



Top photo: **After** Village Vistas;
Bottom photo: **Before** Village Vistas.
Images were submitted

2025: Noble County Village Vistas

What is Village Vistas?

The Ohio State University Extension is announcing the 2025 version of the Village Vistas, a matching grant program geared toward visible enhancements to support Noble County Villages and Business.

Community Development Educators at Ohio State University Extension in Noble County researched some Ohio-specific programs and developed the localized Village Vistas program that will afford matching grants for beautification projects.

They are required to be new or a rehabilitation of an entry feature such as a sign, stone wall, fence, landscape area, other amenity or painting project. To qualify, the projects must be in Noble County and be visible from the public right-of-way.

Full 2025 program details and applications are available online at go.osu.edu/vistas2025.

Program Details:

- 2025 individual grant awards will range between \$500 and up to \$5,000, unless otherwise approved by the grant committee.
- Each grant requires at least an equal match from the applicant.
- Application with budget required for submission for approval. Applications are received in an on-going manner as program funds are available. *Work cannot be considered if completed prior to application.*
- An individual village or business is limited to no more than one grant each cycle.
- Projects must be completed in one year.
- Village Vistas program **reimburses** the applicant with the grant amount awarded upon successful completion of the project and conformance with program standards.

Sample Village Vista Projects Completed

A wide variety of projects were completed in the initial two rounds of Village Vista programs. Individual businesses, communities and nonprofits participated!



Above: Mike's Tire Shop participated for a façade enhancement and new sign.

Davis Drug participated to help fund a façade improvement. In the photo above, you see the painting "in process." Both projects visualize the enhancement simple painting projects provide.

Village Vista Investments

- **2024:** There were **nine** projects that **invested \$189,682**.
- **2023:** There were **nine** projects that **leveraged** total project costs of **\$120,351**.
- Village Vista program funding is provided by the Noble County Extension Community Development and requires \$1 for \$1 match.



Above: Community Savings' new signage.

Project Ideas:

- Façade enhancements
- Painting updates
- New Signage
- New doors or windows
- Greenspace enhancements
- Enhanced Landscaping
(not for routine maintenance)

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