

Bedford Industrial and Commercial Association (BICA)

Beliefs and Philosophy

B.I.C.A. is an organization consisting of concerned citizens and business owners, who represent a broad base of knowledge, dedication, and expertise within the Bedford Community.

If given the opportunity, we would be willing to share this knowledge, dedication, and expertise with local governing agencies.

BICA supports the following:

- **Positive Relationships:** We strongly believe that it is very important to develop positive relationships with our local governing agencies.
- **High Quality of Life:** We support a high quality of life. We support policies that promote the health and development of all the factors that create a high quality of life in our community, i.e., quality schools, affordable housing, reasonable taxes, business-friendly environment, good parks and recreation venues, convenient access to shopping, safe roads, good fire and police protection.
- **Growth and Economic Development:** We support reasonable growth and economic development. We would like to assist the local government agencies in a positive and proactive role in stimulating and balancing growth within the township; be it residential, commercial, or light industrial. Local government should recognize the importance of growth and its role in stimulating tax base and greater economic vitality for the community.
- **Property Rights:** We recognize the sanctity of private property rights in all planning and zoning and believe that local agencies should respect the rights of all affected property owners.

In summary, BICA believes in strong common sense government that demonstrates integrity, decisive leadership, and a clear vision of what serves the broad interest of the entire community.

- As a top priority, BICA supports the improvement and revitalization of the town centers of Temperance, Lambertville and Samaria. Some of the suggested improvements are new pedestrian friendly sidewalks with added trees, improved roadway and on street parking. This would encourage businesses to move into this area along with improving the pride of our community. The improvements that have recently been made to the communities of Sylvania, Perrysburg and Dundee could serve as examples.