

## 2023 State of the Region Conference

### *Building A Resilient and Equitable Economy Through Investment In Small Business Capacity*

Bowling Green State University, Center for Regional Development

#### State of the Region Address:

BGSU 21<sup>st</sup> Annual State of the Region Address, PowerPoint is available here [SOR 2023 Presentation - Public.pptx](#). A PDF version is attached. If you would like further data or information on the data presented, please reach out to the CRD at [crd@bgsu.edu](mailto:crd@bgsu.edu).

#### Keynote & Workshop:



#### **Recast Your City** Ilana Preuss

Founder & CEO of Recast City LLC and Author of [Recast Your City: How to Save Your Downtown with Small-Scale Manufacturing](#)

*Leaders Cohort:* What does it take to bring small-scale manufacturing businesses into your main street and local economic development strategy? How do you work with this sector to fill storefronts and create more wealth building opportunities for more people? Join this workshop session to dive into the details and start the work together. Get set up to understand what this means to your community, why it is important for you to pursue, and how to start the work to bring it to reality. <https://www.recastcity.com/>

#### Panelists & Resources:

Ebony Carter, Director, Minority Business Assistance Center, Toledo Region Chamber of Commerce

[Small Business Development Center and Minority Business Assistance Center - Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce | Toledo, OH \(toledochamber.com\)](#)

Rebecca Singer, President and CEO, Center for Innovative Food Technology

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