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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

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BARBARA BREWER-WATSON
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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DEVYN FORQUER
LEONEL B. JARAMILLO

NEW BUSINESS LICENSES

JANUARY
2025



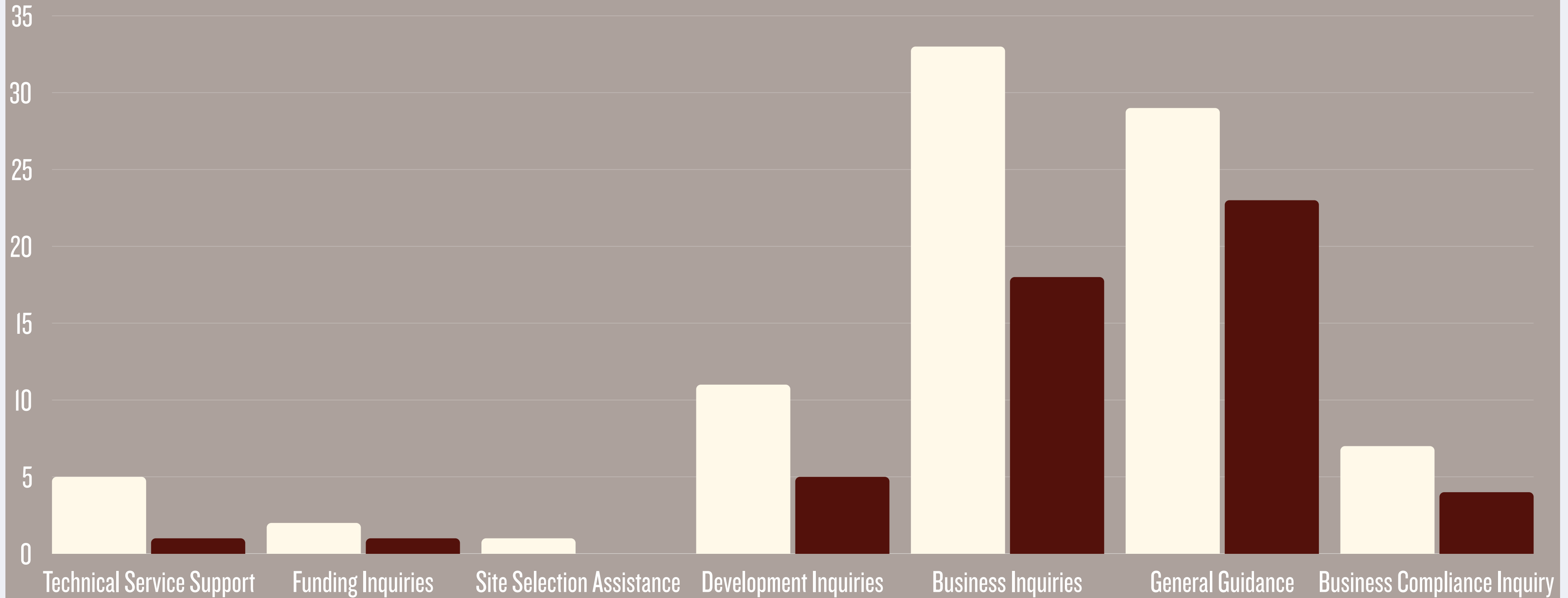
Kankakee Forgives	1/09
Kankakee Auto Plex	1/09
Station Food Market, Inc.	1/09
Gardant Management Solutions, Inc.	1/10
Garden Of Prayer	1/28
Primos Hand Car Wash & Detail LLC	1/28
SW Pizza LLC	1/28
Exclusive Dream	1/31
Yoo Micky Repair*	1/31
Kane Collision	1/31

57 TOTAL TO DATE

*indicates home-based

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NAVIGATOR REPORT

● December 2024 ● January 2025



| **DEVELOPMENT INQUIRIES** |

- 13 NEW INQUIRIES
 - RETAIL
 - NONPROFIT
 - RESTAURANT (5)
 - TATTOO SHOP
 - USED CAR SALES
 - HEALTH CARE
 - CAR WASH
- 2 CALLS: ZONING, SITE SELECTION

| **NLC CIE COMMITMENT** |

Working on MOU with Chamber and Community Foundation to distribute the grant funds to the CEO program and the student membership program.

ATTRACTION REPORT

NLC CIE COMMITMENT

Need to find a facilitator to lead the Kauffman Fastrac Curriculum that guides entrepreneurs in starting a business.

RETENTION VISITS

- Retention Visit Letters for March sent out on 2/13/25
- Retention Visit Letters for April to be sent week of 2/24

RETENTION REPORT

PROJECT MANAGER UPDATE

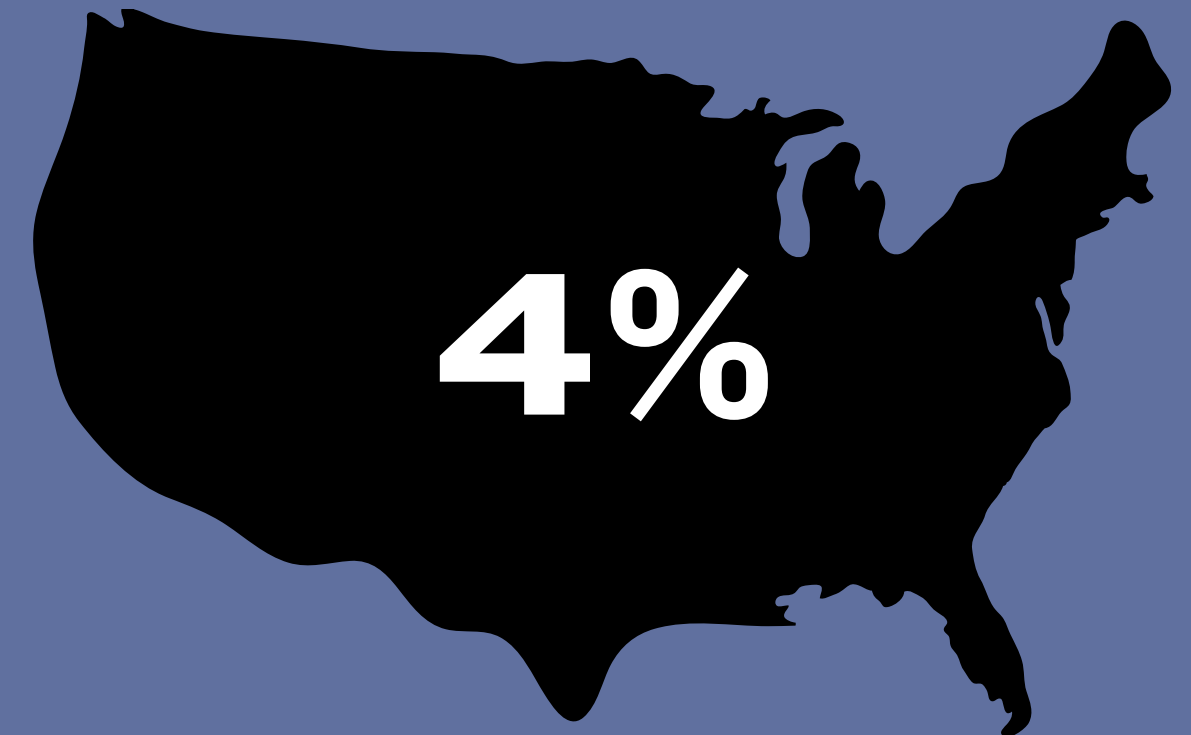
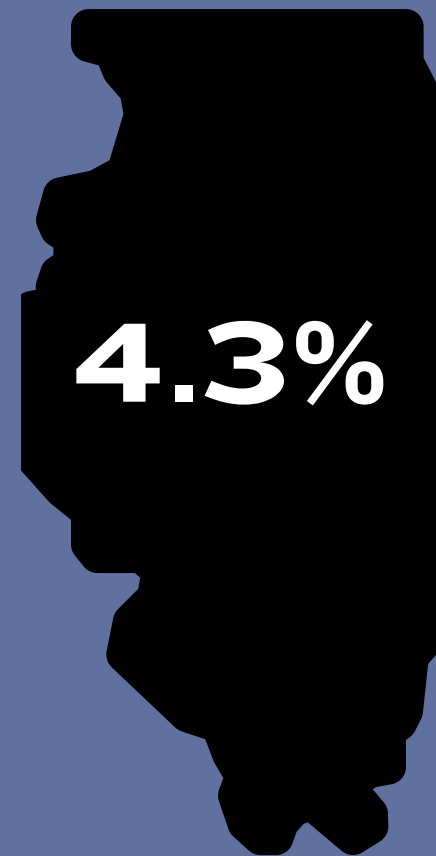
| MARKETING & ATTRACTION |

- 30+ contacts identified for business attraction targets
- Luncheon planning underway
 - Seeking sponsors and keynote speaker(s),
 - Save the Dates & sponsor requests mailed
- Lunch n' Learns
 - Feb 4: Tax Workshop - 5 attendees
 - Upcoming dates:
 - March 4: How to Start a Business - Alicia Kleinert, MCA
 - April 1: Access to Capital
 - May 6: AI Impact on Business
 - June 2: Why Marketing Matters
 - September 17: Succession Planning - Partnered with Chamber of Commerce
 - October 7: Pitch Competition
- Updates sent for Development Zone Booklet edits
- New swag estimates sent
- Working with Director King to create Zoning videos
- "I Am Kankakee" recruitment concepts and survey created
- Social media content in progress
 - Assisting with KRS social media content
- Website is live
 - Creating new page for businesses & developers
- 2025 Retention Survey complete
- Youtube is live

UNEMPLOYMENT DATA

DEC 2024

LAST UPDATE FOR CITY AND COUNTY



KANKAKEE COUNTY CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU (KCCVB)

| Board of Directors Meeting |

3rd Wednesday of each month | 4pm

Economic Alliance of Kankakee County Board Room

| Executive Committee Meetings |

2nd Wednesday of each month | 9:30am

KCCVB Board Room

KCCVB City Representative
Alderman Dave Baron



KANKAKEE RIVERFRONT SOCIETY (KRS)

Priority notes from Executive Director, Bill Yohnka:

- Working on Community Fundraising Events
- New Goal: \$250,000.00 in fundraising

| Board of Director Meetings |
2nd Tuesday of each month | 11am
Meeting Locations Vary

KRS City Representative
Alderman Mike Cobbs

Barbi Watson is the Chairperson.

**THE OUTREACH
OF KANKAKEE**

PRIORITIES

- New Market Profile Released February 5
 - 2025 Kankakee County Market Profile
- Q1 2025 Report

KANKAKEE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

FEBRUARY 2025 MEETING:

- Upcoming Membership Blitz: 3/25-3/27
- Brainstorming ideas for golf outing video
- Brainstorming ideas for 2025 Gala

| MEETINGS |
2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

| COMMITTEES |
WORKFORCE & EDUCATION:
DEVYN (CO-CHAIR)
DEI: LEO

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 2/20: Midday Madness Bowling Event @ Brookmont
- 3/4: State of the County @ ONU
- 3/5: High Point Residence - RC

AMBASSADORS: DEVYN & LEO



KANKAKEE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

FEBRUARY 2025

- Executive Committee only

| MEETINGS |
2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

| MARKETING COMMITTEE |
1ST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

FEBRUARY 2025 MARKETING MEETING NOTES:

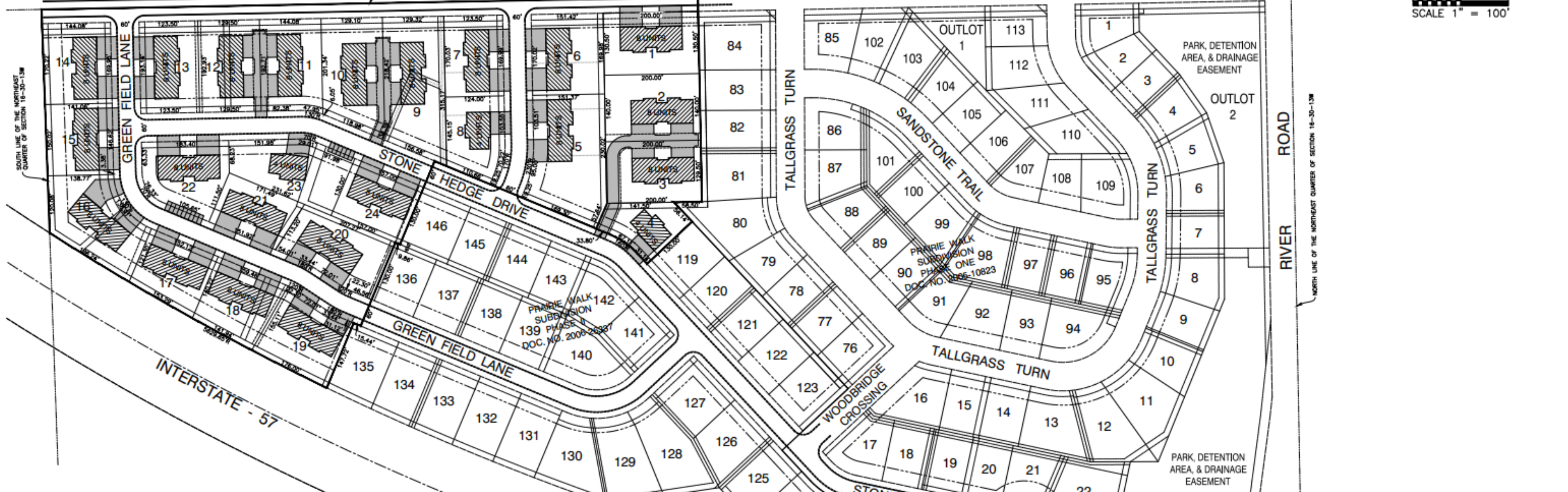
- Seeking volunteers for mural committee; Marquee signs to feature upcoming events; Retention & Exec Director
Rollout event tentative for May 15; Discussion on notable downtown developments



REPRESENTATIVES: DEVYN & LEO

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PROJECT UPDATES



Harbor Place

Construction is nearing completion. Occupancy on units has been given and families are moving in.

Prairie Walk and Indian Meadows

Incentive request negotiations are ongoing.

Veteran's Housing

Applications are being accepted
via the Veterans Commission.

HOUSING



EAST COURT ST. DEVELOPMENT ZONE

|HOBBIE AVENUE|

WORK IS ONGOING



HOTEL IS INTERESTED IN THIS AREA

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| 1801 W. STATION ST |

PLANNING DEVELOPMENT STAGE

| 1292 W. STATION ST |

MCA Adult Day Care open: November 2024



COMMERCIAL SPACE AVAILABLE ON WEST STATION STREET

WEST COURT ST. DEVELOPMENT ZONE



MCA
SENIOR ADULT DAY CENTER



RIVERFRONT DEVELOPMENT ZONE

|EAST RIVERWALK|

Preconstruction work begins Jan. 2025

WEST RIVERWALK

PROPERTY ACQUISITION PHASE

|WEST AVE|

STREETSCAPE DESIGN AND ENGINEERING PHASE

| 505 S. SCHUYLER AVE |

INSPECTION PROCESS STARTED TO BEGIN RELEASE OF FUNDS

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Retail Development Inquiry

Project Discovery Phase

|CURRENTLY LISTED|

LEE & ASSOCIATES:

<https://www.lee-associates.com/properties/?propertyId=1277830-sale&address=17-Meadowview-Center&officeId=15844>

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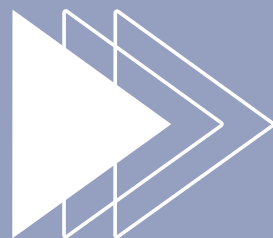


DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT ZONE

|PROJECT CATALYST|

Planning and Zoning Permit

Stefari Cafe Opened



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BUILDING, PLANNING, & COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

|PRIORITY COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES|

|JAFFE DRUG| ON COURT STREET

|RIVERSTONE CONVENTION CENTER| PART OF PROJECT VENTURE

|SOUTHWEST| CORNER OF COURT STREET & SCHUYLER AVE

|1933 E. COURT ST| DEMO COMPLETE



400 N. BLOCK OF 5th AVE
816 S. SCHUYLER AVE

KEEP IN MIND

**RACIAL & ECONOMIC
DISPARITIES**

MOBILITY

**AGING & OBSOLETE
INFRASTRUCTURE**

**SWIFTLY CHANGING
TECHNOLOGY**

**DIVERSE & AGING
POPULATION**