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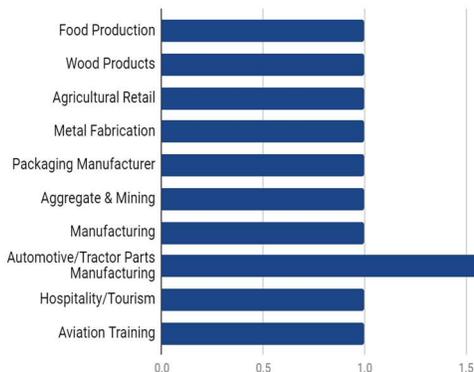
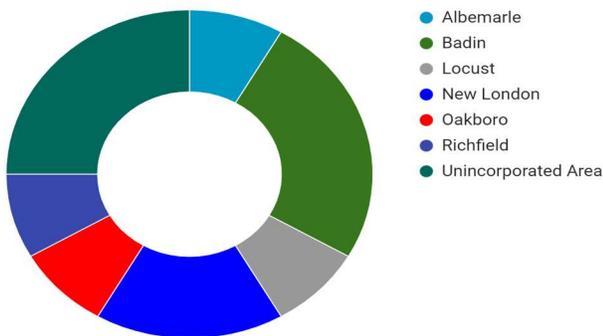
## ***Economic Development Update***

The current number of active projects with activity in the past six (6) months is twelve (12). One former active project has now announced their investment and job creation in Oakboro. Additionally, there was one (1) new active project targeting the Badin Business Park for its operations. The business would relocate from the Greensboro area.

Staff responded to three (3) Requests for Information (RFIs) in the past 30 days. Two (2) of these project RFIs were generated by the NC Economic Development Partnership (EDPNC), and one (1) was self-generated by the EDC.

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

Below please find a couple charts with the locations under consideration and the industry type for the active projects:



## ***Site Selection Magazine Recognition***

According to the March 2022 edition of Site Selection Magazine, the City of Albemarle has been recognized as a Top 100 micropolitan community for economic activity in 2021.

There are 534 micropolitan communities (defined as a city with an urban area of 10,000 but no greater than 50,000 residents) in the nation, and the City of Albemarle ranked 19<sup>th</sup>. Below please find a list of the other North Carolina micropolitan communities recognized in the Top 100 for 2021:

| Jurisdiction              | Rank       |
|---------------------------|------------|
| Lumberton (Robeson)       | T10        |
| Shelby (Cleveland)        | T14        |
| Kinston (Lenoir)          | T14        |
| <b>Albemarle (Stanly)</b> | <b>T19</b> |
| Mt. Airy (Surry)          | T27        |
| Forest City (Rutherford)  | T69        |
| Roanoke-Rapids (Halifax)  | T69        |
| Rockingham (Richmond)     | T69        |
| Wilson (Wilson)           | T69        |

## ***911 Communications Continues to Exceed National Call Answering Standard***

The national emergency call answering standard (established by the National Emergency Number Association, NENA) is to answer at least 90% of 911 emergency calls within ten (10) seconds or less. The County began tracking this metric in FY 2014. A graph illustrating Stanly County's performance as compared to the 90% national standard the past five (5) fiscal years has been included.

