

# PORTSFUTURE

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GASEOUS DIFFUSION PLANT (PORTS) NEAR PIKETON, OHIO  
PORTSFUTURE PROJECT



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Through a grant provided by the U.S. Department of Energy, Ohio University conducted a 15 month, broad-based public participation process during 2010-2011 in Pike, Scioto, Ross, and Jackson Counties to identify the community's future-use preferences for the U.S. Department of Energy's PORTS site located near Piketon, Ohio.

Community participants included residents, economic development entities, environmental groups, nonprofits, and many other stakeholders in the four counties near the site.

Future-use scenarios were developed by community members via County Visioning Teams & voted on by public-at-large at numerous public events and via the Internet.

### County Visioning Teams

- One visioning team per county-each held two planning meetings
- All 4 counties drafted a total of 76 scenarios
- Each county refined their own scenarios
- A total of 19 refined scenarios were submitted to be considered by an Advisory Group

### Advisory Group *(comprised of 3 members from each county team and 2 alternates)*

- Combined 19 scenarios into 9
- Rated all 9 scenarios
- Put the 9 scenarios forth for public voting.

Economic impact analysis was conducted on all 9 scenarios and available to voters

Public voting occurred on-line and in-person at events in the region from July 15, 2011-September 30, 2011. A total of 1,141 people voted on the nine scenarios and the total votes were:

Scenario Name	Total Votes
• Nuclear power plant	495
• Green energy production	475
• Industrial park	421
• National research and development	418
• Multi-use southern Ohio education center	143
• Training and education facility	160
• Greenbelt	131
• Warehousing, distribution, and transportation hub	179
• Metal recovery facility	152

Scenario preferences obtained through the public voting activities were reported to key stakeholders and the final report was submitted to the U.S. Department of Energy Office of Environmental Management, Portsmouth/Paducah Project Office for their consideration as they make cleanup and risk reduction decisions about the site.

*Final report was released Winter 2012 and is available to the public on the program website below.*

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