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# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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# NEW BUSINESS LICENSES

OCTOBER  
2024



VN Nails 10/07

Luxe & Loaded Fire  
Arms Academy 10/07

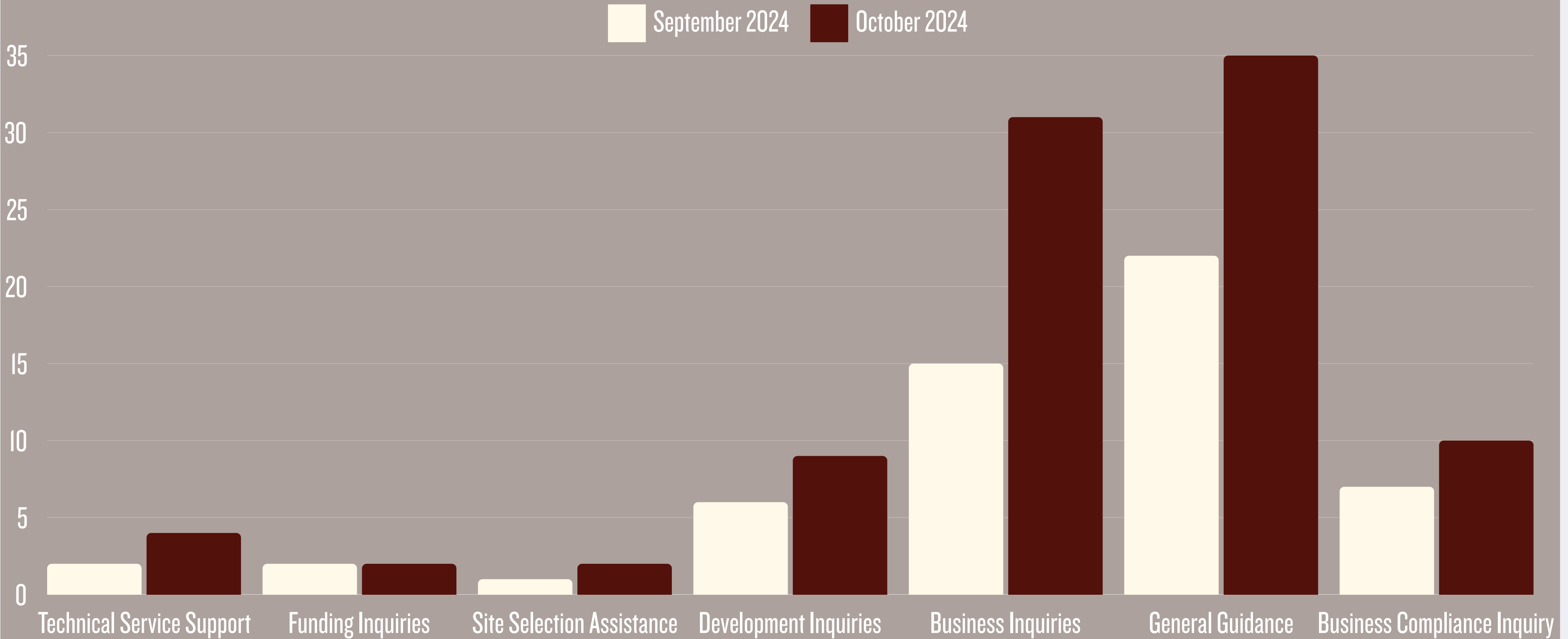
Flowing Hearts (STR) 10/07

MCM Cleaning  
Solutions\* 10/10

28 TOTAL TO DATE

\*indicates home-based

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NAVIGATOR REPORT



## | **DEVELOPMENT INQUIRIES** |

25 NEW INQUIRIES

21 NEW BUSINESS - RETAIL x2, FOOD  
TRUCK, NONPROFIT, RESTAURANT,  
SENIOR CARE x2, USED CAR SALES,  
FINANCIAL SERVICES x2

4 LAND - REZONING, CONDITIONAL USE  
PERMIT PROCESS, SITE PLAN x2

## | **NLC CIE COMMITMENT** |

Committing for a third year to NLC's  
City Innovations Ecosystem. Kankakee  
is committed to develop an operational  
strategy for the business incubator. We  
were awarded a \$15,000.00 grant in  
2023.



# ATTRACTION REPORT



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## RETENTION VISITS

- Retention Visits for businesses in Ward 2 conducted on 10/22/2024
- Retention Visits for businesses in Ward 3 scheduled for 11/19/2024



# RETENTION REPORT



# 2nd WARD RETENTION VISITS REPORT

## BUSINESS SPECS

**28.9**  
**AVERAGE AGE**  
of businesses surveyed

**90 Y/O**  
**OLDEST**  
of businesses surveyed

**1 Y/O**  
**NEWEST**  
of businesses surveyed

**6/2**  
**RENTERS/OWNERS**  
of businesses surveyed

## EMPLOYEE SPECS

**15**  
**HIGHEST AMT**  
of employees

**1**  
**LOWEST AMT**  
of employees

**5**

Employer's Overall Rating (Scale 1-5)  
of employees

## MISCELLANEOUS

**CITY ASSETS**

FORWARD THINKERS, QUICK TURN-  
AROUND TIMES AND SPEED OF  
SERVICE FROM LOCAL DEPARTMENTS,  
ALL CITY DEPARTMENTS

**CHALLENGES**

HOMELESS SITUATION, CRIME,  
COMPETITION, INTEGRATION OF  
LOCAL BUSINESSES IN  
COMMUNITY EVENTS

**UPCOMING PLANS**

MAJORITY DO NOT HAVE PLANS  
TO RENOVATE, EXPAND, OR  
RELOCATE



# PROJECT MANAGER UPDATE

## | MARKETING & ATTRACTION |

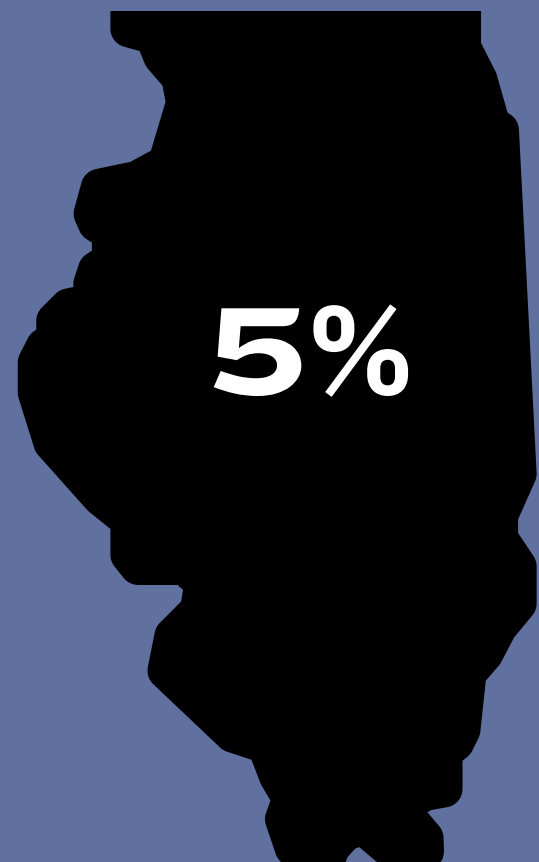
- YOUTUBE PAGE IS ACTIVE
- WEBSITE CODING IN PROGRESS WITH I.T.; PAGES & UPDATES IN REVIEW
  - DESIGN FOR PROGRAM PAGES/OUTREACH PAGE NOW UNDERWAY
- IN COMMUNICATION WITH TWO HOTEL BRANDS REGARDING EAST COURT AND RIVERSTONE
- YEAR-END BUSINESS SURVEY NOW LIVE
- NEW POLICY & PROCEDURE REVIEW
  - DEVELOPING MARKETING STRATEGY FOR 2025



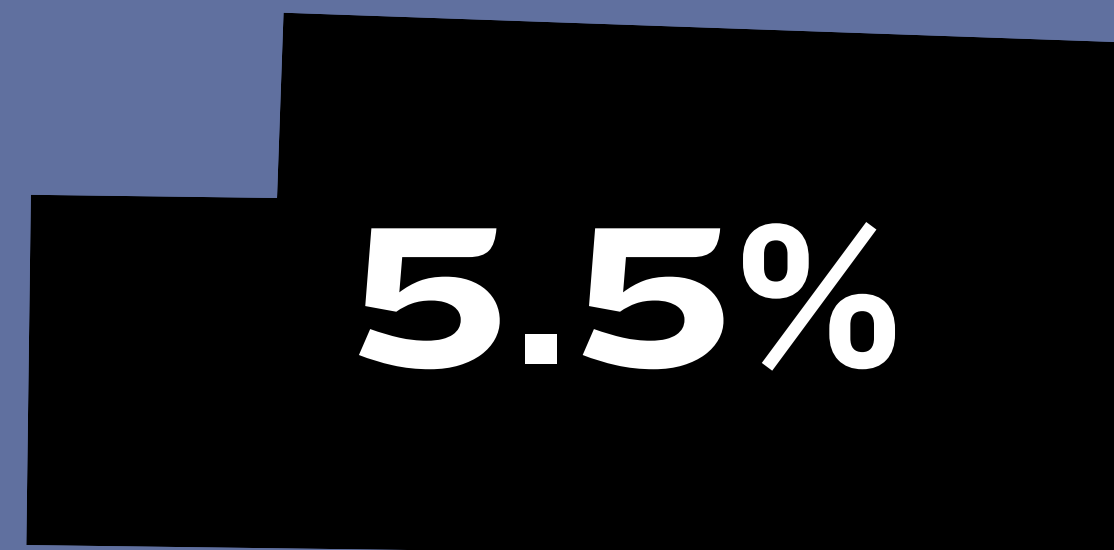
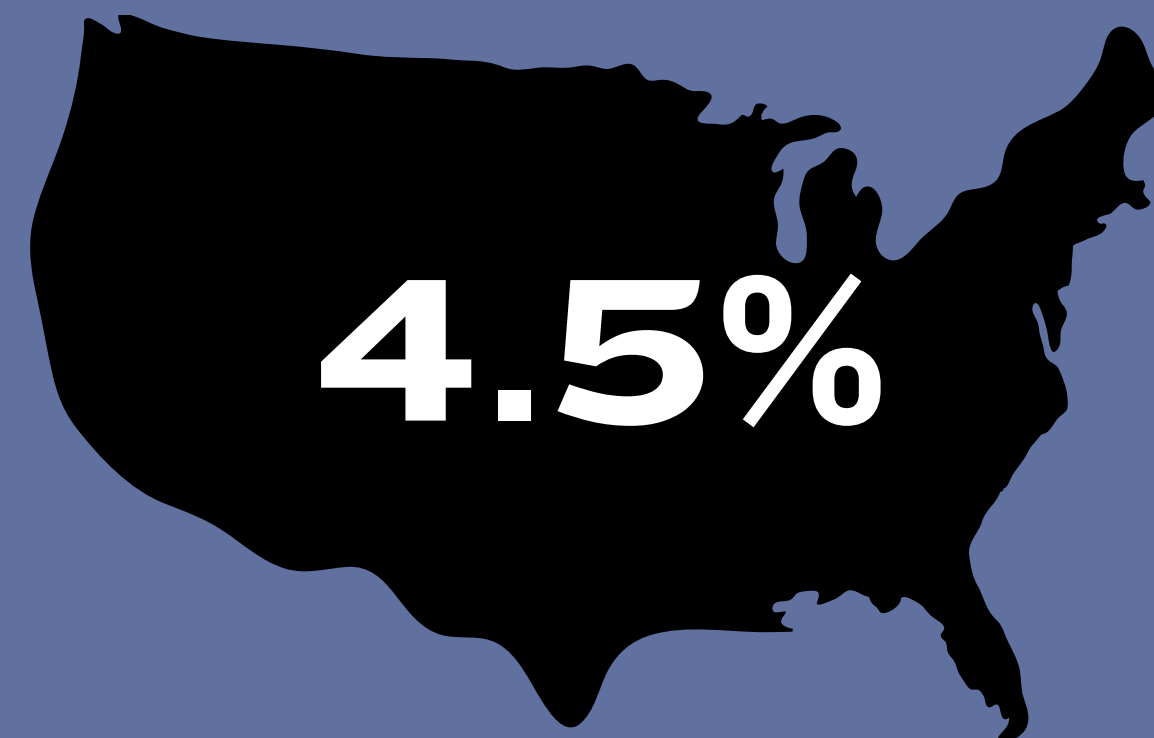
# UNEMPLOYMENT DATA

## SEPT 2024

LAST UPDATE



7%





# 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

- **In-depth look at labor market dynamics in and around Kankakee County**
  - **Current labor supply**
  - **Workforce characteristics**
  - **Underemployment patterns**
  - **Commuting trends**
  - **Skills in high demand & surplus**



# KANKAKEE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

## OCTOBER 2024 MEETING NOTES:

- PREP FOR STATE OF THE COUNTY - VOLUNTEERS
- REFLECTIONS ON PREVIOUS EVENTS
- ANNUAL DINNER - VOLUNTEERS
- LAUNCHING 'SOCIAL SECRETARIES' FOR EVENTS

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- NOV 12 - KANKAKEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE: RC
- DEC 5 - YPN HOLIDAY TRIVIA & UGLY SWEATER CONTEST
- DEC 11 - VISIT KANKAKEE COUNTY: RC

| MEETINGS |  
2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

| COMMITTEES |  
WORKFORCE & EDUCATION: DEVYN  
DEI: LEO

**AMBASSADORS: DEVYN & LEO**



# KANKAKEE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

## OCT 2024 MEETING NOTES:

- EXECUTIVE BOARD ONLY
- ANNUAL MEETING IN NOVEMBER

| MEETINGS |  
2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

| MARKETING COMMITTEE |  
1ST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

## OCT 2024 MARKETING MEETING NOTES:

- 200 N SCHUYLER MURAL ANTICIPATED COMPLETION: SPRING 2025, EXTENSION ON CTAP
- DISCUSSION ABOUT SPEAKERS AND TOPICS FOR ANNUAL LUNCHEON IN NOVEMBER

REPRESENTATIVES: DEVYN & LEO

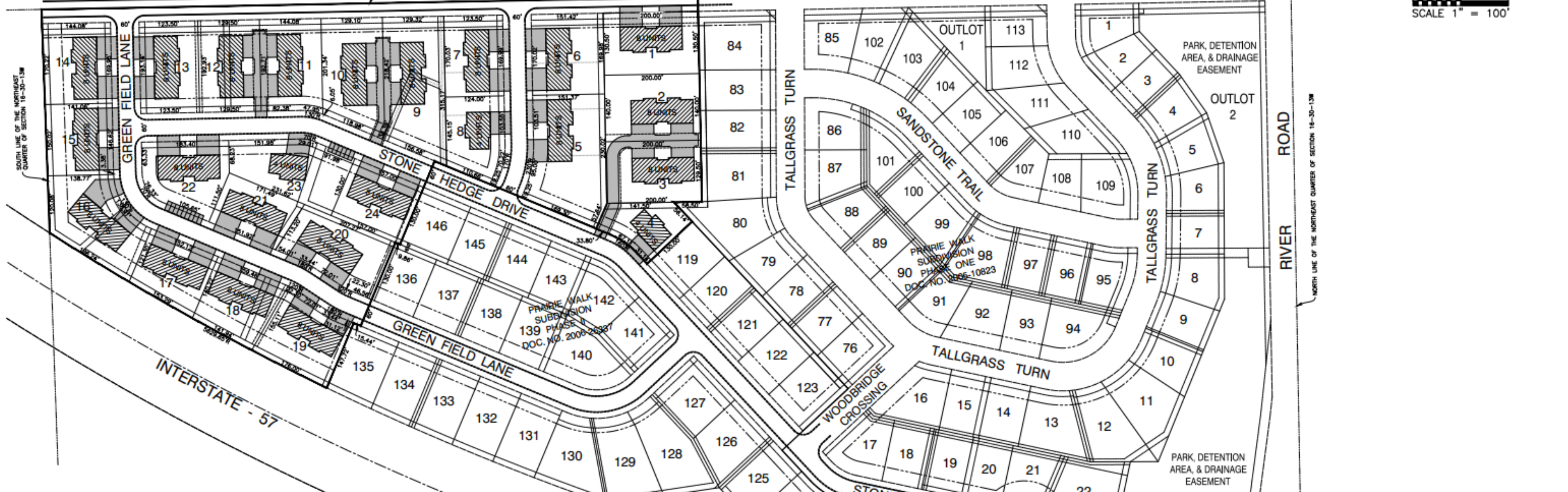




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# PROJECT UPDATES





## Harbor Place

Construction is on going.

## Prairie Walk

Planning Board approved the zoning for this project on Tuesday, May 21, 2024

## Veteran's Housing

Rehab is on going at the site.

# HOUSING



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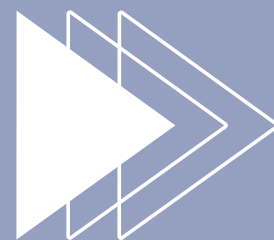




# EAST COURT ST. DEVELOPMENT ZONE

# |HOBBIE AVENUE|

# WORK IS ONGOING





**| 1801 W. STATION ST |**

# PLANNING DEVELOPMENT STAGE

**| 1292 W. STATION ST |**

# MCA Adult Day Care anticipated 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|

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW IN PROGRESS

# |WEST RIVERWALK|

PROPERTY ACQUISITION PHASE

# |WEST AVE|

STREETSCAPE PUBLIC MEETING: 9/30

# |505 S. SCHUYLER AVE|

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# |CURRENTLY LISTED|

## LEE & ASSOCIATES:

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

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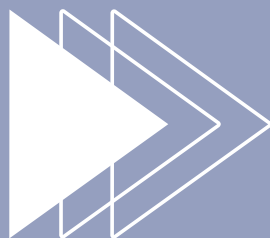
**DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT ZONE**

# |PROJECT CATALYST|

TIF DEAL IN REVIEW

# |MAJESTIC BUILDING|

OPEN SPACES AVAILABLE



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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 - BEGINNING RFP PROCESS



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**