



VANDALIA

CIVIC ADVANCEMENT

Advancing Community • *Shaping the Future.*

WHO WE ARE

Vandalia Civic Advancement is a leadership coalition that aligns vision and resources across organizations with a vested interest in Vandalia's future—ensuring initiatives are strategic, sustainable, and impactful for generations to come.

OUR VISION

Vandalia Civic Advancement exists to position the community for sustained success through coordinated planning, strategic investment, and long-term economic development — economically, socially, and generationally.

WHAT WE DO

Expand access

Leverage investment

Unified vision for regional growth

Enhance community development



AREAS OF FOCUS

Regional Competitiveness & Growth

Workforce Development & Talent Retention

Infrastructure, Land Use & Site Readiness

Quality-of-Life Investments



HOW WE OPERATE

Advocate Strategically

Coordinate Leadership

Strategic Planning & Execution

Strengthen Funding Competitiveness

WHY THIS MATTERS

Communities are competing not just for businesses—but for people, talent, investment, and long-term sustainability. The places that succeed are those that move beyond transactional development and toward intentional, coordinated community building.



Rather than focusing solely on business recruitment or isolated projects, we take a holistic approach to community development—one that considers quality of life, workforce pipelines, infrastructure readiness, land use, and long-term economic resilience as interconnected systems. This approach allows Vandalia to be proactive rather than reactive.

WE ASK OURSELVES:

“What kind of community do we want to become - and how do we build toward that future intentionally”



HOW IS IT DIFFERENT

We do not replace the work of existing entities such as the chamber of commerce, economic development commissions, districts, or local governments.

While other organizations focus on execution, services, and day-to-day activity, we focus on designing and coordinating the system those efforts operate within.



WHAT DOES SUCCESS LOOK LIKE

- Quality-of-Life Investments
- Strong alignment across institutions
- Efficient use of public & private dollars
- Increased competitiveness for funding & investment
- A community that retains talent & attracts new families