

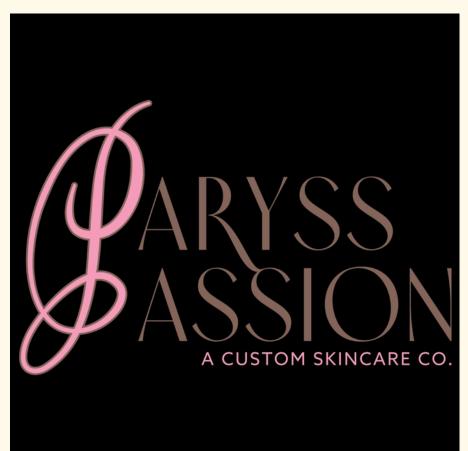


ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

PRESENTED BY BARBARA BREWER-WATSON EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

PREPARED BY DEVYN FORQUER LEONEL B. JARAMILLO

NEW BUSINESS LICENSES | OCTOBER 2025











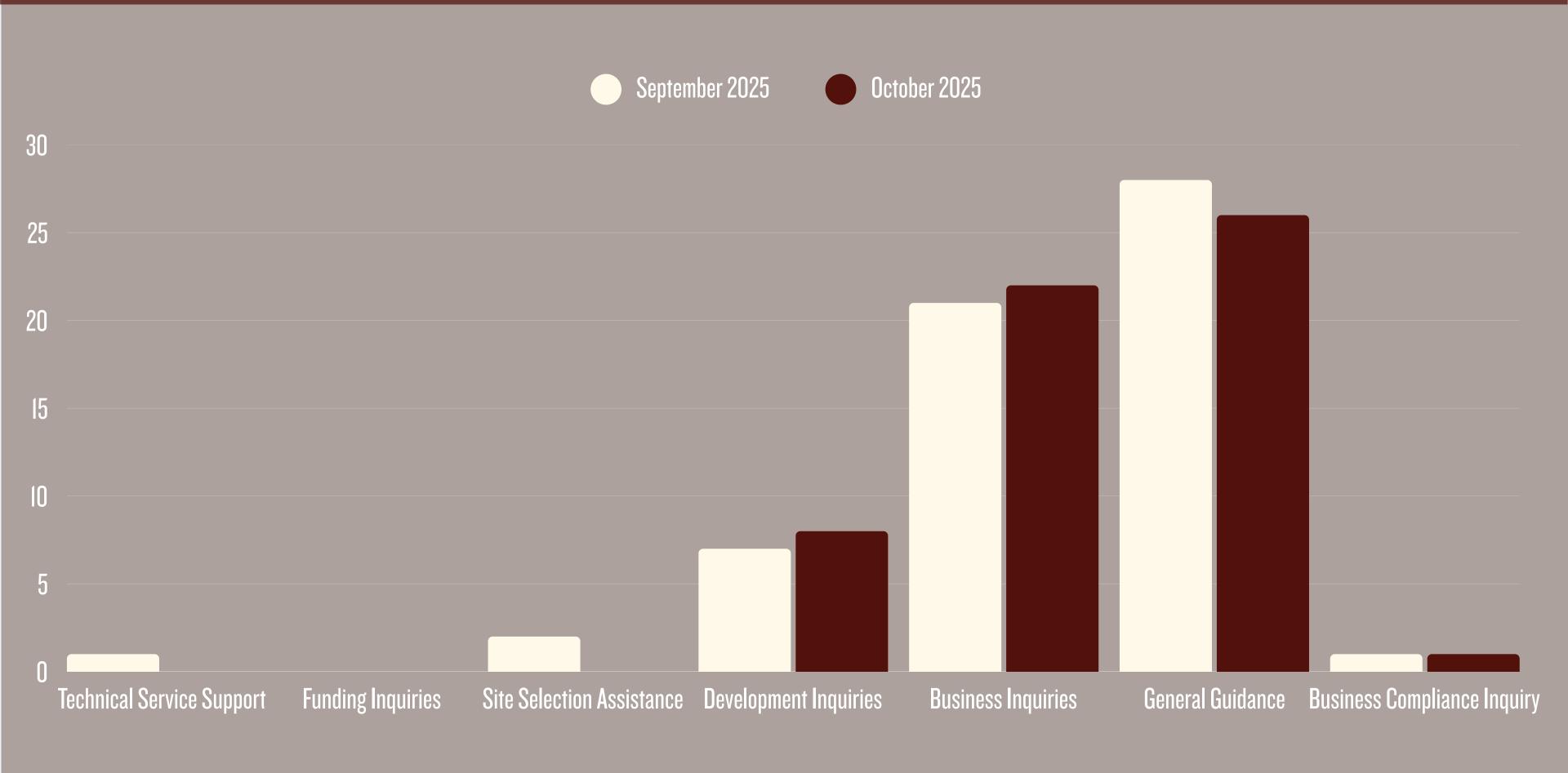


- Mr. Green Solutions LLC* | 10/07
- Project Sun | 10/08
- Charly's Auto Service | 10/08
- Limestone Townhomes [STR] | 10/08
- J&K Corner Market And Deli | 10/08
- Kankakee Glassworks | 10/23
- Paryss Passion | 10/23
- Essential Smoothies | 10/23
- Gilded Flesh LLC | 10/23
- D&D Mufflers Auto Repair | 10/24

50 TOTAL TO DATE

*indicates home-based

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NAVIGATOR REPORT



DEVELOPMENT INQUIRIES

- 3 NEW BUSINESS INQUIRIES
 - RESTAURANT
 - GROCERY STORE
 - FINANCIAL SERVICES
- I RELOCATION
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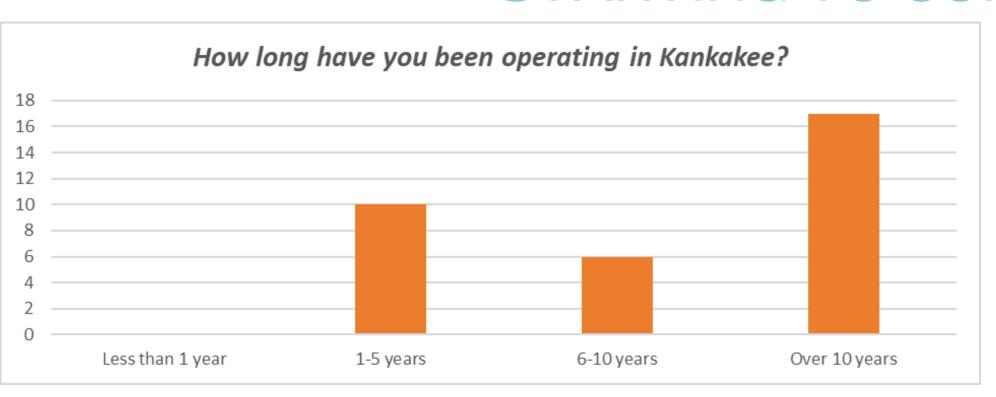
Working on MOU with Chamber and Community Foundation to distribute the grant funds to the CEO program and the student membership program.

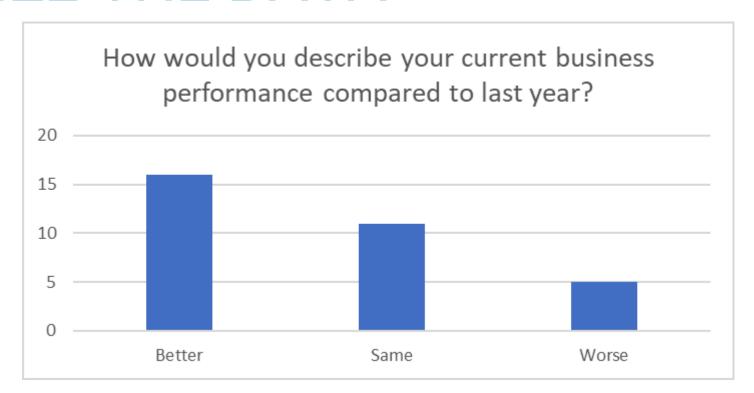


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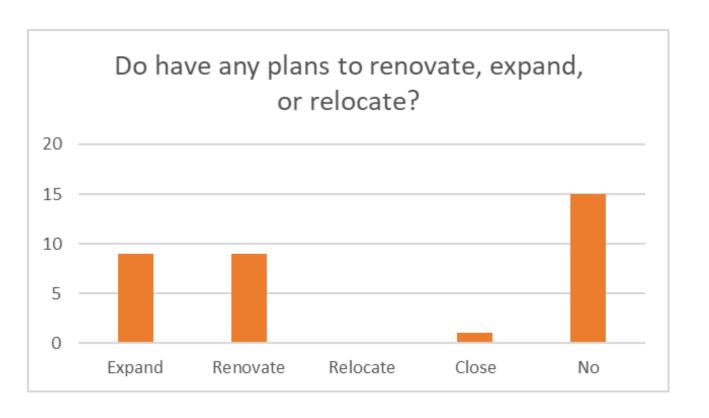
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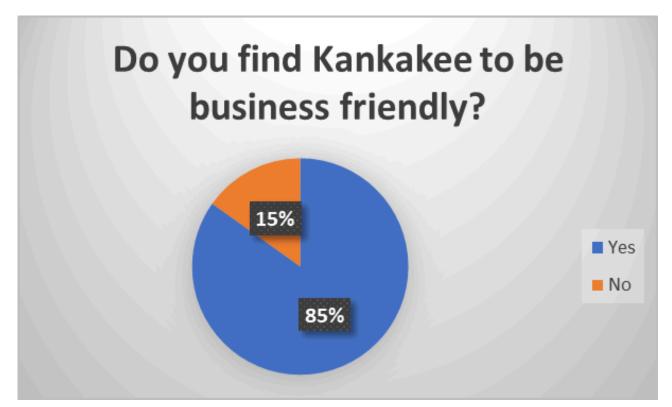


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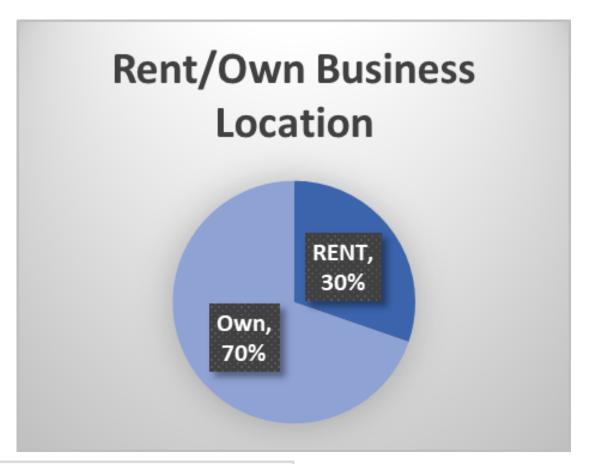


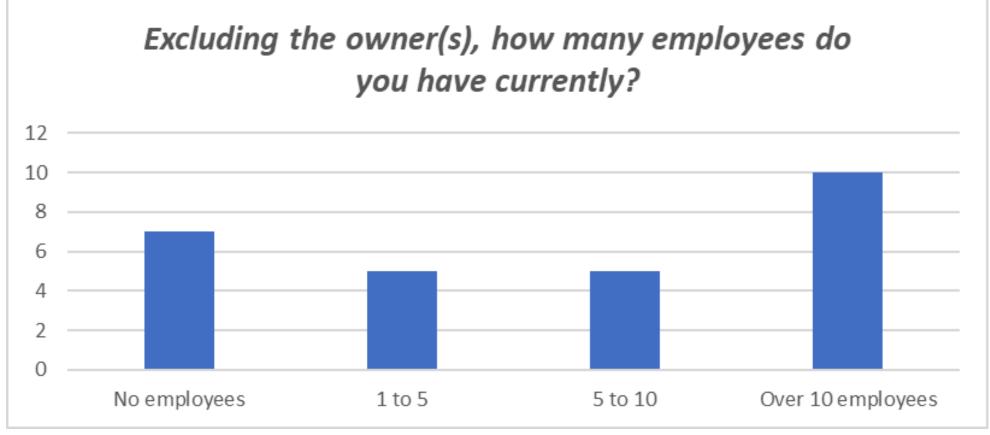


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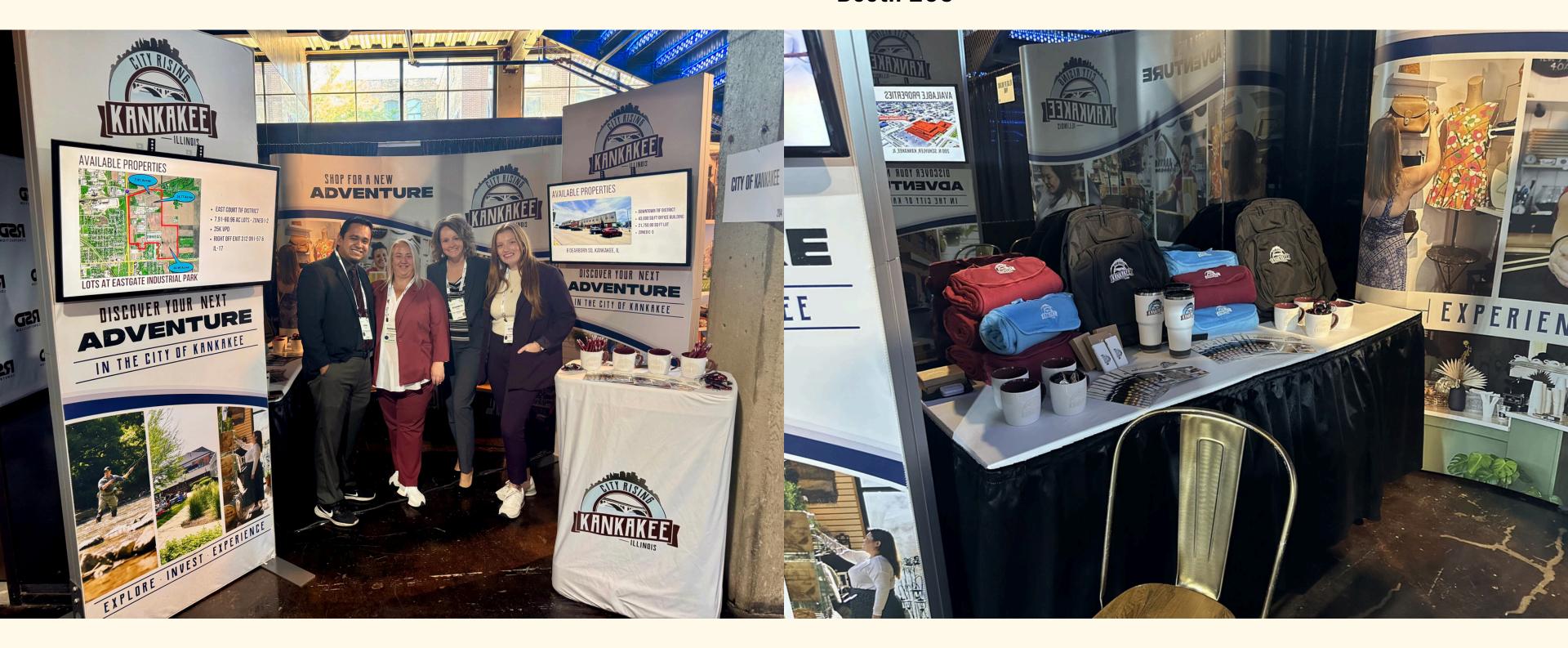
MARKETING & ATTRACTION |

- 2026 Luncheon planning underway
 - Sponsor follow up letters to go out in December
- Lunch n' Learns
 - 2025: 93 attendees 6 workshops
 - Mapping out 2026 lunch n' learn series
 - Topics: Starting a business; capital access; tax info;
 MWBE; marketing; incentives; shark tank
- Working to organize site visits with 4 companies
 - 3 retail; 1 hospitality
 - 1 scheduled: Dec 10
- Website
 - CAB page completed
 - Lead page completed

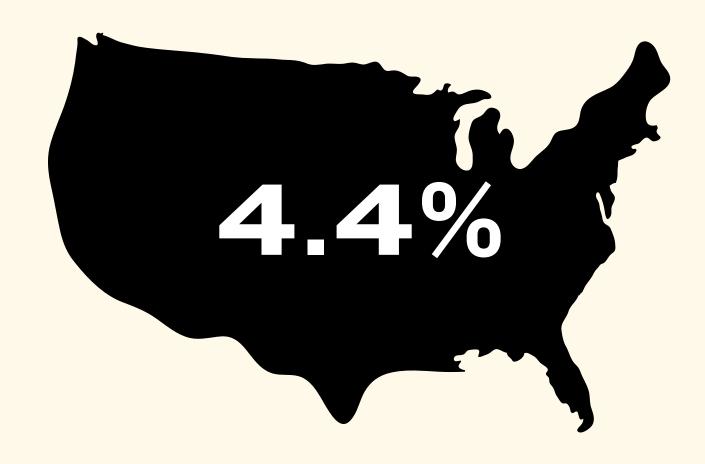
- Working with Director King to create Zoning videos
 - "In The Zone" intro video editing in progress
- Researching potential video services to help expand inhouse marketing and attraction efforts
- "I Am Kankakee"
 - Planning period to relaunch in spring
- LinkedIn Company Page created 133 followers
 - City of Kankakee, Illinois (City Rising Logo)
 - Regular posts 2-3x weekly
- Social media for December submitted
- Incentive booklet & new materials in progress
 - Booklet updates in progress for January

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- Morgan Manufacturing in Chicago, West Town
- Booth 203



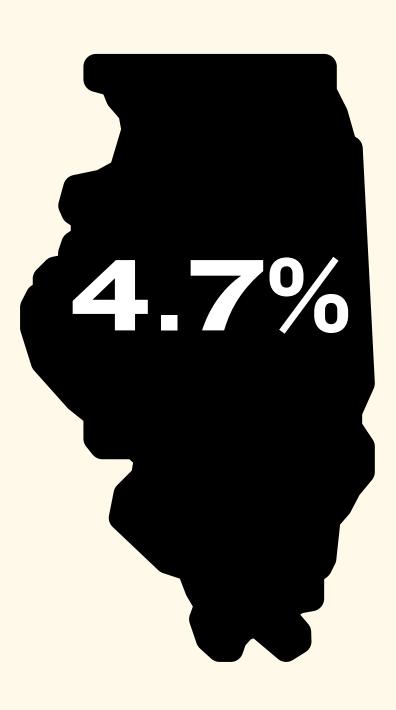
LAST UPDATE FOR CITY AND COUNTY



5.7%



6.9%



Click here to check out new attraction video!

KANKAKEE COUNTY CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU (KCCVB)

A Leadership Transition



Angelina Gear, Interim Director



Nicole Gavin, Outgoing Director

| Board of Directors Meeting | | Executive Committee Meetings | 2nd Wednesday of each month | 9:30am KCCVB Board Room

KCCVB City Representative & KCCVB Board Chair **Alderman Dave Baron**



3rd Wednesday of each month | 4pm **Economic Alliance of Kankakee County Board Room**



PRIORITIES

- 2025 Kankakee County Market Profile
- Quarter 4 Report
- Thrive Magazine Released

2025 Q4 REPORT



Angela Morrey, President and CEO





KANKAKEE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

AGENDA ITEMS:

- Chamber Blitz Review & New Dates
 - Dec 9-11
- 2026 Ambassador Meetings: KHS Community Room
- Food Drive at December Meeting
- Ambassador Requirements Review: 75% of meetings; 50% of events
- Event Review

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 12/5: Coffee & Connections Adventure Commons
- 12/10: YPN Holiday Trivia Deer Ridge Barn

| MEETINGS | 2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

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



AMBASSADORS: DEVYN & LEO



KANKAKEE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

October 2025

- Mural Unveiling North Schuyler Avenue
 - Michael Constanza, Mary Bass, Fermin Barbosa
- Marketing services will be hired based on list of events needing coverage
- Welcome Bags
 - Chamber can collaborate
- Christmas Events Discussion
 - Tree lighting, Mistletoe Market, Parade, Pub Crawl (tent)



| MEETINGS |
2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
| MARKETING COMMITTEE |
IST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH
REPRESENTATIVES:







Harbor Place

Units are occupied.

Indian Meadows

Construction on 1st 4 units is completed.

Veteran's Housing

Applications are being accepted via the Veterans Commission.

HOUSING

PROJECT VENTURE

Completed Site Review

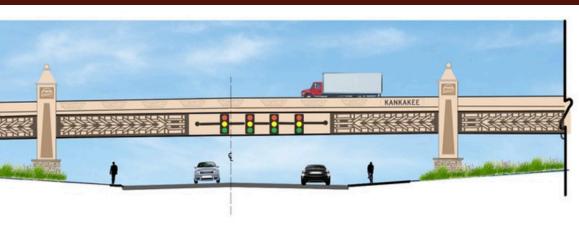
STORAGE OF AMERICA

Site plan approved; waiting for start date.



JONE







EXIT 312



HOTEL IS INTERESTED IN THIS AREA

No Projects at This Time

COMMERCIAL SPACE AVAILABLE ON WEST STATION STREET

PMENT ZONE







불 EAST RIVERWALK

Construction his ongoing

WEST RIVERWALK

PROPERTY ACQUISITION PHASE

WEST AVE

STREETSCAPE DESIGN AND ENGINEERING PHASE - PLANS ONLINE

https://ecda.citykankakee-il.gov/perch/resources/2025-II-I4-kankakee-west-

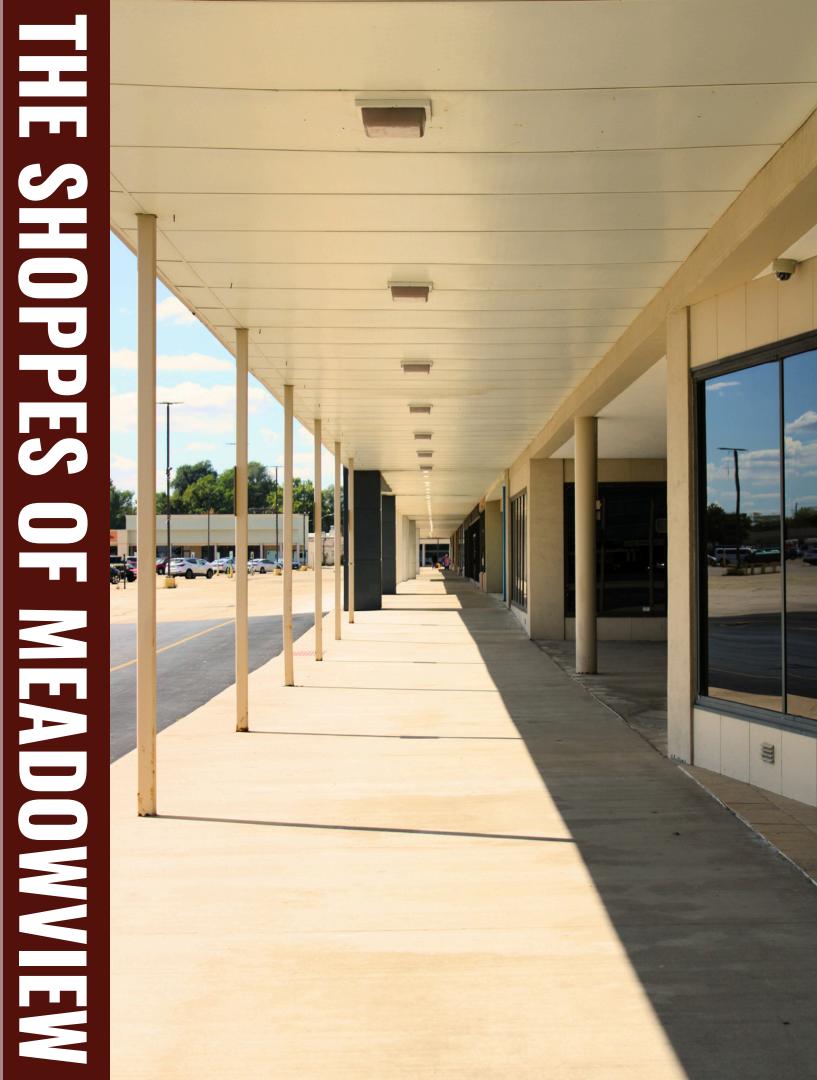
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505 S. SCHUYLER AVE

CURRENTLY LISTED

CBRE:

The Shoppes at Meadowview Listing





PROJECT CATALYST Waiting on River Edge Redevelopment Zone Certification

