

L. Michael Ross

Mike Ross has been **President of the Franklin County Area Development Corporation (Chambersburg, PA) since its start-up in 1986**. The FCADC is a 501(c)(6) private non-profit corporation charged with formulating, implementing, and promoting a comprehensive countywide economic development strategy. The Corporation strives to create an atmosphere that nourishes planned growth and family sustainable employment opportunities. The strategy is on the retention/expansion of existing companies, the selective attraction of new industries, and the start-up of new businesses. Under Mike's direction, the FCADC has facilitated more than **765 projects** throughout the County. The projects have resulted in more than **\$2 Billion of new investments**. The FCADC has been able to support the projects with more than **\$325 million of economic development resources**. Most importantly, the projects have impacted more than **50,000 employment positions** (created/retained). For its accomplishments, the FCADC is a past recipient of the *1996 Small Agency of the Year* and the *2012 Large Agency of the Year* awards by the Pennsylvania Economic Development Association. (The FCADC is the only Agency to have received the award in each category.) In addition, the FCADC was the recipient of the 2012 President's Award for Overall Economic Impact and the 2015 Program of the Year from Northeastern Economic Development Association (NEDA).

Prior to the FCADC, Mike spent more than eight years with the Pennsylvania Department of Commerce. The experience provided him with a diversified background in many facets of economic development.

Mike is active in numerous professional and community organizations, including:

Shippensburg University Council of Trustees – Chairman
Shippensburg University Foundation - Board of Directors
Shippensburg University Geo-Earth Science Advisory Committee - Member
Pennsylvania Association Council of Trustees - Board of Directors, Communications Committee Chair
Slippery Rock University Alumni Association - Board of Directors (President)
Penn State University-Mont Alto - Advisory Board, Policy & Planning Committee, Entrepreneur Adv. Council
Pennsylvania Military Community Enhancement Commission - Commissioner
WellSpan (Chambersburg Hospital) –Patient Family Advisory Committee, Healthy Franklin Communities Team Letterkenny - Chair
Southcentral Workforce Investment Board (SCPa Works) - Vice-Chair-Board of Directors
Franklin County Visitors Bureau - Board of Directors, Property Committee
Franklin County Local Emergency Planning Committee - Member
Franklin County CareerTech - General Advisory Board
Chambersburg Hispanic American Center - Board of Directors
Cumberland Valley Health Network - Board of Directors (Past President)
Luminest (formerly Valley Community Housing Corporation) - Board
Waynesboro Industrial Development Corporation - Ex-Officio
CEC/Early Education - Member
Partnerships for Regional Economic Performance - Member
United Way of Franklin County - Board of Directors (2015 Campaign Chair)
Franklin County Redevelopment Authority

Additionally, was recognized as the Greater Chambersburg Chamber of Commerce's **Business Person of the Year** in 2003; the Northeastern Economic Developers Association **Member of the Year** in 2005 and **President's Award in 2008**; and the **Pennsylvania Economic Developer of the Year-2008** as presented by the Pennsylvania Economic Developers Association.

Mike has a BA degree in Political Science from Slippery Rock University; is a graduate of the Economic Development Institute, Oklahoma University; and a 2014 graduate of Commandant's National Security Program, U.S. Army War College, Carlisle. He is a designated Economic Development Professional by the Northeastern Economic Developers Association. Mike is married to Donna and has three grown daughters, a son-in-law, and three grandchildren. He enjoys spending time with his family as well as reading, traveling, kayaking.