

At AK Steel, our flat-rolled steel products create benefits for our customers, and our business helps grow and sustain healthy economies. For example, our high-efficiency electrical steels reduce energy loss in power transmission and distribution equipment. And our advanced high-strength steels help automotive customers design lighter vehicles that maintain superior strength upon impact. In addition, steelmakers such as AK Steel provide good-paying jobs to thousands of people. We are large employers and significant consumers of locally made goods and services. The very nature of our business helps support economic sustainability, growth and prosperity in communities all across America.

On the environmental front, we completed a significant environmental remediation and restoration project in 2013 on a stream in Middletown, Ohio. The project, which began in 2010, was part of an agreement with federal and state environmental protection agencies and environmental groups that was reached in 2006. During the project, contaminated soil was properly removed and disposed, and more than 7,000 new trees and shrubs were planted, returning the area to its natural state.

In regard to energy and environmental conservation, we participate in the U.S. government's ENERGY STAR® program, and all of our steel plants have received ISO 14001 environmental management certification. From the paper in our offices to our steelmaking raw materials, we strive to reclaim, reuse and recycle wherever possible. In fact, our operations recycle approximately 800,000 tons of scrap steel each year — keeping everything from old vehicles to appliances out of landfills. In recognition of our ongoing environmental efforts, our steel plant in Coshocton, Ohio, previously received the prestigious "Green Factory Environmental Achievement Award" from Honda and "Wildlife at Work Certification" from the Wildlife Habitat Council. Each of those accomplishments reflect our commitment to the environment at all of our steel plants and offices.

As a responsible corporate citizen, we believe that economic and environmental sustainability are very important to our country. At the local level, strengthening our communities is also important. In that regard, through programs, scholarships and grants, we contribute to the sustainability of every community in which we operate.

On a personal note, I was honored to serve as the vice chair for the United Way of Greater Cincinnati's 2013 fundraising campaign. I will be serving as chair of the campaign in 2014, helping AK Steel and the United Way make a positive difference in the lives of others.



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