

Economic Development Grant Announced for Switzerland Co.

Switzerland County has received a \$767,000 grant from the United States Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration (EDA). The funds are being awarded to various entities within the county; including the Switzerland County Commissioners, the Switzerland County Redevelopment Commission, the Switzerland County Economic Development Corporation, the Patriot Water Company, and the Florence Regional Sewer District. The EDA grant will be utilized for the construction of infrastructure for the Markland Business Park.

Property for the Markland Business Park was purchased in 2007. Since that time, the Switzerland County Redevelopment Commission has been overseeing the engineering, pre-planning and permitting needs to develop the park. Remaining infrastructure needs that will be supported by the EDA grant include construction of the main drive through the park, installation of the sanitary and storm sewer systems and remaining water line installation.

The State of Indiana is providing infrastructure funding for the Process Systems and Services plant that has already announced that it is coming to Switzerland County. The federal dollars will focus on the remainder of the park. The Markland Business Park has already been certified as "Shovel Ready" by the State's Economic Development Corporation. This grant provides an even bigger step towards attracting new business and industry here.

The work involving the grant money is expected to begin in mid-summer. Work, which will benefit the county, is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

Please see the following page for the announcement from Congressman Baron Hill.



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Southern Indiana's Congressman

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WASHINGTON, DC – Congressman Baron Hill is pleased to announce that Switzerland County is set to receive a \$767,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration (EDA). The funds are being awarded to various entities within the county, including the Switzerland County Commissioners; the Switzerland County Redevelopment Commission; the Switzerland County Economic Development Corporation (EDC), Inc; the Patriot Water Company; and the Florence Regional Sewage District of Switzerland County.

The grant funds, which are expected to create 500 jobs and generate \$30 million in private investment, will be utilized for the construction of infrastructure for the Markland Business Park.

"I was very pleased to hear of this award," Hill said. "Everyone in Switzerland County is working extremely hard toward the development of the Markland Business Park, and these grant funds will be used to create jobs in both the short- and long-term for residents of Southeastern Indiana."

Hill visited Switzerland County on Monday to visit with local officials and discuss details of the grant, as well as other important local issues.