR location:

- Anderson Township holds a rare Aa1 bond rating, reflecting financial soundness and only marginal need for future tax levies to maintain its already excellent public services.
- Anderson Township has no earnings/payroll tax making the area that much more desirable for business owners and operators employing larger numbers of well-paid staff.
- The ANCOR area is protected 24/7 by a fully staffed professional fire department with a fire station in the middle of the area. Anderson Township's Fire and Rescue Department has achieved a "3" ISO rating, attained by only 5.16 percent of communities across the nation.
- Engineering is in the work for a connector road providing more

direct access from Broadwell Road to State Route 32 (and thus I-275). Tax Increment Financing funds are helping to pay for this new ANCOR access road.

- Enhanced public water service is planned in conjunction with the construction of a new roadway. Construction of public sanitary sewers also is being completed.
- A significant pool of professional and skilled laborers lives within 15 minutes of the area.

Several large businesses already have made ANCOR their home, including Senco, B-way, Pavestone, Evans Landscaping, Acupoll and extensive holdings by Martin Marietta. For information about the ANCOR area, call the township's Planning and Zoning Department at (513) 688-8400.





Neighborhood

Businesses work together for benefit of all







Working together just makes sense. That's the premise behind the business district organizations in Anderson. Businesses have joined forces to find ways to increase their presence in the community and attract customers from the surrounding area.

Anderson is home to a wide variety of business districts, ranging from those with a regional draw to others that provide services and functions to residents just minutes from their home. This wide variety of options and markets is certain to provide an opportunity for any business, big or small.

Local businesses involved in the business district program have benefited from these significant partnerships. Within the context of these districts, businesses are offered multiple ways to encourage customer base increases, protect their business and increase their reach through joint marketing.

Started in 2005 by the Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce, the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, the Anderson Township Fire and Rescue Department and the township's Planning and Zoning Department, the focus of this effort centered initially on smaller neighborhood business districts that generally service residents living in close proximity.

The success of these initial efforts spawned the expansion of the business district program to virtually all business districts in the community, with each meeting at varying times in the year. The goals of each district are unique and determined by the needs of businesses within that specific area.

Check the Anderson
Area Chamber website at
AndersonAreaChamber.org
for specific district activities.
The Anderson business districts
(excluding the Beechmont Corridor
and ANCOR area - see pages 3 and 5)
include the following:

Salem Neighborhood

A combination of four groupings of businesses at the intersection of Salem with Sutton, Beacon, Birney and Beechmont, the area includes a mixture of independent retailers and regional establishments.

Clough Historical

A neighborhood district along Clough Pike (between Newtown Road and Berkshire Road), the district provides services to thousands of households in immediate proximity and the more than 16,000 cars a day that travel Clough Pike.

Skytop

The cluster of businesses in and around the Skytop Shopping Pavillion at the base of the Beechmont Avenue Hill between Mt. Washington and Ohio 32 comprise the foundation for this heavily-traveled district at the westernmost part of Anderson.

Clough and Eight Mile Neighborhood

Near the Township's eastern border is the intersection of Clough Pike and Eight Mile Road, home to several commercial centers as well as standalone retail and office buildings.

Five Mile Road

The Five Mile Road corridor has become the new front door for Anderson

Township, home to an infusion of development activity. As the second largest business district, it is home to a variety of retail and office uses.

Anderson Towne Center

Over 50 tenants on the site have formed a cohesive group that lies at the center of the community. This district includes the major center anchors, smaller streetscape storefronts, retail establishments, office users in the Anderson Professional Center, as well as Anderson Center and Mercy HealthPlex to the north.

Ohio Riverfront Entertainment District

Anderson's entertainment complex along the Ohio River touches Greater Cincinnati and beyond.

The Coney Island/River Downs area is one of the most visited tourist spots in Ohio. This historic venue is host to the world's largest recirculating swimming pool, holding more than three million gallons of water.

Outdoor concerts at river's edge on balmy summer evenings don't get much better than at Riverbend, Cincinnati's premier outdoor music venue presenting first-class entertainment for music lovers of all ages. A second more intimate setting, PNC Pavilion, seats 4,100.

The River Downs racetrack opens during spring and summer for live thoroughbred racing. River Downs has provided colorful horse racing in Anderson Township right at the river's edge for more than seven decades.





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Chamber of Commerce

Supporting and promoting local businesses

Who to Contact

Frequently requested numbers in Anderson Township



The Anderson Area Chamber is proud to support and promote businesses and organizations in the Anderson area. Since 1970, the Chamber has served as an important vehicle to market businesses and organizations to the Anderson area. It serves not only Anderson Township but businesses in Newtown, Mt. Washington and western Clermont County.

Chamber activities are numerous and vear-round. The Chamber organizes the Citizen of the Year Awards Banquet, an annual Golf Outing, Party on the Plaza concert series, Anderson Area Pizza Challenge and the annual Thanksgiving Breakfast. The Chamber also partners with the Anderson Park District, Anderson Township Government and American Legion Post 318 for the area's largest community event, Greater Anderson Days.

Additional networking activities include the popular After Hours events, Chamber Monthly Meetings, Networking at Noon and the annual Holiday Cheers event. Other programs sponsored and produced by the Chamber are the Education/

Professional Development monthly series; a partnership with local governments, for the Neighborhood Business District program; and AACC Business Seminars, hands-on series that provide professional education for the Chamber's membership and community.

Chamber membership includes many benefits, including:

- Affordable Health Care Programs & Workers' Compensation Premiums
- Numerous Networking Opportunities
- Listing on AndersonAreaBizeGuide.com
- Customer Referrals We refer customers exclusively to Chamber members
- Opportunity to Build Name Recognition Through Publicity as a Sustaining Sponsor

The Chamber supports its membership by providing: weekly updates, networking opportunities, member to member discount programs, sponsorship opportunities, economic development opportunities, ribbon

Largest Employers

500+ employees

Mercy Hospital Anderson Forest Hills Local School District Coney Island

200+ employees

Kroger **SENCO Products** Evans Landscaping Beechmont Automotive Group River Downs

100+ employees

Beech Acres

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Macy's Target **YMCA** Anderson Township U.S. Post Office

Comfort Keepers Mt. Washington Care Center

Information provided by Anderson Township, 2012

cuttings, inexpensive advertising and website exposure.

The Partners in Education program of the Forest Hills Local School District is supported by the Chamber, which also underwrites scholarships for local high schools.

The Chamber's public face is supported by two well-received publications - the Anderson Area community resource magazine & Chamber member directory and the Anderson area map. A "Buy-It-In-Anderson" coupon book is an annual favorite for residents and businesses alike. To learn more about the Chamber, visit AndersonAreaChamber.org.



Anderson Township Services

Emergency	911
Hamilton County Sheriff	
Anderson District 5, non-emergency	474-5770
After hours number	825-2280
hsco.org	

Anderson Township Administration, Fire and Rescue, Fiscal Officer, Road/Street Maintenance, Township 688-8400 Trustees, Zoning and Land Use andersontownship.org

Hamilton County Services

Hamilton County Planning & Development hamilton-co.org	946-4550
Hamilton County General Health District hamiltoncountyhealth.org	946-7800
Hamilton County Public Works hamiltoncountyohio.gov	946-4750

Media Contacts

Cincinnati Enquirer news.cincinnati.com	721-2700
Forest Hills Journal local.cincinnati.com	248-8600

Public Schools

Forest Hills Local School District

foresthills.edu 231-3600

Hospital Mercy Hospital Anderson e-mercy.com/facility anderson.asp

Library Anderson Branch Library 369-6030

624-4500

742-2900

946-7700

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Chamber Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce 474-4802 andersonareachamber.org

Post Office

Anderson Branch Post Office 474-3262 usps.com

Motor Vehicles and Other Licenses

Beechmont License Agency bmv.ohio.gov 232-9444

Gas & Electric

Duke Energy main office duke-energy.com 421-9500

Trash Collection Rumpke Waste, Inc.

rumpke.com Forest Green 851-9036 forestgreenwaste.com 771-4200 CSI Waste Services

cincinnati-oh.gov **Public Utilities**

republicservices.com

Hazardous Waste Hotline

Duke Energy duke-energy.com	651-4182
Greater Cincinnati Water Works <i>cincinnati-oh.gov/gcww</i>	591-7770
Metropolitan Sewer District msdgc.org	244-1300
Time Warner Cable timewarnercable.com	469-1145

Cincinnati Bell Main Office 397-9900 cincinnatibell.com

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