



Columbia County Port of Columbia Blue Mountain Station Industrial Park

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Link to Economic Development Strategy

Port of Columbia — In July 2009, the Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB) approved an \$800,000 loan and \$200,000 grant to the Port of Columbia to for the purchase of 28 acres of land to be developed into an eco-friendly industrial park.



Local Perspective of CERB Impact

“The citizens of Dayton have overwhelmingly voiced their desire for job creation and economic development in the community, while at the same time valuing their agricultural traditions. This project is a perfect blend of new development with an existing economic engine.”

*- Richard Jones, Chairman
Columbia County Board of Commissioners*

Catalyst for Private and Local Investment

In addition to the land purchase, CERB funds will be used to construct the road, water, sewer and other infrastructure utilities necessary for the park's development. The resulting park is designed to attract artisan and organic food processors, encourage culinary tourism in the area, and is projected to create 52 jobs in Phase I of a four-phase development.

Unique State Program

As Washington's strategic economic development resource, CERB is focused on creating private sector jobs in partnership with local governments by financing infrastructure improvements which encourage new business development and expansion. In addition to funding construction projects, CERB provides limited funding for studies that evaluate high-priority economic development projects. CERB receives management services from the Department of Commerce; the lead state agency charged with enhancing and promoting sustainable community and economic vitality in Washington.