



BOARD BULLETIN

August 30, 2013

Economic Development Update

Active Projects – The current number of active projects is twenty (20). There were two (2) new, active project leads in the past 30 days. The leads for the projects were generated by the NC Department of Commerce and the Charlotte Regional Partnership. Both leads resulted in site visits during the month of August. The current active projects represent the potential for at least \$365 million in new investment and approximately 1,150 jobs.

There were three (3) additional projects added to the suspect list during the past 30 days. Two (2) of these leads was generated by the Charlotte Regional Partnership, and the other lead was generated by an EDC ally.

There were a total of six (6) meetings and/or site visits with prospective businesses in the past 30 days.

Other Initiatives/Activities –

- The EDC and SCC's joint advertisement targeting energy sector businesses was recently published in the 2013 Charlotte USA Economic Development Guide.
- On August 2 and August 6, staff met with a prospective business to tour several available buildings in Albemarle.
- EDC staff met with Congressman Hudson at the Stanly County Airport on Thursday, August 8.
- On August 12, EDC staff met with a new project lead at Stanly Community College in Locust.
- On August 14, EDC staff met with a prospective business to tour Meadow Creek Business Park in Locust.
- EDC Director, Paul Stratos, attended the For Stanly board meeting on Friday, August 16.
- EDC staff met with officials with the Tarheel Challenge Academy on Tuesday, August 20.
- EDC staff, in conjunction with NC Commerce, hosted a new project site visit on August 27 at Meadow Creek in Locust.
- EDC staff met with the business development team from Duke Energy on Thursday, August 29.

Child Support Collection Trends Upward

The County's child support collection rate as of June 30, 2009 was 63.3%. The collection rate has steadily increased over the past four (4) fiscal years. The rate was 67.01% as of June 30, 2013. One could argue the increase in collections is directly related to the slight improvement in economic conditions. However, Stanly County's unemployment rate is still close to 9% and above the state average.

It is important to note the child support division within the Dept. of Social Services (DSS) restructured in 2011 to gain operational efficiency and effectiveness. The child support division decreased its overall staff resources and costs. At the same time, the division has been able to steadily increase collections. These results are an example of how employees are working to do more with less through hard work, innovation and the greater use of technology.

Health Dept. Readies for Re-Accreditation

The Stanly County Health Department is preparing for re-accreditation via the mandatory NC Local Health Dept. Accreditation process. A re-accreditation team will be in Stanly County the week of September 2 to review documentation, speak with Board of Health members, interview community based public health stakeholders and visit each of the public health facilities and program areas (e.g., Animal Control, Environmental Health, etc.).

The Stanly County Health Dept. was initially accredited for a five (5) year term in 2008. The accreditation process requires compliance with forty-one (41) capacity benchmarks and one-hundred forty eight (148) prescribed activities.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Labor Day Holiday	Monday, September 2 County Offices Closed
Regular Board Meeting	Monday, September 9 7:00 PM Commons Meeting Room