

Chris Singerling



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Chris serves as the Executive Director of the Ottawa County Improvement Corporation (OCIC), overseeing the development and execution of policies, strategies, and initiatives aligned with the organization's Strategic Plan. With over 20 years of experience in economic development, Chris brings a strong background in strategic planning and public policy. His expertise lies in fostering partnerships, creating impactful programs at national and local levels, and driving collaborative initiatives to support business growth and community development. Chris focuses on business retention and expansion, and new development while working closely with area partners to implement strategies that strengthen and grow Ottawa County.

Chris is actively involved in driving key initiatives and fostering collaboration efforts. This includes the rapidly-emerging and new aerospace industry sector, Advanced Air Mobility, in partnership with the Erie-Ottawa International Airport and All Azimuth Solutions. He has also played a significant role in regional partnerships with the Greater Sandusky Partnership, the Toledo Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), and the Regional Growth Partnership (RGP). Additionally, Chris has been instrumental in crafting site development strategies and leading community-focused initiatives that address housing, infrastructure, and transportation improvements.

In addition to his role at OCIC, Chris serves on the Magruder Hospital Board, North Point Educational Service Center Board, Shores & Islands Ohio Board, Ottawa County Business Advisory Council, Ottawa County Visitors Bureau, Firelands Forward Advisory Board (regional workforce development collaborative), Legislative Committee for Northwest Ohio Regional Economic Development, Northwest Ohio Advanced Air Mobility Task Force, NORED Board of Directors, and OEDA Special Events Committee. He has been leading OCIC since July 2020.

In his free time, Chris enjoys golfing, boating on Lake Erie, practicing yoga, running, and exploring all that Ottawa County has to offer. Originally from Michigan, he now resides in Catawba Island.