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New Power Plant Means Jobs, Clean Energy for Carroll County

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Once again, Carroll County takes the lead in natural gas development in Ohio. Last week, Carroll County Energy LLC [announced plans](#) to build an \$800 million natural gas-fueled power plant over the next two to three years. As the most permitted county in the state, it makes sense that a company would choose this area for critical infrastructure like this plant, which will be able to produce enough electricity to power 700,000 homes.

The company has said the project could create 500 construction jobs and 25 to 30 full-time jobs. The project itself will sit on 77 acres just north of Carrollton, which has already seen huge economic benefits from natural gas. For example, Carroll County saw a [33 percent increase](#) in sales tax revenue between 2011 and 2012, owing in no small part to shale development. The four energy companies operating in the county have spent more than \$40 million on road improvements – 80 times the county’s annual road repair budget.


Carroll County could also see additional economic benefits from this specific project if the company enters an Enterprise Zone Agreement, which provides long-term tax revenues to benefit schools and other public programs. Building and utilizing the plant could also mean large payments for water and sewer services.

The site is near the Tennessee Gas Pipeline, which will bring natural gas to fuel the plant. The plant will use [GE Energy’s](#) natural gas and steam turbine technology, which captures waste heat and generates additional electricity. The plant will produce as much as 50 percent less carbon dioxide and less than 10 percent of the sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides than would other types of power plants to generate the same amount of electricity.

Carroll County Energy LLC plans to hold several open houses to outline their plans and answer questions from Carroll County residents. Energy In Depth looks forward to updating you on the project’s status and the rest of the exciting news coming out of the Utica Shale’s top producing county!

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