

Brush Wellman Elmore, Ohio

Economic Impact

Just outside the village of Elmore, Ohio, along the banks of the Portage River, lies one of the region's most significant facilities—one that brings high technology and international trade home to Northwest Ohio. That facility is the flagship of Brush Wellman's global manufacturing network. Since 1953, Brush Wellman's Elmore plant has steadily grown and been a major employer in Ottawa County. The plant currently employs over 600 local residents and provides many economic benefits to the communities, businesses, and citizens of the Region

- Brush Wellman is the second largest employer in Ottawa County. In 2007, salaries and wages averaged more than \$50,000 per employee, which is well above the average county and state household income levels. Employees also enjoy attractive medical, dental, and savings plan benefits, as well as a company-funded pension plan.
- Brush Wellman employees paid over \$6 million in federal income taxes and about \$1.5 million in state income taxes in 2007.
- Brush Wellman paid about \$1.1 million in personal property and real estate taxes in 2007. Over \$800,000 of this was directly allocated to local schools, including the Woodmore district and Penta Vocational. Taxes paid by the company serve to reduce the tax impact that would otherwise be incurred by residents for schools, government, and social service agencies.
- Including purchasing of goods and services from businesses and vendors locally and throughout the state, Brush Wellman made an economic impact of about \$29 million in 2007 in the Northwest Ohio region. This supports many local businesses and creates a multiplier effect in stimulating additional jobs outside of Brush Wellman.
- Brush Wellman invested \$117 million in new casting and metalworking equipment in Elmore in the late-1990's, the largest investment for the company ever. These investments ensure Brush Wellman's competitive future to continue to add substantial economic value to the local communities.
- In September 2006, the company announced that Elmore was selected as the site for a proposed primary beryllium facility – an investment of up to \$90 million for the Northwest Ohio economy. The new facility, to be completed under an innovative private-public cost-sharing partnership with the U.S. Department of Defense, is now in the design and engineering phase. Following construction in 2008-2010, approximately 25 additional jobs are expected to be created to operate and maintain the facility. A significant number of construction and support positions will be created outside of Brush Wellman related to the project.
- Brush Wellman, through its Community Investment Program, and its employees donate generously to local charitable organizations. The Elmore facility has won United Way's annual "Pillar of the Community Award" for three consecutive years. For over a decade, Brush has been a co-sponsor of the Chick Schaffner Golf Classic, which is the largest income generator in Ottawa County for the American Heart Association. Brush employees also provide invaluable support through community service activities such as volunteerism and civic leadership.
- Brush Wellman's Elmore plant was the recipient of the Northwest Ohio Regional Economic Development 2006 Business of the Year Award. The award recognizes a business's performance, its efforts as a good corporate citizen and its profound positive impact on its local community.