



## STATEMENT

**SUBJECT:** Town of Pendleton-Fall Creek Township Merger Discussions

**DATE:** August 30, 2023

The Pendleton Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors releases the following statement.

Growth is inevitable, especially for most communities in central Indiana. Neither Pendleton nor Madison County are immune from the influx of new residents expected in the coming decades. Current census data and statistical modeling tell us this.

The Pendleton Chamber of Commerce believes that the Town of Pendleton, Fall Creek and surrounding townships, and Madison County must prepare for this impending growth. We strongly encourage residents, businesses, government bodies, elected and appointed officials, and civic organizations and leaders to begin planning for the results of new residents and development and the impact of both on our infrastructure and institutions, particularly education and public safety.

Respectfully, the Pendleton Chamber of Commerce urges all parties to dedicate themselves to continued research and study of the issues and facts and civil dialogue.