

## Vital Projects

The process of identifying and prioritizing projects, programs and activities that address the NEFCO region’s needs and enhance economic competitiveness relies on assistance from county and city coordinators. These coordinators solicit their local governments and communities for economic development projects in need of funds that are not typically eligible under other federal and state programs. The projects identified in this CEDS represent the preferences of the economic development and/or planning departments of NEFCO’s dues-paying members. In many cases they have been approved by a member’s governing body (County Executive/ Commissioners and city/county councils).

Table 5 lists the economic development priorities for the NEFCO region, the organization responsible for execution, and possible sources of funding.

**Table 7 – Vital Projects**

<b>Project</b>	<b>Sources of funding</b>	<b>Lead organization responsible for execution</b>
<b>Tier I Projects - Highest Priority (in alphabetical order)</b>		
BioHio Research Park	State, EDA, University	City of Wooster
Mahoning Road ED Corridor	Local, State, EDA	City of Canton
Richville Drive ED Corridor	Local, State, EDA	City of Massillon
Stark County Farm ED Project	EDA, Village of Navarre, Private	Stark County Board of Trade
<b>Tier II - Moderate Priority (in alphabetical order)</b>		
Cochran Road Industrial Park	Local, State, EDA	City of Cuyahoga Falls
Akron Road Industrial Park Connector	Local, State, EDA	City of Wooster
Greenwich Road Sanitary Sewer	Local, State, EDA	City of Norton
Regional Justice Center	Local, State, EDA	City of Barberton