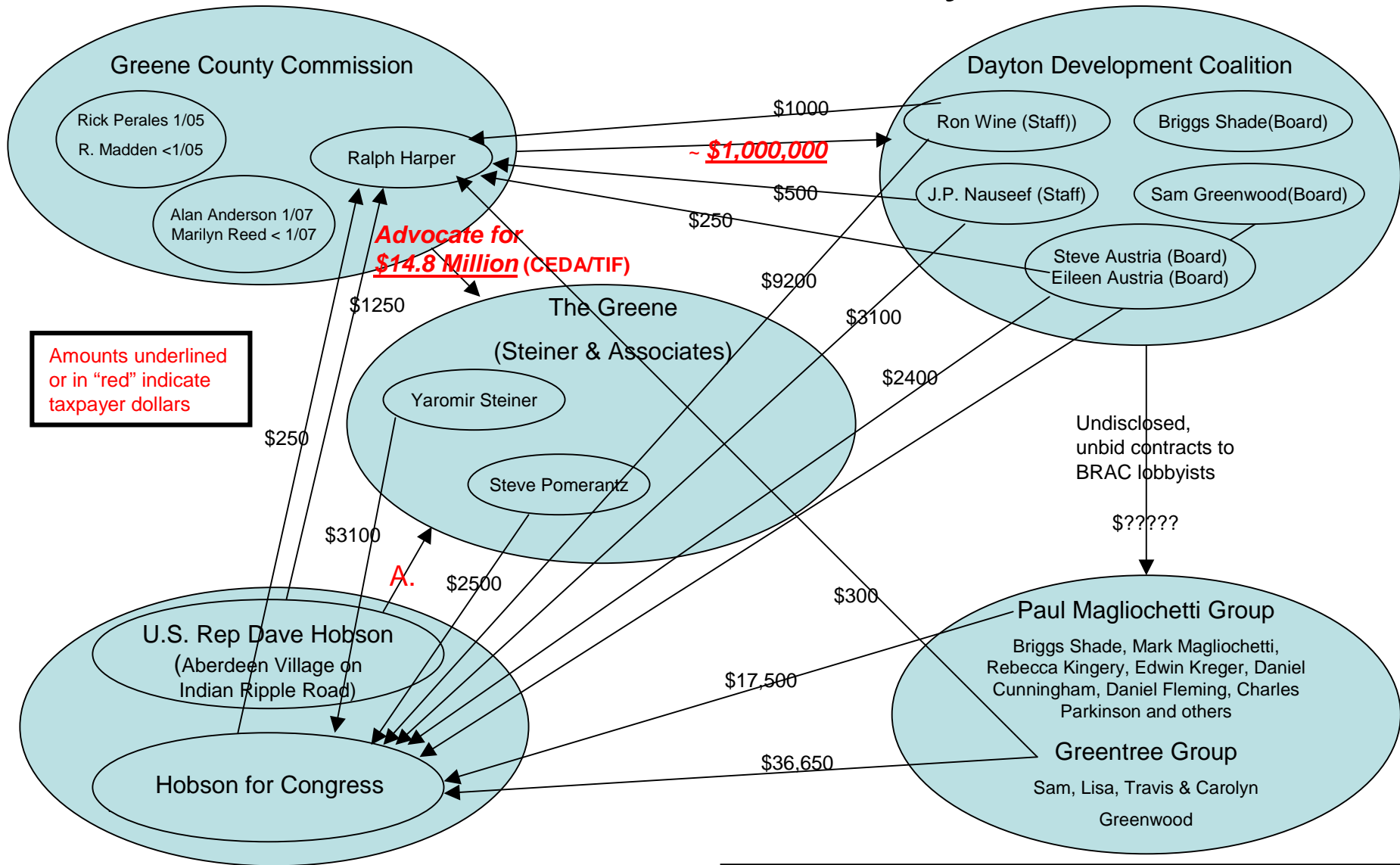


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Amounts underlined or in "red" indicate taxpayer dollars

A. \$2.8 Million Earmark

Source: Federal Election Commission/Greene County Board of Elections
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Letter to the Editor

Hobson off target once again

RE: Q & A with Rep. David Hobson, February 25, 2007: Establishing a Clark State Community College extension on I-675 and Colonel Glenn as Dave Hobson advocates, doesn't pass the smell test, but it does reveal once again that Mr. Hobson believes in competition as long as its with taxpayer dollars, and also that he has a misdirected vision of his role in local economies. Hobson has made a career out of using our taxes to skew the playing field in favor of his supporters and special interest contributors who prefer that we the people cover their financial risk with the wholehearted support of the politicians.

A good example is Mr. Hobson's \$2.8 million "earmark" to benefit campaign donors who own Steiner and Associates, the private company that developed The Greene at I-675 and Indian Ripple. These earmarks to help finance private developers are bad enough, but this one is particularly outrageous as The Greene is only a few hundred yards to the west of Aberdeen Village, a Crosstowne Properties development owned at least in part by you guessed it, Dave Hobson.

Even worse is the backroom deal engineered by Hobson and the Greene County Commission that sent nearly a million dollars to the Dayton Development Coalition who in turn awarded undisclosed, unbid contracts to The Paul Magliochetti Group, a K Street lobbyist, and The Green Tree Group, a local firm in Greene County. It should come as no surprise that employees of these two companies contributed over \$50,000 to the "Dave Hobson for Congress" campaign committee.

Thomas Sowell wisely quips, "The first lesson in economics is scarcity; there is never enough of anything to satisfy all those who want it. The first lesson of politics is to disregard the first lesson of economics." Dave Hobson once again reveals that he has fully mastered the first lesson of politics.

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