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## Weekly News and Opinion from Ohio's Newspapers November 18 - 24, 2008

### Greetings!

Welcome to the latest issue of *Economic News from Ohio's Regions*, a new weekly newsletter from the [Ohio Urban University Program](#) and the [Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs, Cleveland State University](#). We'll search Ohio's papers to bring you economic news and key happenings that impact Ohio's regions.

### News From Around Ohio

[New York Firm Only Wind Game in Town](#) (Ashtabula Star Beacon, November 18, 2008) A New York firm apparently is the only viable company remaining among three suitors interested in using publicly owned land on Conneaut's East Side for a wind turbine farm.

[Color of Stark Part 3](#) (Canton Repository, November 18, 2008) Community leaders believe that creating a more diverse Stark County is essential to our economic future.

[Editorial: A Good Partnership](#) (Canton Repository, November 18, 2008) Habitat for Humanity of Greater Canton and city officials are examining the possibility of a partnership to help pockets of Stark County's largest city avoid the fate of Slavic Village a once neatly-kept, working-class neighborhood in the heart of Cleveland.

[Editorial: Is the Mahoning Valley Ready to Grab Public Works Dollars](#) (Youngstown Vindicator, November 18, 2008) Mahoning, Trumbull and Columbiana counties still have not fully recovered economically from the collapse of the steel industry 30 years ago. A public works program, designed to put people to work, is another opportunity for the tri-county area that must not be lost.

[City's Budget Better Than Others](#) (Cincinnati Enquirer, November 18, 2008) Cincinnati's budget for next year includes a \$14 million deficit, but officials still say the financial picture for the city is better than

expected - and no major layoffs are foreseen.

**[Montgomery County Cuts Jobs, Programs to Cope with Budget Crunch](#)** (Columbus Dispatch, November 18, 2008) In Dayton, officials with Montgomery County say they are abolishing 29 jobs, ending park recreation programs and reducing programs on the city square to cope with a budget crunch.

**[Renewal Plan Angers Some](#)** (Akron Beacon Journal, November 18, 2008) The South-Wilbeth Urban Renewal Area plan is a key part of an economic development project involving Bridgestone Firestone. The tire maker is seeking to build a technical center in Firestone Park and the plan has some upset.

**[Butler Tech Plans To Build Biomedical School](#)** (Business Journal, November 18, 2008) Butler Technology and Career Development Schools is looking to tap into Butler County's medical boom, with a new high school devoted entirely to biomedical careers.

**[Cleveland Angling to Become Center for International Trade](#)** (WCPN.org, November 19, 2008) Mayor Frank Jackson welcomed a delegation from Costa Rica to City Hall as part of the city's on-going strategy to market itself as an international trade and distribution center to the Midwest and Canada.

**[Editorial: Ohio In Denial About Unemployment](#)** (Dayton Daily News, November 19, 2008) Considering Ohio's 7.2 percent unemployment rate, you might think that Gov. Ted Strickland and the state legislature would be really worried that the state is running out of money to pay unemployment benefits. But the governor and lawmakers definitely are not behaving like worried people.

**[No Hint on School Funding Plan](#)** (Columbus Dispatch, November 21, 2008) Strickland has said he will unveil a legislative package in early 2009 that includes classroom reforms and a school-funding fix.

**[Ohio Mayors to Meet with Strickland](#)** (Toledo Blade, November 21, 2008) Toledo Mayor Carty Finkbeiner and several other Ohio mayors will meet with Gov. Ted Strickland today at the governor's residence in Columbus to discuss how to stimulate Ohio's economy.

**[County Reform Plan Lacks Official Support](#)** (The Plain Dealer, November 20, 2008) The latest plan to reform Cuyahoga County government appears doomed because nobody is likely to step forward to sell it to

voters.

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