

2022

A LOOK

BACK



**LEAVENWORTH COUNTY
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



2022 was another pivotal year of change for LCDC: Lisa Haack was promoted to Executive Director, Hill's Pet Nutrition's \$325 million capital investment – an unprecedented investment for a manufacturer in Leavenworth County – was named deal of the year by *Business Facilities Magazine*, LCDC announced new members to its board of directors, and private investor capital increased.

There are also several new solid leads cultivated by the LCDC team that may be announced in 2023 while project activity continues to be strong with interest from both domestic and international companies. Active project leads continue through LCDC contacts with the Kansas Department of Commerce, KC SmartPort, and from regional commercial real estate consultants.

As my final days serving as the LCDC President come to a close, I am excited to pass the leadership torch to Jeremy Greenamyre. The opportunity to represent this remarkable community has been an immense honor and one that I will forever feel fortunate to have had. We set out two years ago to leave our community better than we found it, and we did just that.

Onward and upward!

A stylized, handwritten signature in white ink on a blue background, appearing to read 'Josh Hoppes'.

Josh Hoppes
President, LCDC

RAISING LEAVENWORTH COUNTY'S PROFILE

The LCDC team attended high-value networking events in Kansas City: **KC SIOR Development Day** at Union Station and the 25th Anniversary of **KC CREW** event, an **Evergy economic development session**, **KCADC** quarterly investor event and the **Kansas Economic Development Alliance (KEDA) annual conference** in Salina.

The LCDC team also attended the **KCADC annual meeting** in November with representatives from the cities of Basehor, Lansing, Leavenworth, and Tonganoxie, and from Leavenworth County.

At the **Kansas Department of Commerce's Grass Roots Economic Development 201 Virtual Session** in June, LCDC Executive Director Lisa Haack presented how Leavenworth County planned for industrial development by building and enhancing its business parks. The ED 201 sessions are designed to delve deeper into issues important to rural Kansas communities.

LCDC continues to participate in regional and national events with site selectors. Marketing for the county's business parks continues to be a high priority through an ongoing email blast campaign with the business parks predominately featured on the LCDC website.



Harland Russell (Past President), Lisa Haack, and Josh Hoppes (President) attending KCADC's Annual Meeting

PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENTS

DL Granite & Design

DL Granite & Design is a local Leavenworth County business that is a manufacturer and fabricator of granite and quartz countertops. The company announced \$1.5 million in capital investment for a 6,000 square-foot facility at the Urban Hess Business Center in Tonganoxie.



Stripes Global

Stripes Global announced \$6 million of capital investment and 60 new jobs in Leavenworth. Stripes Global is a manufacturer and wholesaler of medical and scientific equipment and devices. For this project, they will occupy and renovate an existing building.



OPEN FOR BUSINESS

MAPS, Inc.

After considering 13 locations across the greater KC area, MAPS, Inc. decided Leavenworth was the right location for their international business. Welcome CEO Darrell Yoder, Director of Sales John Lavery, and the whole MAPS team to the Gary Carlson Business Park! LCDC, the Port Authority, and the City of Leavenworth worked together on this project win.



NEW POPULATION GROWTH

- **Leavenworth County's strategic location gives it a far-reaching labor shed** that extends into three separate metropolitan areas: Kansas City, MO-KS MSA, Lawrence, KS MSA, and Topeka, KS MSA.
- The Labor Shed population is **2,272,019**.
- The labor shed's population growth rate over the last 10 years (7.1%) indicates **concentrated growth in the region**.
- **Labor Shed growth is projected to continue** with an estimated population of 2,335,671 by 2027.
- 67.9% of the county's residential **workforce commute outside of the county**.

IMPACT



BRE visits will resume in 2023



Monitored the economic health of our community



Provided info on & access to state and local programs



Developed a positive relationship with the companies



Removed barriers to growth

- Financial, workforce, real estate, health plans



Helped make connections with the City, Chamber, Main Street, & SBDC

- Grow Leavenworth County
- High Performance Incentive Program (HPIP)
- Kansas Industrial Training & Retraining (KIT/KIR) Program
- Promoting Employment Across Kansas (PEAK)
- Small Business Grant Program
- LCDC Micro Grants



In 2022, LCDC assisted existing Leavenworth County businesses in making \$7,614,734 in capital investment.



LCDC has facilitated \$149,151.12 in grants, loans and tax savings.

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