

The following information is provided by the Yellow Springs Development Corporation (YSDC) to help local and regional businesses and regional economic development partners work with us to retain, grow, and attract organizations that fit with the unique characteristics of Yellow Springs and Miami Township.

A. What Makes Yellow Springs Unique for Business? Why build a business in Yellow Springs?

1. Local and accessible government means you can build your vision in tandem with village goals
 - a. Elected officials and Village manager are available and accessible
 - b. Local utility, planning and zoning departments
 - c. New: Local building permit office

2. Local and renewable energy focused utilities creates a resilient location for a changing climate
 - a. Locally owned and operated water and wastewater treatment plants
 - b. Locally owned and operated solar power and broadband network
 - c. Electricity is 80% renewable energy-sourced
 - d. Under exploration: Natural gas aggregate purchasing

3. Fast response from emergency crews
 - a. Locally operated police, fire and rescue
 - b. Locally operated utility workforce (electric, water, sewer, wastewater, broadband)

4. Easy commuting makes employees happier and healthier
 - a. Bike and pedestrian friendly, walkable community
 - b. Eclectic housing; 90 new units coming soon
 - c. EV charging stations
 - d. Free and abundant parking
 - e. On Route 68 and Little Miami bike trail
 - f. 30 minutes to Dayton, 1 hour to Columbus, 1 hour to Cincinnati, 2 hours to Indianapolis
 - g. Multiple airport options within 60-mile radius for people and cargo

5. Community values that match your values
 - a. Anti-racism, inclusion, equity, and accessibility
 - b. Cultural richness: writer's groups; visual, musical, and performing arts
 - c. Environment, sustainability, and climate action
 - d. Open and welcoming community of opportunity for all persons
 - e. Strong local, public schools with project-based learning approach
 - f. Public pre-K and private K-8 schools

6. Unique business environment
 - a. Strong and diverse local economy
 - b. Small organizations making a big impact
 - c. Many successful and thriving startups
 - d. Human scaled living, working, and playing
 - e. Home to renowned liberal arts education
 - f. Within an hour of dozens of state and private universities and research institutes

7. Community focus on health and wellness foster a healthy work-life balance
 - a. Glen Helen nature preserve
 - b. John Bryan and Clifton Gorge state parks
 - c. Little Miami bike trail
 - d. Wellness Center at Antioch College
8. Full service, vibrant downtown with easy access and walkability
 - a. Restaurants, coffee houses, pubs, breweries
 - b. Grocery, pharmacy, hardware, banks, post office, library
 - c. Gifts, florists, clothing, art, music, entertainment
9. Growing sectors in the past 10 years
 - a. Value added agriculture/ food and beverage commercial supply
 - b. Technology infrastructure and renewable energy
 - c. Office/professional

B. We are Seeking (not a comprehensive list)

- Community college extensions
- Green energy and green building organizations
- Light manufacturing
- Minority and women-owned businesses and start-ups
- Production and development organizations for visual, performing, and other creative arts
- Professional organizations, e.g., law, accounting, medical, engineering
- Research and development
- Scalable small enterprises
- Service and supply chain for computer chip manufacturing, lithium batteries, medical
- Value added agriculture supply, e.g. food and beverage manufacturing raw materials
- Workforce development organizations, including trades and renewable energy installers