# Board Bulletin

**August 30, 2019**

## *Economic Development Update*

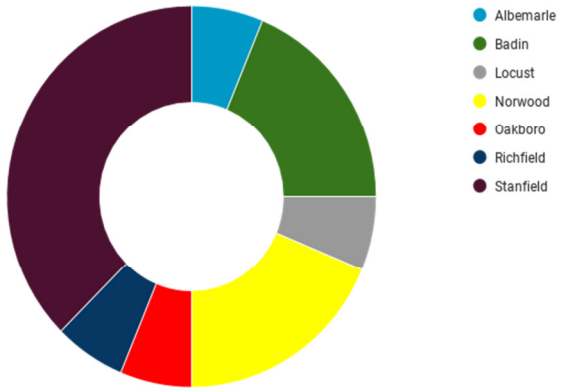
The current number of projects with activity in the past six (6) months is sixteen (16). There were no new active projects in the past 30 days.

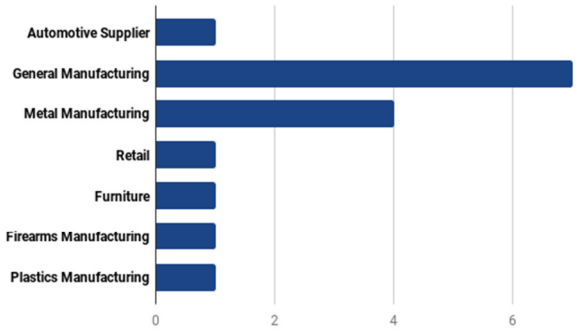
EDC staff met with or made three (3) existing industry visits in the past 30 days.

Staff responded to two (2) Requests for Information (RFIs) in the past 30 days. Both of these RFI leads were generated by the Charlotte Regional Business Alliance.

The EDC was unable to respond to five (5) RFIs due to a lack of product that met the client's needs. The lack of available building stock or product in the range of 25,000-100,000 sq. ft. has impacted the EDC's ability to attract potential projects.

Below please find an illustration of the active project locations and type:




## *Capital Projects Update*

Staff is actively working to initiate multiple capital projects the Board approved as part of its five (5) year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) in February 2019. Below is a summary of action:

### *West Stanly Waste Water Treatment Plant*

All of the necessary paperwork has been submitted to NC DEQ to secure the special order of consent (SOC) during the renovation project. The SOC will help mitigate fines for excess flows during the 9-12 month renovation period. It is anticipated the County will be able to advertise the bid process for renovation of the plant in early to mid-September. A bid award will be made in early to mid-October, and renovation to increase the plant's capacity to 1.2 million gallons per day is anticipated to begin prior to December 31, 2019.

### *New Eastside EMS Base*

The loan with First Bank to help offset the $2.6 million cost associated with construction of the facility will likely close in early September. DR Reynolds is still finalizing all of the engineering and is scheduled to submit plans for consideration by the County's Inspection Dept. by early to mid-September.

### *5th Emergency Radio Tower Project*

The access road to the tower site and the grading for the tower site pad are both complete. Motorola is currently engineering the tower structure and the electronics. Additionally, Motorola is working to obtain all of the necessary federal and state environmental approvals for the tower structure. Construction on the tower is scheduled to begin in late February/early March 2020.

### *Richfield Sewer Acquisition*

Staff is targeting a closing by the end of September for the County's acquisition of Richfield's sewer collection system. There are two (2) items delaying the closing process. One is the right-of-way assumption approval by Norfolk Southern Railroad, and the other is identifying a cost effective solution or instrument for assuming Richfield's outstanding loan of $225,000 with Uwharrie Bank.