

Happy
New
Year!

Newsletter

January 8th, 2025



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A note from the CEO

Strength in Partnership

Building Momentum through Collaboration

As we kick off 2026, I want to start by saying thank you—to our members, partners, and community leaders who continue to invest their time, talent, and trust in the Greater Sandusky Partnership.

There is a lot to be excited about in the year ahead.

Across our region, we are seeing momentum build—new ideas taking shape, long-standing challenges being approached differently, and a growing recognition that our greatest opportunities come when the public, private, and civic sectors move forward *together*. Strengthening that public-private partnership will remain at the heart of GSP's work in 2026.

This year, you'll see us continue to focus on creating a strong, coordinated regional voice for the advancement of our economy, our communities, and our quality of life. That means advocating for policies that support business growth and talent attraction, convening leaders around shared priorities, and helping align efforts so that we are pulling in the same direction as a region. An example you'll see in just a few weeks is the Regional Housing Symposium where we'll examine challenges and explore solutions alongside local developers, community leaders, and regional partners.

At the same time, GSP remains deeply committed to supporting and supplementing the great work happening in our partner communities and organizations—both here in Erie County and across neighboring counties. We believe regional success does not come at the expense of local identity; it is built by lifting up each community's strengths and connecting them in meaningful ways.

There are big things ahead in 2026—new initiatives, deeper partnerships, and important conversations that will shape our region's future. Thank you for being part of this work. We look forward to continuing the journey with you and to all that we will accomplish together in the year ahead.

— *Eric Wobser*

President & CEO
Greater Sandusky Partnership

UPCOMING EVENTS



January 22nd MEMBER ORIENTATION

Gathering Grounds Coffee House
10:00 - 11:00 am

[REGISTER](#)



January 22nd RIPPLES OF PLASTIC: FREE FILM SCREENING

Huron Public Library
5:00 - 6:30 pm

[REGISTER](#)



February 11TH COFFEE & CONVERSATION

Sandusky Library
9:30 - 11:00 am

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Regional Housing Symposium

Join us to hear about emerging strategies to address regional housing needs, learn from local and statewide partners leading successful projects, and take part in a conversation about how we can work together to expand housing opportunities across the region.

DATE: Thursday, January 29

TIME: 8:30 - 11:30 am

LOCATION: Kalahari Resorts & Conventions, 7000 Kalahari Dr, Sandusky, OH 44870

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MEMBER UPDATES



MEMBER ORIENTATION

Whether you're brand new to the Greater Sandusky Partnership or looking to re-engage, this event is a welcoming opportunity to connect over coffee and learn how to make the most of your membership. Learn about the full menu of member benefits.

DATE: Thursday, January 22

TIME: 10:00am - 11:00am

LOCATION: Gathering Grounds Coffee House, 404 Main St, Huron

Tell us you're coming!

COFFEE & CONVERSATION

Feat. New Sandusky Library Executive Director, William Rutger

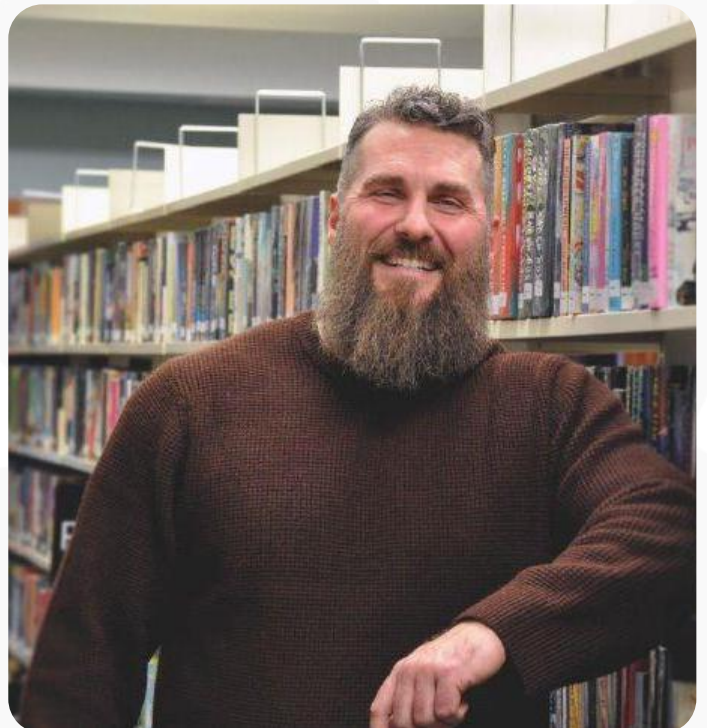
Enjoy complimentary coffee, networking, and conversation as William shares his vision for the library's future.

DATE: Wednesday, February 11

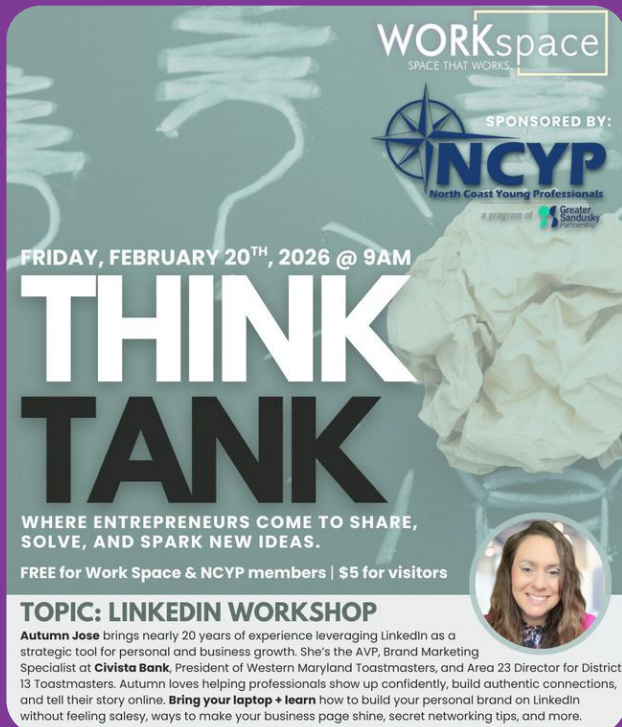
TIME: 9:30am

LOCATION: Sandusky Library

Tell us you're coming!



TALENT ENGAGEMENT



WORKSPACE THINK TANK LINKEDIN WORKSHOP

North Coast Young Professionals is teaming up with Work Space to host a LinkedIn and Personal Branding Workshop! GSP and NCYP Members can attend for FREE.

DATE: Friday, February 20

TIME: 9:00AM

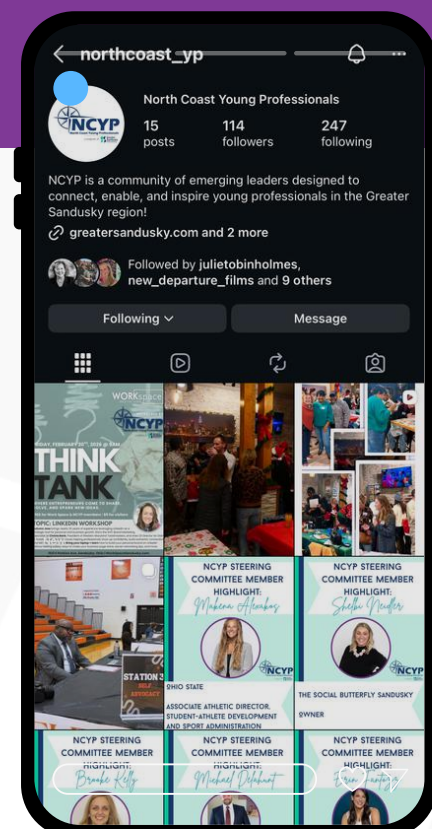
LOCATION: Work Space, 1521 E Perkins Avenue, Sandusky, OH

[Register to attend NOW!](#)

FOLLOW NCYP ON IG

You can now connect with North Coast Young Professionals on Instagram!

See the latest events, updates and resources for young professionals!



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



200+ NEW JOBS ON THE WAY CONGRATS LEWCO & LOGISTIQ



LEWCO and LogistiQ announced plans for a \$24M expansion that will create approximately 208 new jobs in the region.

JobsOhio, the Ohio Department of Development, Team NEO, the Regional Growth Partnership, the Greater Sandusky Partnership, and the Ottawa County Improvement Corporation all worked with LEWCO and LogistiQ to bring this expansion to Northern Ohio.

[Read more about it here](#)

2025 IN REVIEW: ERIE COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY

The Erie County Port Authority, administered by Greater Sandusky Partnership, helps businesses and communities finance major capital investments through flexible tools designed to reduce project costs and accelerate development.

In 2025, the ECPA completed nine projects across seven counties, facilitating \$230 million in capital investment in the region.

ERIE COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY

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Stay tuned for a full 2025 ECPA Report!



SANDUSKY BAY PATHWAY

There is an open Request For Qualifications (RFQ) for a consultant team on an ATIIP-funded planning project due end of January, focusing on multi-use trail connections between Sandusky and Port Clinton—with special emphasis on feasibility for a pedestrian/bike pathway across Sandusky Bay, building on the recent federal Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program grant.

ABOUT THE GRANT

ROUTE 6 COORIDOR STUDY

The Erie County Port Authority is leading the effort for a Route 6 Corridor Economic Development Study to examine economic opportunities along Rt. 6 from Rye Beach Road to Cedar Point Drive. GSP has engaged key stakeholders to identify priorities, and we're actively seeking additional funders to launch the study in Q2 2026.



These initiatives advance regional connectivity and vibrancy—extending the visionary 100-mile Sandusky Bay Pathway network while unlocking economic potential along critical corridors like Rt. 6.

PROGRAMMING & PLACEMAKING



Sandusky RESTAURANT WEEK

Save the date! Sandusky Restaurant Week is returning March 5 - 15th

Restaurants in the 44870 area code are invited to participate.

Stay tuned for more information.

HURON LAKE FRONT MARKET VENDOR APPLICATION OPEN

Huron Lake Front Market will return this summer! GSP is now accepting vendor applications.

For more information on becoming a vendor, please email Rachael Summerfield at rsummerfield@greatersandusky.com



GRANT OPPORTUNITY!

SHORES & ISLANDS OHIO



2026 DESTINATION DEVELOPMENT GRANTS AVAILABLE IN ERIE AND OTTAWA COUNTIES

**SHORES &
ISLANDS
OHIO**

Shores & Islands Ohio is now accepting applications for its 2026 Destination Development Grant Program. Projects should focus on improving amenities, attractions, and facilities, fostering connections between residents and visitors, and aligning with S&IO's mission and strategic goals.

New this year, grant applicants are required to attend an informational meeting before they are allowed to apply. There will be a virtual option for those who cannot attend in-person. If unable to participate in any of the sessions, the applicant must schedule a one-on-one review with Amanda Smith Rasnick before applying.

Email amanda@shoresandislands.com with questions regarding the info sessions or to schedule a personal review.

Applications are due February 25, 2026, with award meetings scheduled April 1–3 and April 6–8.

CLICK TO LEARN MORE

Upcoming Informational Sessions:

**MONDAY
DEC. 8TH**

**10:00AM &
3:00PM**

**S&IO EAST
125 E. Water
St., Sandusky**

**TUESDAY
DEC. 9TH**

**9:00AM &
2:00PM**

**S&IO WEST
770 S.E.
Catawba Rd.,
Port Clinton**

Thank You

NEW & RENEWED MEMBERS!



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