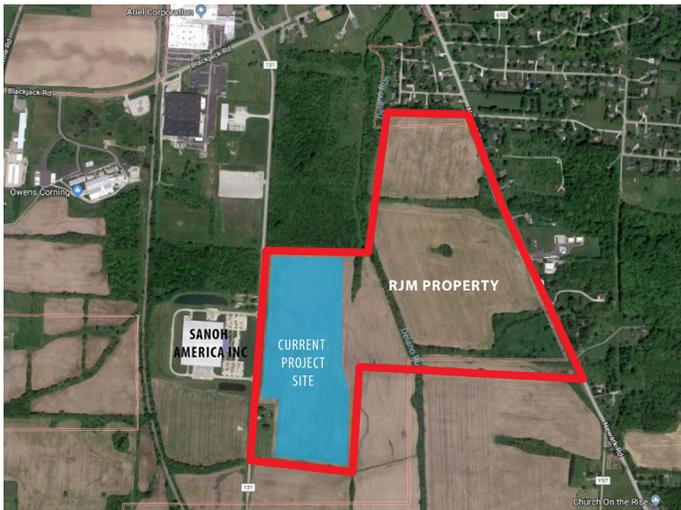




### Find Your Manufacturing Site in Mount Vernon, Ohio

The workforce in Mount Vernon, Ohio, knows how to get manufacturing done—and the community knows how to give manufacturers and fabricators a competitive edge.

- Need tremendous excess infrastructure capacity? Check!
- Skilled machinists, world-class welders, and fabricators? Check!
- Industrial sites ready for immediate development? Yes! And check out the new Mount Vernon site that's nearing completion of JobsOhio's rigorous site authentication process.



*The 35-acre RJM site (shaded in blue) located in Mount Vernon, Ohio, is ready for immediate development.*

#### Prepared for opportunity

In 2016, Ohio's Electric Cooperatives (OEC) crafted a grant program to help communities served by electric cooperatives advance their local economic development initiatives by preparing sites for JobsOhio authentication and then marketing their available sites.

The RJM site in Mount Vernon received one of OEC's first \$15,000 grants. The initial grant helped pay for the Phase 1 environmental study for the entire site, wetlands assessment, geotechnical survey, and other due diligence items required for JobsOhio authentication, noted Gary Baker, director of marketing and public relations for The Energy Cooperative.

The JobsOhio authentication team recommended that the Area Development Foundation, Inc., the private, non-profit economic developer for Knox County, focus first on an immediately developable 35-acre portion of the RJM property, so that site is now in the authentication pipeline. OEC recently awarded a second grant of \$5,000 to create specific marketing collateral and mapping materials to entice manufacturing and industrial users to develop this site.

#### Mount Vernon Enterprise Complex home to 19 employers, 2,800 workers

The RJM site is immediately adjacent to the Mount Vernon Enterprise Complex, a successful legacy industrial park and regional employment center encompassing 300 acres, with 19 end-users employing approximately 2,800 full-time employees. The RJM



*The Mount Vernon, Ohio, RJM site is centrally located in Knox County.*

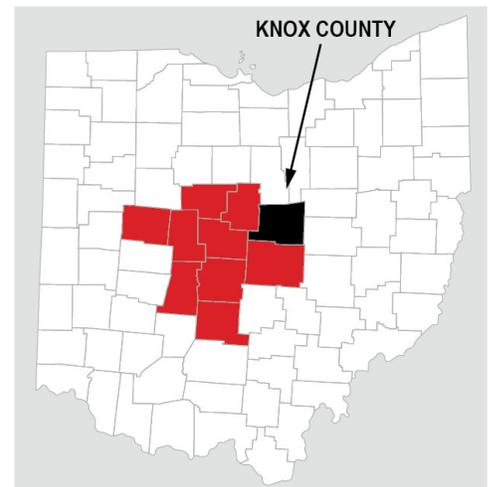
site is flat, vacant, has all utilities at the site, and is well-suited for large-scale manufacturing and industrial end-users.

**Local manufacturing workforce has sought-after skills**

Mount Vernon, the county seat of Knox County, Ohio, benefits from a multi-generational manufacturing workforce with highly-desirable specialized skills such as machinists and world-class welders. Nearly all of Knox County’s 10 largest private employers are manufacturers, said Jeffrey Harris, president of Area Development Foundation, Inc. “Local manufacturers produce materials and components for the automotive, energy, construction, and food industries.”

“Manufacturing is a key part of our innovation strategy. It continues to be a strong and growing industry, and the Columbus Region represents the future of new manufacturing, offering the greatest access to the U.S. market, world-class resources and a competitive workforce,” said Kenny McDonald, President and CEO, Columbus 2020.

Knox County, Ohio’s Largest Private Sector Employers		
Company	FTE	Operations
Ariel Corporation	1,500	HQ and manufacturing of gas compressor company
JELD-WEN, Inc.	470	Distribution of door products
FT Precision, Inc.	370	Manufacturing of engine rocker arms
Sanoh America, Inc.	230	Manufacturing of brake and cluster tubes
Kokosing Construction Company, Inc.	200	HQ of construction firm
AMG Industries, Inc.	125	Manufacturing of metal parts, gaskets, wire forms
United Precast Industries	115	Manufacturing of concrete products
Schafer Driveline, LLC	100	Manufacturing of axles, transmissions, brake components for ATVs and other utility vehicles
Heating & Cooling Products	95	Manufacturing of metal and PVC pipe, ducts, other parts
Burrows Paper	95	Manufacturing of food packaging



*Knox County is part of the 11-county Columbus Region.*



Source: Columbus 2020 Facilities Database

## Fresh faces, fresh ideas, inspire local investment

Three local colleges—Kenyon College, Mount Vernon Nazarene University, and Central Ohio Community College (COTC)—bring a constant influx of new residents and fresh faces to Knox County. Since 2010, \$42 million in private funding has been invested in a three-block area of downtown Mount Vernon to create extended-campus facilities for each of the local colleges. Investments include creation of a 5,500 SF maker space for Mount Vernon Nazarene University’s Engineering Program, dedicated facilities for Kenyon College’s Film School, COTC Knox Campus classrooms, new restaurants, and a micro-brewery.

“Businesses that choose to locate in Mount Vernon get the best of both urban and rural worlds,” comments Harris. “We’re an easy 45-minute drive from the Columbus metro area, we have the local resources of internationally-competitive institutions, and our residents enjoy the beautiful rolling hills of our rural landscape.”



*Mount Vernon is the county seat and largest city in Knox County, Ohio, which is home to Kenyon College, Mount Vernon Nazarene University, and Central Ohio Technical College’s Knox Campus.*

## Available excess capacity of 2-30MW

The local electric co-op, The Energy Cooperative, provides engineering services and expansion investment for the power infrastructure that serves the RJM property and other industrial sites in a multi-county region. Within the Mount Vernon Enterprise Park Complex, there is currently 2MW of available capacity, with the ability to expand to 30MW of capacity in 12-18 months on an adjacent substation site. The Energy Cooperative’s Gary Baker notes, “We’re in a position to support whatever need the RJM site might require as the primary provider or a redundant source. We’re prepared for almost any type of industrial facility.”

## Local resources provide exceptional responsiveness

As Joshua Filler, P.E., manager of engineering for The Energy Cooperative, states, “Our member service is our primary advantage. Our rates are very competitive, but most importantly, we’re closely linked to our members. We can respond quickly to questions, engineering, or issues because we’re right here in the community.”

Continuous system maintenance and equipment upgrades provide enhanced reliability. The Energy Cooperative’s members in the industrial park benefit from the cooperative’s low System Average Interruption Duration Index (SAIDI), which correlates to minimal outages.



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## Efficiency retrofits reduce demand and energy costs

The Energy Cooperative enjoys a healthy member growth rate of about one percent annually, but efficiency measures help keep demand steady. The cooperative’s lighting rebate program provides a rebate on lighting material costs for high-efficiency retrofits or new construction, based on the wattage reduced. In addition to the rebates, members save on both demand and energy costs.



ed economic growth. The Columbus Region has greater access to the U.S. market than any other major metro. More than 4,400 logistics establishments employing over 83,000 employees thrive on the Columbus Region's ultra-modern interstate highway system, third-party logistics companies and multiple rail terminals.

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- Site search tours
- Assistance in identifying financial incentives
- Electric rate analyses
- Community profiles
- State and local government contacts
- Contractor introductions

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November 7-9, 2018  
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