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According to Executive Director David Lanman at the Port of Ephrata, Ephrata's greatest strength is its potential. Renovating hangars constructed during WWII, Port of Ephrata is preserving its history while also building on the foundation for growth. Lanman said, "I've been working with Grant County PUD and also the city of Ephrata water utilities with the hope of expanding access to power, water and sewer in this area. It's my understanding that there's going to be an expansion of utilities at some point soon and upon such be accomplished, will open up several hundred acres located in the southeast portion of the port to development" he said.

Lanman also said, "Ephrata, I believe, has an excellent chance of being a more economically vibrant community within the next 5-10 years," later adding to Ephrata's strengths, "Ephrata has all the necessary ingredients to achieve a higher level of success. It just needs to be tapped. There's a strong core of people in this community that are truly dedicated and devoted to helping Ephrata achieve its goals. Case in point is the newly created Revitalize Ephrata Committee that consists of all the local civic leaders led by Sarah

Morford and Wendy Brzezny coming together once a month for the purpose of developing an overall growth plan designed to benefit the community at large."

Lanman added, "With rail infrastructure already in place, the Port of Ephrata's number one focus right now is to coordinate with Washington state political and business leaders along with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and Federal Rail Administration (FRA) to secure capital to upgrade and expand these facilities to cater specifically to a full fledged intermodal freight facility. With air, rail and ground capabilities, the Port has a unique opportunity to provide a needed service to the region. I'm excited to see what the future has in store for the Port of Ephrata."