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Miamisburg Business Park is pleased to announce that Congressman Turner and Dayton History issued a joint press release announcing that Dayton History will oversee and manage the planning, implementation and operation of a new educational center at the Mound Site in Miamisburg.

Dayton History's staff has started to process artifacts and digitize 80,000 negatives from the Mound Science and Energy Museum's collections. Construction has not yet begun but planning is underway to reuse the existing building on the Mound site in conjunction with an engaging multi-media facility, which will allow the story of the Mound Lab to be told through educational programs, workshops and school-tours.

"I have long advocated for the Mound to receive the recognition it deserves, and I am happy to join Dayton History in this success," said Congressman Mike Turner. "The Mound and the men and women who worked there have played an important role in our country's history and more importantly our region's. I look forward to visiting the facility upon completion in 2017."

"We want the world to understand the enormous impact the Mound played in the U.S. weapons program and space exploration during the Cold War. Key to the development of these new exhibits, are the Mound Lab retirees, who are experts in the subject matter and the heroes of these stories; their research and work helped win the Cold War," said Brady Kress, Dayton History President & CEO.

The new education center is scheduled to open in October 2017. Dayton History staff and the volunteers of the Mound Science and Energy Museum will work together to educate visitors of all ages on the fascinating history of the Mound Lab.

"This is another fine example of how the Mound Business Park is witnessing a rebirth through visitor traffic, commercial investment, and public amenities," said Eric Cluxton, President of the Mound Development Corporation.



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About the Mound Business Park

The Mound Business Park is a modern 306-acre business park located in Miamisburg, Ohio between Dayton and Cincinnati, owned and operated by the Mound Development Corporation. Originally a top research laboratory for the Department of Energy, the Mound Business Park is now home to more than 12 businesses with additional shovel-ready sites available. Certified as a Job Ready Site by the State of Ohio, the Mound Business Park features preserved green space, quick access to I-75, and business-building amenities including advanced IT infrastructure, flexible lease terms, and grant-based financial incentive options.

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About the Mound Laboratory

Mound Laboratory had its origins in the World War II Manhattan Project, in which Dayton scientists were responsible for the final chemistry and metallurgy to isolate polonium, which was needed for the atomic bomb initiator. After successful demonstrations of their work in the skies over Japan, a site was located in Miamisburg, Ohio and construction on the Mound Laboratory began to replace the wartime Runnymede Playhouse site in Oakwood.

The Mound Laboratory was the first permanent atomic energy facility to be constructed after the war in the United States, and its mission was to support atomic weapons research through the development of the radioactive element polonium. The Lab officially opened in 1949 with seventeen buildings built on the original 182 acre site.

Mound Laboratory was on the cutting edge of science and technology for more than 50 years with the U.S. nuclear weapons and space exploration programs. In 1954, development of the Radioisotope Thermoelectric Generators at Mound provided electrical power for a variety of NASA space programs, including Apollo, Voyager I and II, Galileo, Cassini, the Mars rover and many more.



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About Dayton History

Dayton History is Montgomery County's official historical organization. The organization boasts multiple campuses in the greater Dayton, Ohio area: Carillon Historical Park, Hawthorn Hill, the Paul Laurence Dunbar House Historic Site, the Patterson Homestead, the Old Court House, Memorial Hall, the Archive Center, and the Aviation Hall of Fame Learning Center at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. Dayton History brings the past to life to understand the present and inspire the future by collecting, preserving, interpreting, presenting, and promoting the region's past. For more information, please call 937.293.2841 or visit www.daytonhistory.org. Carillon Historical Park, 1000 Carillon Blvd., Dayton Ohio, 45409.

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