Board Bulletin

May 28, 2021

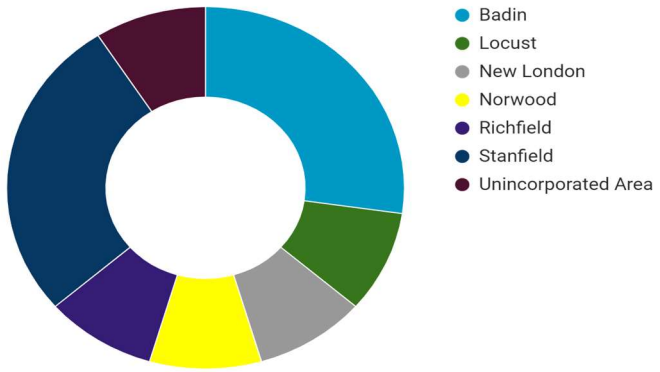
Economic Development Update

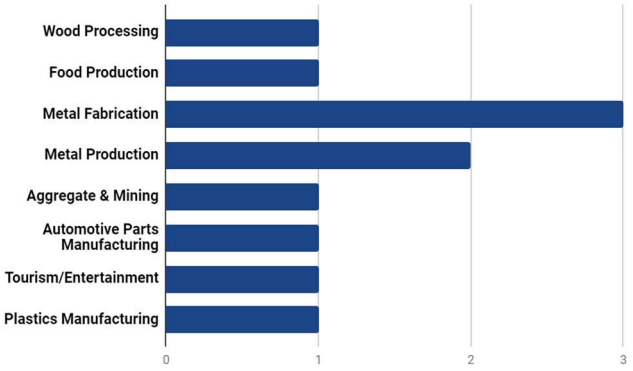
The current number of projects with activity in the past six (6) months is eleven (11). One (1) formerly active project has suspended their site evaluation and expansion plans. There were no new active project leads in the past 30 days.

Staff responded to three (3) Requests for Information (RFIs) in the past 30 days. Two (2) of these requests were generated by the Charlotte Regional Business Alliance (CRBA) and the other was generated by Global Site Location, Inc. (GSLI).

EDC staff made four (4) existing industry visits in the past 30 days.

Below please find a series of charts with the location and type of the various active projects:





Stanly County to Realign with Partners for Behavioral Health Services

Earlier this week, the Secretary of NC DHHS, Dr. Mandy Cohen, authorized the disengagement of Stanly County from Cardinal Innovations Healthcare and the realignment with Partners Behavioral Health.

The realignment will be effective September 1, 2021. Stanly County joins Union and Cabarrus in this realignment with Partners.

The Stanly County Board of Commissioners initiated the disengagement process back in October 2020 in an effort to align with a behavioral health managed care entity that more closely matched Stanly County's values of timely and effective services, collaboration and innovation.

Local mental/behavioral health providers will be able to join the Partner's managed care network to ensure a seamless transition of services for citizens.

Additionally, Partners has already begun working with the County to secure administrative office space for their team members in Albemarle. Providing a locally based team will help foster partnerships and collaboration with other health care providers in the community. This level of community interaction and involvement was one of the goals the Board of Commissioners sought when electing to disengage and realign with Partners in the fall of 2020.

EDC Director Obtains NC Certification

EDC Director, Candice Lowder, recently achieved the credential of NC Certified Economic Developer (NCCED).

Candice successfully completed all 84 hours of courses in various subject areas relevant to economic development including, but not limited to, business retention & expansion, data & analytics, the legal framework of economic development, innovation & entrepreneurship and business attraction as well as the required capstone project to obtain the NCCED credential.