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Bloom Township tapped as model for Intel-area planning program



Intel's Ohio One semiconductor plant under construction in New Albany in September 2025.

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A local township will serve as a model for a new program that funds long-range planning efforts around major economic development projects such as the [Intel Corp.](#) complex in New Albany and the Anduril campus in Pickaway County.

The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) announced Monday that Bloom Township in Fairfield County has launched its comprehensive plan to "manage change, preserve rural character and agriculture and prepare ... for the future."

The planning process is fully funded through MORPC's Get Ready Initiative, which launched in early 2024 for communities within 40 minutes of Intel Corp. and the New Albany Technology Manufacturing District. Planning NEXT and Burgess & Niple serve as consultants.

The cost exceeds \$100,000, according to a press release.

Though construction on the Intel complex continues, the project has hit several speed bumps that have [pushed back its timeline](#).

The semiconductor manufacturer initially said the first two of potentially eight fabrication facilities would open last year. But that has now been delayed until 2030 or 2031.

Still, officials in Central Ohio [have yet to voice serious concerns](#) about the delays.



Intel celebrated its future Ohio manufacturing complex during a ceremonial groundbreaking on Sept. 9, 2022 in New Albany.

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Bloom Township also is about 20 minutes from the Anduril facility, which is [expected to start production this year](#) and eventually [employ some 4,000 people](#).

"As the region experiences increased development pressure, this planning process provides an important opportunity for Bloom Township to proactively shape its future, preserving what residents value while positioning the community to benefit from new opportunities," MORPC said in the release.

The regional council, after assessing planning needs in areas experiencing "significant growth," selected Bloom Township as a "model community" through a competitive application process, the release said.

The township's planning process "can serve as a roadmap for other communities in the region," according to MORPC.

"Bloom Township residents recognize that growth is occurring in the area but emphasize that the land use plan must continue to reflect our commitment to preserving the township's rural character," Township Administrator Anne Cyphert said in a statement.

The plan, though not legally binding, will provide a "foundation for zoning decisions, land development regulations, budgeting and public investments," MORPC said.

There will be two rounds of public input events.

The plan is expected to be completed in the summer.

