



Grow Piqua Now

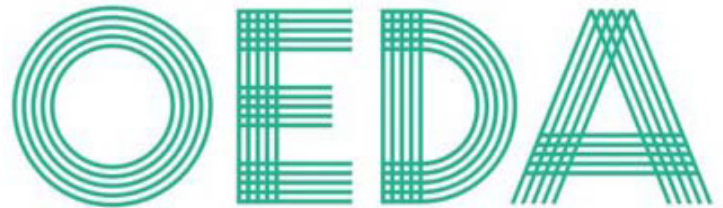
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Justin Sommer, Executive Director

PIQUA WINS OEDA AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Grow Piqua Now and the City of Piqua were awarded the Ohio Economic Development Association's 2017 Award of Excellence for Small Community Marketing. The downtown Piqua Placemaking Initiative was identified as unique and worthy of special recognition.



The Placemaking Initiative and detail design development for Lock 9 Park has been a featured presentation at the 2017 Spring International Trails Symposium, the Ohio Conference on Community Development, the Miami Valley Cycling Summit and the University of Dayton River Summit. Through these presentations and others, the Placemaking initiative will lead to significant private sector investment.



“All of us at the City of Piqua have worked extremely hard in recent years to reinvent our community. The Piqua Placemaking Initiative is an important and significant effort to utilize both man-made and natural assets to connect our wonderful Downtown area with a magnificent Riverfront to provide the ‘Quality of Life and Place’ for citizens, businesses, and visitors.”

- Piqua City Manager Gary Huff

A LETTER TO OUR SUPPORTERS

Dear GPN Members,

2017 was a year when GPN went international! We hosted six companies from five countries in Piqua. These company visits were a result of our targeted marketing efforts at trade shows and with site selectors. While we never know if these projects will move forward, we were pleased to have the opportunity to share the great business environment we have in Piqua with them. A special "Thank You" goes to the local companies that participated in these visits. In addition to the foreign companies coming to Piqua, GPN met with foreign consulates from Canada, Australia and Great Britain in order to establish relationships for trade opportunities.

As you saw on the cover page, Grow Piqua Now and the City of Piqua were recognized by the Ohio Economic Development Association at their Annual Meeting in Columbus for Excellence in Economic Development Marketing. This marks the first time Piqua has brought home this state-level award.

Closer to home, the local economy continues to grow. The number of jobs in Piqua has increased 2.8% in the last 10 years. While this might not seem like much, the number of jobs within a 30 mile radius declined 5.3%. Expansions at Jackson Tube and Piqua Materials were completed in 2017.

We will continue our efforts to market and promote business growth in Piqua in 2018. The continued support from you, our Grow Piqua Now members, is appreciated and has a direct impact on our success.

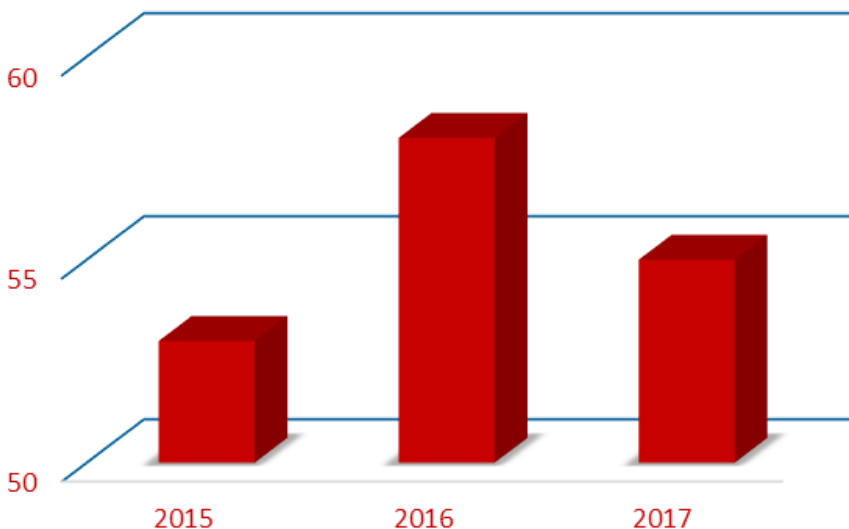
Thank you for your continued support of Grow Piqua Now!

Sincerely,

Wayde Davis, Chairman and Justin Sommer, Executive Director

2017 FACTS AND FIGURES

Number of Project Leads



FOREIGN COMPANIES HOSTED & FOREIGN CONSULATE VISITS



Hosted Companies:

Brazil (2)
Italy
Japan
Poland
Portugal

Foreign Consulates:

Australia
Canada (3)
United Kingdom

iPIQUA FUND SURPASSES GOAL

Recognizing the need to support and assist with the redevelopment of abandoned and vacant buildings, properties, and brownfield sites, community leaders have established the iPIQUA Fund. The iPiqua Fund Board is thrilled to have surpassed the year-end goal of \$1 million.

The mission of the iPIQUA Fund is to accelerate Piqua's renaissance through targeted capital investments in catalytic real estate development or redevelopment projects in the City's downtown and surrounding neighborhoods. This includes providing gap financing and other forms of financial support for projects that, if not for the fund, might otherwise not happen.

A particular focus of the funds will be projects that advance growth and redevelopment opportunities that:

- **Promote** the redevelopment and reuse of vacant or underutilized industrial, institutional, and manufacturing buildings and real estate to retain and attract businesses, jobs, services, and economic opportunities for Piqua residents.
- **Enhance** the downtown area, major entryways, and public or private places of interest within the community to preserve and enrich Piqua's small town character and sense of community pride.
- **Encourage** downtown building renovations and infill development that provide quality retail, office, dining, entertainment, and lodging opportunities for residents and visitors.
- **Renovate** vacant downtown building spaces and existing structures in surrounding neighborhoods to offer a diverse mix of living unit types and price ranges that excite the repopulation of the downtown core.

Brett Baumeister, Market President - Western Ohio for Mutual Federal and iPiqua Fund board President, commented, "If we are going to do this, we need to do it right. That means making sure we have the funds necessary to get the job done. We appreciate the leadership of the donors who have contributed to date and challenge others to get behind this important community investment initiative."

Contributions to the iPiqua Fund come solely from private sector businesses and individuals. To learn how you can participate, please contact **Brett Baumeister at 937-773-9900**.



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ANNUAL REPORT HIGHLIGHTS:

- Hosted 7 Foreign Companies
- Met over 40 Site Selectors
- Secured over \$750,000 in project funding



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