



OVERVIEW

The Findlay-Hancock County Community Development Foundation (CDF) has worked tirelessly toward implementing growth initiatives within the region, and their efforts have been met with striking success – in the past fifteen years, over 6,500 new jobs have been created within the city and county, and more than forty companies have located all or a portion of their operations within the area. CNN and Site Selection magazine noted Hancock County as a leader in economic development, and Findlay has been ranked as the eighth best “Small City for Corporate Facilities” in the entire nation.

Major companies recognizing Findlay and Hancock County’s advantage of location include Marathon Ashland Petroleum, Cooper Tire & Rubber Company and Whirlpool Corporation, all of which have made Findlay their corporate headquarters. Kohl’s, Lowe’s and Best Buy have all located regional distribution facilities in Findlay that together, encompass over 3.1 million square feet of space.

Solid residential and economic growth has made Findlay an attractive market for national retailers. The city has become a regional shopping hub and offers a market trade area that encompasses almost 302,000 people within a thirty-mile radius of the city’s center. The Findlay Village Mall is anchored by three major department stores, including Sears, JC Penney, and Elder-Beerman.

Flag City Station shopping center is located on the eastern side of Findlay at the northwest corner of U.S. Route 224 and State Route 236. Its name reflects Findlay’s nickname as Flag City, U.S.A., a title bestowed upon the community by Congress in recognition of Findlay’s extensive annual celebration of Flag Day on June 14th whereby city residents decorate local homes and businesses with more than 14,000 American flags. Since its inception, Flag City Station has seen tremendous success and has become the dominant retail center in the Findlay market. Vehicle counts help tell the story of Flag City Station’s success – 23,200 cars travel in front of the center each day. The city recently allocated \$47 million to sewer expansion into areas east of Flag City Station. These extensive infrastructure investments have already increased levels of residential and commercial growth in the areas surrounding Flag City Station.

Flag City Station is anchored by a 192,294 square foot Wal-Mart Supercenter and includes Kohl’s, MC Sporting Goods, and Staples. Additionally, the shopping center features 18,653 square feet of general retail space with several outparcels. A complete renovation of the façade in 2006 rejuvenated this already well positioned and thriving retail center.