

What's rollin'?

Youngstown – Warren Metro Area Cited As One of the Fastest Growing Industrial Areas In U.S.

Recent articles in the **Business Journal** and **Vindicator** offer a positive sign that trends may be changing for the Mahoning Valley. After decades of job losses and challenges to reestablishing the valley's industrial economic base - more recently aggravated by the "Great Recession" - there are signs both are turning around.

Top Cities For Manufacturing Jobs In The U.S.

1. Yakima, Washington
2. Sebastian - Vero Beach, Florida
3. Palm Coast, Florida
4. Anderson, Indiana
5. **Youngstown – Warren –Boardman, Ohio**
6. Midland, Texas
7. Modesto, California
8. Yuma, Arizona
9. Lansing – East Lansing, Michigan
10. Elkhart – Goshen, Indiana

Sources: Business Journal / Forbes

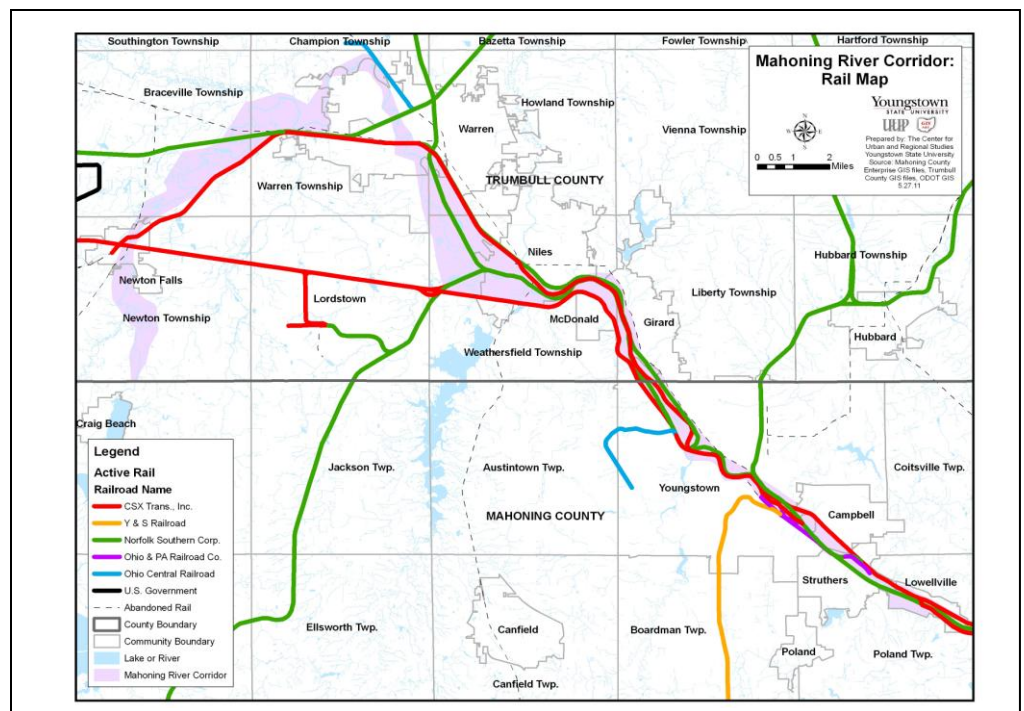
The May 11, 2011 **Business Journal**, citing a **Forbes** magazine listing of the "Top Cities for Manufacturing Jobs in the U.S.", reported the Youngstown – Warren Metro Area as the fifth fastest growing industrial area in the United States. As reported by the **Business Journal**, the **Forbes** ranking follows a recent business story that the Youngstown - Warren Metro registered the third highest percentage job gain in the past 12 months.

A May 25, 2011 **Vindicator** article quotes George Zeller, a Cleveland-based economic analyst, as saying, 'I've never before said that Youngstown is the best-growing area in the state. The growth (overall) is so slow, except in Youngstown, where it's been robust.' According to Zeller, the Youngstown area is the best Ohio region in job growth primarily due to improved manufacturing numbers.

As welcome and encouraging as recent trends are, the Mahoning Valley has a long way to go to further restore its industrial base and make up the significant losses in employment and manufacturing. The Mahoning River Corridor Initiative, and its predecessor the Mahoning River Corridor of Opportunity, have long maintained that the strengthening of existing industries and the revitalization of former industrial sites in the river corridor communities offers significant opportunities and is essential to the sustainable economic revitalization of the Mahoning Valley. Through the use of Clean Ohio and Federal Brownfield Program assistance, river corridor communities from Warren to Lowellville have either remediated or are currently environmentally assessing and remediating over 400 acres of industrial sites. Through the use of Ohio Job Ready Sites, the Ohio Public Works Program, Economic Development Administration and other programs roadway and bridge infrastructure improvement projects have been constructed or are scheduled to be constructed in Struthers, Campbell, Youngstown and Girard - positioning sites to take further advantage of development opportunities.

Significant for further development are the substantial highway and rail assets that exist in the Mahoning Valley, especially the river corridor. With the continuing growth of freight rail and served by two mainline railroads, the CSX and Norfolk and Southern, and a number of short line service railroads also positions sites for substantial development opportunity.

The MRCI is currently working to update, further highlight and market these rail assets as a separate page on its website, mrci.ysu.edu



Transforming the Physical Landscape

As evidenced by the V&M Star project, 422 corridor, Poland Avenue corridor, CASTLO and other sites in the river corridor, transforming the physical landscape to make way for further development and redevelopment by corridor communities and the private sector continues.

At CASTLO

Going, going, soon to be gone.

As part of a Job Ready Sites grant from the State of Ohio, demolition of the 330,000 square foot former Youngstown Sheet and Tube spike mill is underway at the CASTLO Industrial Park.



CASTLO Building "1"



CASTLO officials expect demolition of the structure to be completed by mid-July 2011 followed by roadway and utility improvements to an adjacent forty acre site.

CASTLO Community Improvement Corporation
Mahoning River Corridor Initiative
Seventh Annual

Summer Picnic & Golf Outing

Place: Bedford Trails Golf Course

Date: Thursday, June 23, 2011

Time: 5:00 p.m. for picnic (1:30 for golf)

Cost: \$20 for picnic - \$40 for picnic *and* golf.

Picnic includes BBQ Dinner catered by Guy's BBQ, beverages and prizes.

Golf will be a 9-hole FUN scramble and includes Green Fees, cart, prizes, snacks and beverages.

RSVP by June 17th: Denise at CASTLO 330-750-1363

All checks made to CASTLO/MRCI and mailed to CASTLO, 100 S. Bridge St., Struthers, OH 44471

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AED continues to expand its facilities on Poland Avenue with the construction of a massive manufacturing facility on Poland Avenue near Center Street and reclamation of adjacent industrial property.



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