

"You must learn a new way to think before you can master a new way to be."
~Marianne Williamson



WYOMING COUNTY ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

HELLO FRIENDS AND PARTNERS!

The spring is bringing forth new plans and projects to the EDA.
We hope the same is true for you!

Visit Our Website

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Scheduled for Truston

Please join us for the ribbon cutting ceremony for Truston on Tuesday, May 1.

The ceremony is in celebration of Truston most recent expansion. Help us congratulate them on their success!

Tours of Truston facilities will be available upon conclusion of the ceremony.



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YOU'RE INVITED

**TRUSTON INVITES YOU TO
CELEBRATE THEIR RECENT EXPANSION!**

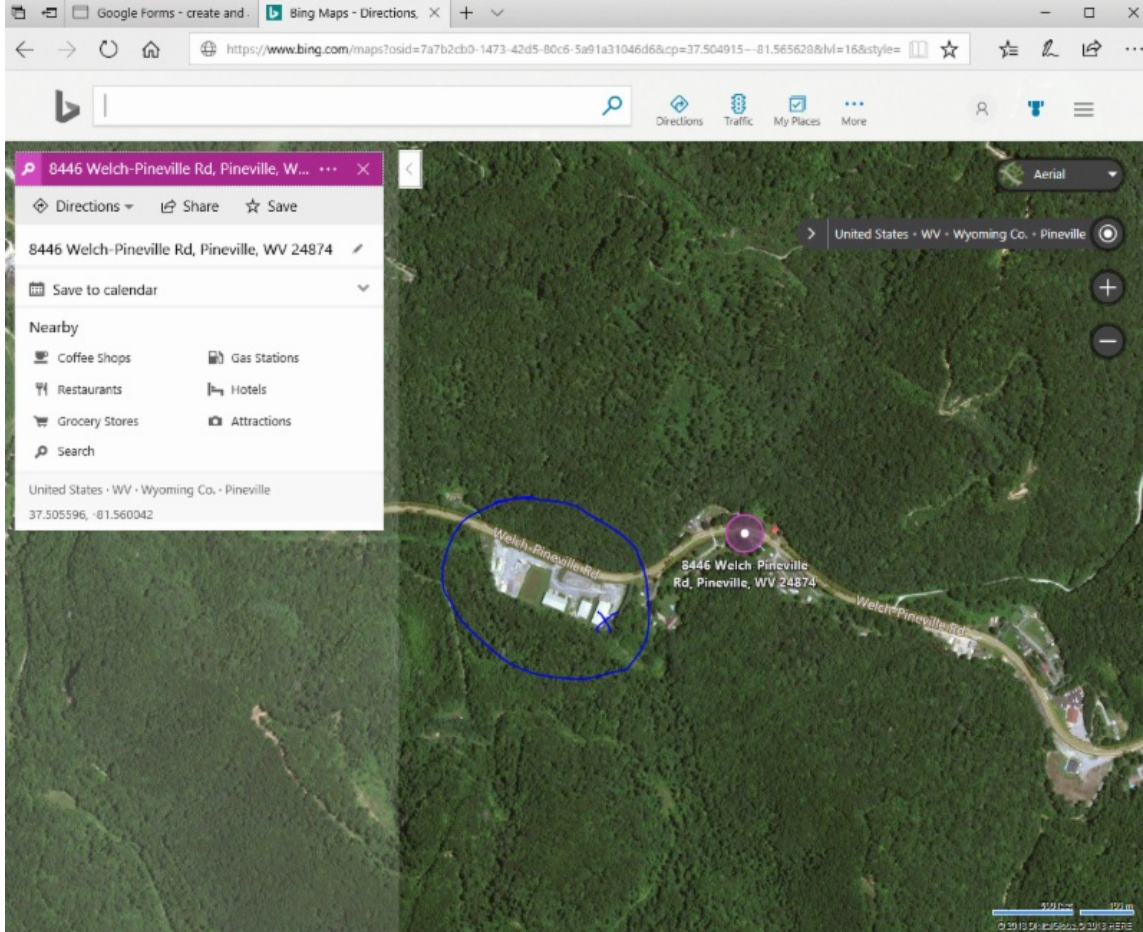
Please join us Tuesday, May 1, for a ribbon cutting and tour of Truston's Wyoming County facility.

John D. Rockefeller IV Industrial Park
8446 Welch Pineville Road, Pineville, WV 24874

Noon Refreshments Served
12:30 p.m. Remarks
1 p.m. Ribbon Cutting

Attendees are welcome to tour the facility following the ribbon cutting.
RSVP to Christy Laxton, christylaxton@wyomingcounty.com

Pictured below is a map of Truston's new location. Per Bing or Google, the physical address actually takes guests a mile away from their actual location. Circle on the map, is Truston's actual location.



2018 Generation Next: 40 Under 40

"Young West Virginians are succeeding in business, education, government and various other professions. They are our Generation Next - the next wave of leaders who will guide the state and its communities toward the future. The State Journal is seeks nominations for its annual publication, Generation Next: 40 Under 40, which seeks to honor those people younger than 40 who are making a difference in their business and communities."-WV State Journal



Hats off to Executive Director, Christy Laxton, on receiving the honor of being chosen as one of the 2018 Generation Next: 40 Under 40, by the WV State Journal. Christy received recognition of her award at a ceremony in Charleston, WV on April 13, 2018 to commemorate this great honor.

[You can view Christy's complete interview here.](#) or [follow this link to view the full list of winners!](#)

2018 SBA Champion of the Year

We would also like to extend congratulations to Executive Director Christy Laxton for being nominated and selected as this year's Small Business Administration WV Small Business Champion of the Year!



"It is my honor to present Christy Laxton, director of the

Wyoming County Economic Development Authority, with the 2018 SBA West Virginia Small Business Champion of the Year award," states Karen Friel SBA West Virginia District Director. "Christy epitomizes the definition of this award with not only her work through the development authority but because she takes every opportunity available to advance her county and southern West Virginia."

Once again, we congratulate you, Christy, on your award! Thank you for everything you do for our community.

[A full write up covering this story was provided by the Wyoming County Report that can be viewed here!](#)

Happy Administrative Professionals Week!

We would like to thank Laura Roberts-Lambert, Administrative Assistant for Loans & Operations, and Whitney Bailey, Administrative Assistant for Accounting & Finance, for your continued dedication to the Wyoming County EDA! Thank you for everything that each of you do to help our office and day to day business run smoothly.



Visit Wyoming County Days 2018

Save the date for Visit Wyoming County Days 2018, scheduled for June 22-24, 2018! We are currently planning events with hopes of once again reminding folks what makes West Virginia so wild and wonderful.

A free picnic will be held on June 24, 2018 from 3:00-5:00 pm. Be sure to stay tuned for further details about our fun-filled weekend!

The next planning meeting to finalize events will be held on May 7, 2018. Everyone is welcome to attend! If you would like to participate in any way, please check out the [volunteer registration form](#), the [activity registration form](#), and/or the [booth registration form](#). Donations to help support our event are also welcomed and appreciated!



[Follow "Visit Wyoming County Days" on Facebook for Continued Updates!](#)

Office Space Available for Lease

Office space is now available for lease! The property is located adjacent to the Wyoming County EDA in Pineville, WV. If you are interested in this space, please contact Christy Laxton at 304-732-6707. Thank you!



Small Business Survey!

We are conducting a Small Business Survey to see how we can service our small businesses better in Wyoming County. This survey is focused specifically on your current business or your potential business. The survey will take around 15 minutes to complete. The survey will not time

out if you are unable to complete it all at once and all questions may not be applicable to your business. Most questions are rating scales of 1-5. We appreciate your time in assisting us with our effort to provide better services to the small businesses of Wyoming County. We are also looking for volunteers to be a part of our Entrepreneurial Communities Team, please let us know if you would like to be a part of the team.

We are currently surveying Wyoming County business owners to better assess the needs of the county. Please take a few moments and tell us where you feel you may need additional information or assistance. Your responses will be kept completely confidential and none of your individual information will be disclosed. We appreciate your willingness to share your story with us! Contact information will be used only if follow-up questions are necessary and to provide general demographic information for all those completing the survey

[Follow this link to take our survey!](#)

Business of the Month Program

The Wyoming County EDA "Business of the Month" program is another opportunity to show our appreciation to Wyoming County businesses for investing in our community. We encourage everyone to buy local as often as possible. Buying local saves jobs and businesses in Wyoming County.



Each month, the Wyoming County EDA will select a business who has been nominated and is located in Wyoming County to be chosen as the "Business of the Month". The business is spotlighted for one month. The "Business of the Month" receives marketing opportunities with an announcement on our website at www.wyomingcounty.com and our [Facebook page](#). You can find the nomination form [in this link](#).

To nominate a Business of the Month, please email entries to christylaxton@wyomingcounty.com or fax them to 304-732-6963.

2018 Loan Program Status

It is the Wyoming County EDA's mission to partner, not compete, with lending institutions and other funding sources to maximize the loans that can be leveraged by small businesses in our communities.

However, we also understand that sometimes there are funding gaps not addressed by these institutions. In order to provide the capital that small businesses need to start and grow in Southern West Virginia, the WCEDA oversees five loan funds geared towards filling these needs.



We take pride in these achievements, and look forward to watching new companies grow and serve our communities!

[Click here for our latest Loan Program Status Update!](#)

[For more information, please visit our website!](#)

Brownfields Update

Work continues at the Barkers Creek Industrial Park!

The following is a projected schedule as of April 19, 2018:

- April 25 & May 2 - Advertise in Newspaper
- May 3 - Pre-Bid Conference on-site
- May 17 - Bid Opening
- May 21 - Evaluate Bids - Issue a Notice of Award
- May 31 - Contractor submit signed contract and bonds
- June 11 - Pre-construction conference at EDA - EDA sign contract and Notice to Proceed
- August 30 - substantial completion (80 days)
- September 10 - Final Completion



The Land Use Covenant has been approved and signed by the WV DEP. This will now be recorded at the Wyoming County Courthouse.

The Remediation Engineer, Terradon, will be at the pre-bid conference on May 3rd to discuss the Brownfields portion of the project.

The WV Office of Environmental Health Services has approved the sewer and water permit for the Barkers Creek Industrial Park.

Things will be moving quickly over the next several months, keep an eye out on our Facebook and the local newspapers for updates!

In partnership with our contractors, the WV Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), and the WV Brownfields Assistance Centers (BACs), we have made great progress on the former Lusk Lumber site in Tralee. With assessments and reviews wrapping up over the next few months, we look forward to moving into the construction phase of remediation and working with new tenants to grow Wyoming County!

[Click here for the most recent status report from Stafford!](#)

[Click here for the most recent status report from Terradon!](#)

Coming soon --- Industrial Leases at the Barkers Creek Industrial Park!

[Follow this link for an overview of the layout of Barker's Creek Industrial Park.](#)

The site is equipped to accommodate a 50,0000 square foot building! Below is a panoramic view of the Barkers Creek Industrial Park site.



Upcoming Events

Monthly Meetings:

EDA Board of Directors - Please See Below for Upcoming Meeting Dates for this Year!

- Monday, May 21, 2018
- Thursday, June 21, 2018
- Thursday, August 16, 2018
- Thursday, November 15, 2018

County Commission - First and Third Wednesdays
Mullens City Council - Third Thursdays
Oceana City Council - Second Thursdays
Pineville City Council - Second Mondays



Need Assistance?

Questions? Interested in one of our programs or properties?

Contact your Wyoming County EDA Staff today!

- Christy Laxton - Executive Director
- Laura Roberts-Lambert - Administrative Assistant, Loans and Operations
- Whitney Bailey - Administrative Assistant, Accounting and Finance



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