

# 2022 ANNUAL REPORT



**CED** WILL COUNTY  
CENTER FOR  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

# FROM STONE TO WATER

By Bruce Hodgdon

When excavation began on the I&M Canal in 1836, laborers soon encountered magnesium-rich limestone called dolomite. Within a few years a new industry was born, and dozens of quarries opened in Lemont, Lockport, and Joliet, creating thousands of new jobs. This heavy, durable stone was easily and cheaply transported on the canal, and was used in many buildings throughout the corridor, including the Joliet Penitentiary and the Chicago Water Tower.

Additionally, gravel quarries also altered the land. Many of these were located alongside Will County's two main rivers, the Des Plaines and DuPage, where stone was ground down by a series of ice ages beginning 1.8 million years ago and deposited in these river valleys.

What remained when the quarrymen left were holes in the ground, some of them vast, that over time filled in with rain and groundwater, forming lakes and ponds.

Over decades, the Forest Preserve District of Will County acquired a number of properties that include these manmade lakes. The District improved these to provide shoreline fishing and, in some cases, boating access.

The Forest Preserve District of Will County is just one of many organizations focused on preserving and enhancing the abundant natural resources for the use and enjoyment of current and future generations.

*Source: Forest Preserve of Will County  
Reconnect with nature.org*

# A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

To Our CED Investors,

2022 marks another year of success for Will County leading the region in development and job creation. Although not without its challenges, 2022 has been a time for change, for growth and has been filled with countless achievements. I am proud to reflect on this year of victories and it is without question that it has been an honor to serve as your Board Chair.

As Investors, you have demonstrated your commitment to working together to build a thriving community. The services and guidance that the CED provides are available only with your financial support. In addition, many of you devote hours volunteering on committees and advocate tirelessly for the CED and for that, we are grateful. The opportunities for leadership and involvement are expanding and we welcome anyone that is interested in sharing our mission to join the CED.

The CED has thrived as the County's economic engine for over 40 years. In those many years, we have seen the progress of infrastructure and the competitive advantage the Will County region has for businesses to locate here near many assets. Our goal is to not only be a place that attracts business but to be a place our workforce chooses to reside for our amenities as well.

The CED strives to improve the quality of life for all by working collaboratively with public, private and non-profit organizations. "We do nothing alone" are words that the CED strongly embraces. It is with partnerships among many stakeholders in the region that we accomplish what we do for the betterment of all. Will County has shown consistently that it possesses, the resources, the assets, and most importantly, the people to support a growing and diverse economy. In the upcoming year we look to continue to build on these relationships and forge a path forward that is inclusive and equitable to all that call Will County home.

Sincerely,



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ruth Colby".

**Ruth Colby**  
2022 CED Board Chair  
President and CEO  
Silver Cross Hospital

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**Wintrust Commercial  
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*\*Executive Committee Member*

# 2022 INFRASTRUCTURE

Will County's emergence as an international freight hub has produced substantial growth for the region, and continued growth in ecommerce and reshoring will increase demand for freight movement in the Chicago region in decades to come. Will County's local, state, and federal partners have delivered robust planning and financial resources to help ensure safe and efficient transportation networks. The CED is proud of the role we and our Investors play in the identification and support of key transportation projects, the product of collaborative work with the public and private sectors to ensure our regional competitive advantage.



## Houbolt Road Extension Bringing Greater Connectivity

Set for completion in early 2023, the Houbolt Road Extension provides direct connectivity from I-80 to the inland port, improving the safety and efficiency of freight transportation.

## I-80 Reconstruction Work Advances

Work is underway on the \$1.2 billion multiyear project, which includes reconstruction of 16 miles of I-80 and 8 interchanges in Will County.



## Multi-Modal Transportation Center Opens

The Joliet Gateway Center brings Amtrak, two Metra lines, and Pace Suburban Bus into a single hub in downtown Joliet, safely delivering passengers throughout the region. The project included track realignments to eliminate freight bottlenecks and increase passenger safety.



## Pace Celebrates Completion of Award-Winning Facility in Plainfield

The new \$52 million, 250,000-square-foot facility in Plainfield will help Pace support its successful Will County Bus on Shoulder program. The project was constructed by Northern Builders as part of its public-private partnership with the Village of Plainfield.

- **Rebuild underway** at I-55 Interchange at IL Route 59. The new diverging diamond interchange will improve capacity, safety, and access to Joliet and Shorewood, and includes improvements to IL Route 59 and Seil Road.
- **Will County continues** its strong transportation investment with a planned \$572 million for improvements to the county highway system, including Laraway Road, 80th Avenue, and Wilmington-Peotone Road, among others.
- **IDOT's latest multi-year plan** includes \$1.92 billion in investment covering 187 projects in Will County from 2023 to 2028.



### Major Infrastructure Projects Completed

Representing more than \$140 million in total investment, new interchanges at I-55/Weber Road in Romeoville and I-80/US Route 30 in New Lenox were completed in 2022, improving access and safety in two growing areas of Will County.



### CED Infrastructure Coalition Focuses on Transportation Priorities

The CED Infrastructure Coalition continued its mission to ensure Will County is meeting the infrastructure needs of businesses and residents by prioritizing and advocating for infrastructure planning and investment in Will County. The Coalition also updated its Transportation Blueprint, a critical document outlining priorities regarding roadways, bridges, rail and transit, aviation, and inland waterways.



### Regional Water Commission Formally Announced

A strong example of the power of regional collaboration, the Grand Prairie Water Commission includes six Will County municipalities and has been formed to create a joint solution to critical regional water supply challenges. The Commission is on its way to meeting the goal of providing a sustainable, reliable, and high-quality water supply for member communities by 2030.



### Governor Visits Will County — Updates Houbolt Road

Governor JB Pritzker joined local officials to highlight ongoing improvements in the Houbolt Road corridor, including the Houbolt Road Extension, Houbolt Road reconstruction, and new interchange on I-80.



### Control Tower at Lewis University Completed

Lewis University Airport in Romeoville celebrated its new air traffic control tower, an \$8 million collaborative project funded through support from the FAA, State of Illinois, and Joliet Regional Port District. The new tower will support the airport's 100,000+ annual flight operations and provide greater safety, accessibility, and growth opportunities for the area.

## BY THE NUMBERS

**11,000+**

NEW JOBS

**\$1.2 BILLION**

NEW WAGES

**97%**

INDUSTRIAL OCCUPANCY

*Highest Ever!*

**22 MILLION**

SQUARE FEET LEASED

**\$36.9 BILLION**

TOTAL GDP

*Manufacturing Leads At \$5.8 Billion*

**95%**

RETAIL OCCUPANCY

**94%**

OFFICE OCCUPANCY

*Sources: BLS, CoStar, EMSI*

# 2022 KEY EVENTS

The CED's 2022 events saw our partners, stakeholders, local and state government officials, and CED Investors coming back together to in-person events. The CED sought to offer numerous opportunities for networking and meaningful conversations and collaboration.



### CED Reflects on 40-Year Legacy

The CED reflected on 40 years of successes at the 2021 Annual Report event. Together through the work of partners, Investors, elected officials, and key stakeholders we ensure a strong and diversified economy and high quality of life in our region.



### Eye Opener Highlights Economic Growth

2022 Board Chair Ruth Colby welcomed guests to the first in-person Eye Opener since 2019. County Executive Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant extolled Will County's attractiveness to business and robust infrastructure improvement projects. Doug Pryor shared good news, including job and population gains, low unemployment, and the county's leadership in new housing.

### CED Leads Trainings to Enhance Community Development for Elected Officials

The annual boot camp teaches local officials best practices to drive economic development in their communities. The new incentives training provides an overview of partners and resources available. This programming is made possible by our partners at DCEO, ComEd, and Nicor.



### Telling the Will County Industrial Real Estate Story

The CED brought together industrial real estate brokers, developers, and community development partners for an exclusive opportunity to network and learn from Adam Roth, Executive Vice President of Industrial Services with NAI Hiffman.



### Business Enterprise Program Certification Workshop

In partnership with the Will County Executive's Office, the CED hosted another in its series helping Will County businesses participate in the State's Business Enterprise Program. BEP promotes a more inclusive and equitable business environment for businesses owned by minorities, women, and persons with disabilities by increasing their visibility and opportunities for State and other procurement

contracts. Last year the State of Illinois spent more than \$800 million with BEP vendors, and the CED is proud to promote more opportunities for Will County businesses.



### CED Tour Highlights Local Manufacturing

CED Investors toured two of Will County's largest employing manufacturers, G&W Electric in Bolingbrook, and CITGO Lemont Refinery. Both of these powerhouses are positioned to lead our economy well into the future. The CED thanks the Village of Romeoville for hosting.

# CED IN ACTION

As the champion for a strong and growing economy, the CED is entrusted to provide leadership on key issues and carry the message of our partners and stakeholders, building invaluable regional alliances.



## Here's To a Healthier Community

CED leadership and Investors volunteered twice this year at the Northern Illinois Food Bank's South Suburban Center packaging food to be distributed at their network of pantries and pop-up events. These great groups packed more than 8,700 pounds, representing 7,255 meals, and had a blast!



## Houbolt Road Extension Bridge Tours

CED Investors toured the Houbolt Road Extension Bridge, a joint venture partnership between CED Sustaining Investor CenterPoint Properties, and United Bridge Partners. The project is the culmination of years of collaboration and thoughtful planning that will provide a more direct path for trucks to access I-80.

- 1 Select USA Summit
- 2 52nd Annual Midwest-Japan Conference
- 3 CED Invited to Energy Discussion with Secretary of Energy Jennifer Granholm
- 4 World Business Chicago Hosts Future of Logistics Conference
- 5 Three Rivers Manufacturers' Association - Manufacturing Day
- 6 Will County Governmental League - Lobby Day in Springfield
- 7 CED Joins Transportation Roundtable with U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg



# 2022 HAPPENINGS



## Hyzon Motors Shows Off Its New Innovation Center in Bolingbrook

The CED joined Congressman Bill Foster, State Senator Laura Ellman, and the leadership team from Hyzon Motors at its growing fuel cell production facility in Bolingbrook. Leaders got a hands-on look at Hyzon's innovative technology that helps power trucks with clean hydrogen. Hyzon Motors develops zero-emissions, hydrogen-powered commercial vehicles with leading fuel cell technology. A low-cost, clean hydrogen infrastructure approach synchronizes supply with demand, putting clean trucks on the road faster.

## Earthrise Energy Acquires Natural Gas Plants in Will County

Earthrise Energy an independent power producer founded to accelerate the clean energy transition, announced the acquisition of two Will County natural gas plants: the Crete Energy power plant and the Lincoln Generating Facility in Manhattan.



## New Will County Renewable Gas Plant

Will County marked the opening of its new Renewable Natural Gas Plant in Wilmington. The plant will capture and repurpose methane gas emitted from the county-owned Prairie View Landfill, providing a carbon-neutral alternative to conventional natural gas and a significant source of non-tax revenue for Will County.

"This forward-thinking initiative will help fuel the clean energy revolution in Illinois," said County Executive Bertino-Tarrant. "This self-sustaining project will provide significant environmental and financial benefits well into the future."



## Will County is Leading New Energy Project Development

NRG Energy Midwest Storage, LLC, in Romeoville will receive \$79.2 million to begin operations as an energy storage facility beginning in 2025. The Romeoville-Will County location is one of five coal plant sites chosen as part of the Coal-to-Solar Energy Storage Grant Program. The program provides incentives for companies to install energy storage facilities at the sites of former coal plants, providing benefits to the electric grid and the ability for more renewable resources to be built and used.

## Floss Battery Energy Storage System Placed

The G&W Electric Microgrid project located at its Bolingbrook headquarters was initiated in August 2021. "Ultimately, this G&W Electric custom designed, turnkey microgrid solution will serve as an example of how G&W Electric can provide support to other businesses, communities and government entities to produce their own reliable source of power and prevent the costly effects of downtime during a catastrophic outage," said John Mueller, chairman and owner of G&W Electric.



## Jackson Generation Goes Commercial

Jackson Generation successfully achieved commercial operation in May. J-Power is happy to have the project completed and plans to continue its close relationship with Elwood and Will County. The plant produces enough electricity to power 1.2 million homes and modernizes and diversifies the power grid by adding a state-of-the-art, 1,200 MW combined cycle power generation facility.



## CED Awarded \$400,000 Brownfields Assessment Grant by U.S. EPA

This grant provides funding to identify sites and conduct a range of planning activities, develop site-specific clean-up plans, and community outreach related to Brownfield sites with an emphasis on the Des Plaines River corridor in Will County. Brownfield sites are those that are contaminated by hazardous substances. Once remediated, sites can be redeveloped for a variety of productive uses.





**Made In America - Lion Electric**

The first zero-emission Lion school bus came off the production line at the Joliet factory in November. Lion officials thanked everyone who made the project a reality through their passion and

commitment. Plans are underway to ramp up quickly with expected capacity to produce up to 20,000 all-electric buses and trucks. Projects like Lion Electric build on the long-standing manufacturing heritage of this region and provide an important foundation for future manufacturing competitiveness for Will County and Illinois.



**Ryerson/Central Steel & Wire Brings HQ and Operational Hub to University Park**

The new 900,000-square-foot headquarters and operational hub is expected to be completed next spring. This significant investment makes a bold statement about our workforce and is a huge win for Will County.



**Denise Winfrey Takes Leadership of National Association of Counties**

Denise Winfrey was sworn in at the organization's 87th Annual Conference by fellow Will County Board Member Herbert Brooks Jr. Winfrey began her government career as a board member of the Joliet Township and has been a member of the Will County Board since 2009.



**Doug Pryor** was named President & CEO in March, following 5 years as Vice President

of Economic Development. In that role, he helped deliver projects totaling more than \$4 billion in investment in a wide range of industries. As President & CEO, Pryor is focused on organizational priorities including inclusive growth, a strong and resilient business climate, and a high quality of life and enhanced opportunities for Will County residents.



The CED team welcomed **Kayla Sorensen** in May as Director of Investor Relations.

Her responsibilities include communicating the organization's mission and developing strategies to strengthen our relationships and increase engagements with the CED's Board of Directors as well as with current and prospective investors.



**Pete Kelly** joined the CED in November as Vice President of Economic

Development. Kelly works with prospective and expanding businesses, consultants, brokers and developers, assisting them with site selection, customized research and coordination with federal, state, and local government contacts.

**Hollywood Casino Joliet Anchoring Rock Run Crossings**

Penn Entertainment, parent company of Hollywood Casino Joliet, announced construction on the new \$185 million casino project beginning late next year to include 800 slots and 45 live table games, a Barstool Sportsbook, high-quality bars and restaurants, and 10,000 square feet of meeting/event space. Rock Run Crossings is being developed by Cullinan Properties at I-80 and I-55. Hollywood Casino Joliet also celebrated its 30-year milestone anniversary by providing a total of \$30,000 to four local institutions of higher learning - Lewis University, Joliet Junior College, University of St. Francis and Governors State University

# 2022 HAPPENINGS



## **GSU Partners with SIU to offer JD degrees to students**

In a historic move, Governors State University and Southern Illinois University-Carbondale have partnered to develop a 3+3 program to enable students to earn both a bachelor's and juris doctor degree in six years.



## **National Science Foundation Awards Lewis University nearly \$1.5 Million Over 5 Years**

Project Synergy: Developing Connections at the Interface of Chemistry, Physics, Engineering, and Data Science will address the need for well-educated scientists, mathematicians, engineers, and technicians by supporting high-achieving students with financial need. Accepted students would be eligible for up to \$10,000 per year for four years.



## **USF Launches New Recovery Support Specialist Certificate Program**

The University of St. Francis launched a Recovery Support Specialist certificate program with support from the Illinois Department of Human Services/Division of Mental Health. The program trains persons with lived experience to support others going through a mental health emergency. USF continues to have the only bachelor's-level degree program in Substance Abuse Counseling in the State of Illinois.



## **Governors State University to house Illinois Black Hall of Fame**

A ceremonial groundbreaking took place and included the inaugural inductees into the Hall. President Dr. Green shared the University's honor and recognized the legacy and achievements of these African American trailblazers.



## **Joliet Junior College President Judy Mitchell Retires**

Only the second person to receive the designation of President Emerita in JJC's history, Dr. Judy Mitchell was honored for her positive impact on the college during her six-year term.



## **Joliet Junior College Welcomes Tenth President**

Dr. Clyne Namuo assumed his duties of President on July 1 and represents the college on the CED Board of Directors. Dr. Namuo most recently served as Interim President at Phoenix College, the flagship college of Maricopa County Community College District that serves 17,000 students. He shared, "I am excited to get started and will work relentlessly in support of our diverse student body, our outstanding faculty, and staff and our resilient and remarkable communities."



**\$294,000 in Workforce Development Grants — Community Foundation of Will County**

The inaugural round of grants was announced from Amazon’s \$500,000 donation designated to be invested and used for workforce development and education in Will County. Grantees included Governors State University, Silver Cross Hospital, and the Workforce Services Division of Will County. Awarded programs include workforce development in healthcare workers pathways, early childhood educator pathways, manufacturing automation upskilling, and a planned expo targeting high school students and showcasing potential career pathways.



**Ascension Saint Joseph Celebrates 140th Anniversary of Service**

St. Joe’s was founded by members of the Franciscan fathers, who established St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Joliet. The hospital first opened at 372 N. Broadway in Joliet and was expanded in 1906, 1927 and 1942. Plans for the existing hospital at 333 Madison were announced in 1957 and the new building opened in 1964, continuing St. Joseph’s long history of providing care for the area.



**Will County’s First Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit Opens at Silver Cross Hospital**

While celebrating its 10th year in New Lenox, Silver Cross received approval to open Will County’s first and only Level III NICU. “Silver Cross has always been committed to offering the highest level of care right in our community,” said Ruth Colby, President & CEO at Silver Cross Hospital. “Our Amy, Matthew & Jay Vana Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Silver Cross does just that. And our partnership with Lurie’s will ensure our tiniest patients get the best care.”



**Bolingbrook New Hospital Program**

Bolingbrook Hospital became AdventHealth Bolingbrook this past April. An Obstetrics Hospitalist Program was launched in April, providing around-the-clock care for expectant and new moms and babies. The total number of patients seen in the obstetrics emergency department is more than 400 to date.

# 2022 HAPPENINGS



## **New Entertainment “Scene” Opens in Romeoville**

Scene 75 opened in Romeoville as the largest entertainment center in Chicagoland, boasting 14 world-class attractions, 150 arcade games, food, and private event spaces. Congratulations to Romeoville on this first-class redevelopment of a former vacant retail space.



## **Lockport Eatery Earns 2022 Landmarks Illinois Award**

Located in the former Mackin Motor Co. Ford Dealership, Lockport’s recently renovated Lock and Mule Restaurant has been added the National Register of Historic Places. Its name highlights Lockport’s role as the site of Lock 1 on the I&M Canal.



## **Joliet Junior College Launches Entrepreneur Business Center**

The Entrepreneur Business Center (EBC) opened this summer at the City Center Campus and offers consultations, resources, and seminars at no cost to assist entrepreneurs with the start-up or expansion of their business. Plans for a business center and incubator program are in the works.



## **Celebrating 50 Years of Excellence**

As ExxonMobil Joliet Refinery celebrates its 50th anniversary this year, it stands out as one of the youngest refineries in the U.S. and a major contributor to the Midwest economy. It is ideally located near the Des Plaines River, Illinois & Michigan Canal, and BNSF Rail lines and processes 265,000 barrels of crude daily. Celebrations were shared with employees, retirees, and original start-up employees from 1972.



## **Dancing to the Jailhouse Rock in Joliet**

The inaugural Blues Brothers Con: A Blessed Event took place in August at the former Joliet Correctional Center, now restored and a popular tourist destination. The Joliet Area Historical Museum hosted the event attended by more than 5,000, celebrating everything that is blues music and welcomed Dan Aykroyd and Jim Belushi as the headliners.



**Romeoville Brings First Ever Indoor Pool To The Village**

The project includes the aquatic center, outdoor splash pad, party rooms, parking lot, and lighting. The 20,000-square-foot aquatic center will be the first indoor pool and third and largest splash pad for the Village. Estimated completion is the first quarter of 2023.



**Dominant Wine Distributor Expanding in Illinois & Will County**

Republic National Distributing Company (RNDC), one of the largest national distributors and brokers of premium wine and spirits, leased a 351,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art building in Romeoville. The company currently operates in 37 states in the U.S.



**After 20 Years of Leadership, John Greuling Retires**

Greuling was honored with the Frank Turk Award following his 20 years of visionary leadership at the CED. Greuling drove growth in business and infrastructure that transformed Will County and made it the premier Illinois location for new businesses and new residents.



**Joliet welcomes Harbor Freight Tools**

The City of Joliet and Will County officially welcomed Harbor at its brand new, 1.6 million-square-foot state-of-the-art facility in June. Harbor Freight Tools has a long history in Illinois, opening its first store 20 years ago. This new location will support delivery of products to more than 300 stores in 16 states.



**First of Its Kind**

Walmart officials, community leaders, and associates were on hand celebrating the grand opening of the next-generation fulfillment center in the CenterPoint Intermodal. One of only four in the U.S., orders through Walmart.com will be fulfilled through a combination of people, robotics, and machine learning.



**New 26-Acre Development near I-57 in Peotone**

One of the largest commercial developments in the last two decades is underway in the Village of Peotone. The Peotone Travel Center is well underway with plans for a two-story convenience center, truck lounge, fast food, and a future three-story hotel. This project should spur additional development west of I-57.



**Union Pacific Deepens Its Will County Investment**

Union Pacific recently completed a significant expansion at its Global IV intermodal terminal in Joliet, including a new state-of-the-art transload facility providing better global market reach for local agricultural producers and processors and reducing supply chain costs. The new terminal can process up to 50,000 marine containers annually.

# 2022 INVESTORS

## AUTOMOTIVE/ EQUIPMENT

Crown Lift Truck  
D'Arcy Buick - GMC

## COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

American Red Cross of  
the IL River Valley  
Disability Resource  
Center  
Greater Joliet Area YMCA  
Joliet Region Chamber of  
Commerce  
United Way of Will  
County  
Will County Farm Bureau  
Will County Regional  
Office of Education

## CONSTRUCTION

Adler Roofing & Sheet  
Metal Inc.  
Clayco/CRG  
D Construction, Inc.  
FCL Builders  
Filotto Roofing  
Gallagher Asphalt  
J.S. Alberico

M.J. Electric  
Northern Builders  
Ozinga  
Rock Solid Stabilization &  
Reclamation, Inc.

## EDUCATION

Diocese of Joliet-  
Catholic Schools  
Education Foundation  
Governors State  
University  
Joliet Catholic Academy  
Joliet Junior College  
Joliet Township High  
School District 204  
Lewis University  
Prairie State College  
Rasmussen University  
University of St. Francis  
Will County Regional  
Office of Education

## ENERGY

CITGO Lemont Refinery  
Constellation -  
Braidwood Station  
Dynergy/Vistra Energy

Earthrise Energy  
Management, LLC.\*  
Enbridge  
ExxonMobil Joliet  
Refinery  
J-Power USA  
ONEOK

## ENTERTAINMENT

Autobahn Country Club  
Harrah's Joliet Casino  
Hollywood Casino Joliet  
Joliet Area Historical  
Museum

## FINANCIAL SERVICES

Abri Credit Union  
Busey Bank  
Commerce Bank  
Edward Jones  
Investments  
Gantzert Investment  
Company | A Studio  
Company  
Heartland Bank and  
Trust Company  
Hometown National Bank  
M & M Bank

Midland States Bank  
Old National Bank  
Old Second  
National Bank  
Wintrust Commercial  
Banking\*

## GOVERNMENT

City of Braidwood  
City of Crest Hill  
City of Joliet  
City of Lockport  
City of Wilmington  
County of Will  
Joliet Arsenal  
Development Authority  
Troy Township  
Village of Beecher  
Village of Channahon  
Village of Coal City  
Village of Diamond  
Village of Elwood  
Village of Frankfort  
Village of Homer Glen  
Village of Lemont  
Village of Manhattan  
Village of Minooka  
Village of Mokena

Village of Monee  
Village of New Lenox  
Village of Orland Park  
Village of Park Forest  
Village of Peotone  
Village of Plainfield  
Village of Romeoville  
Village of Shorewood  
Village of Tinley Park  
Will County  
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## HEALTHCARE

AdventHealth  
Bolingbrook Hospital  
Ascension Saint Joseph -  
Joliet  
Edward Elmhurst Health  
Lightways Hospice &  
Serious Illness Care  
Silver Cross Hospital  
Silver Oaks  
Behavioral Hospital

## MANUFACTURING/ PRODUCTION

Davis Machine Co. Inc.  
Diversified CPC  
International

DuPont  
G&W Electric  
Holcim  
Stepan Company  
Vulcan Materials

## MEDIA

Alpha Media  
The Herald News -  
Shaw Media

## PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Chicago Laborers  
District Council  
Contractors Association  
of Will & Grundy Counties  
Illinois Trucking  
Association  
Three Rivers Association  
of Realtors  
Three Rivers Construction  
Alliance  
Three Rivers Manufacturers  
Association  
Will & Grundy Counties  
Building Trades Council  
Will County Lodging  
Association

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

CEMCON, Ltd.  
CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP  
Farnsworth Group, Inc.  
Filotto Professional Services  
Hamilton Consulting Engineers  
Hanson Professional Services  
HDR, Inc.\*  
HR Green, Inc.  
Jacobs  
L. DeGeus & Associates, Inc.  
Legat Architects  
Mahoney, Silverman & Cross, LLC  
Republic Services  
RME Audio Video, Inc.  
Robinson Engineering  
Ruettiger, Tonelli & Associates, Inc.  
Strand Associates  
Terracon Consulting  
The Horton Group  
TranSystems

Wight & Company  
Willett, Hofmann & Associates  
WSP/Parsons Brinckerhoff

## RAILROAD

BNSF Railway  
Union Pacific Railroad

## REAL ESTATE

Caton Commercial Real Estate Group  
Cawley Chicago Real Estate  
CenterPoint Properties  
Clarius Partners  
Cullinan Properties  
DarwinPW-Corfac International  
Goodwin & Associates Real Estate LLC  
Hillwood Investment Properties  
Industrial Realty Group\*  
john greene Commercial  
Jones Lang LaSalle  
Ketone Partners

McColly Bennett Commercial Advantage  
ML Realty Partners  
NAI Hiffman  
Prologis  
Redwood Apartment Neighborhoods\*  
Suburban Real Estate Services  
Venture One Real Estate

## RETAIL/LODGING

Beaver Creek Enterprises  
Clarion Hotel Banquet & Convention Center  
Route 66 Food-N-Fuel

## TRANSPORTATION AND LOGISTICS

Acres Truck Parking  
Amazon  
Cadence Premier Logistics  
EXP US Services  
Harbor Freight Tools\*  
IDI Logistics  
Illinois Marine Towing  
Interstate Warehousing

Pace Suburban Bus  
Partners Warehouse  
Rush Intermodal

## UTILITY

AT&T Illinois  
Comcast  
ComEd - An Exelon Company  
Illinois American Water  
Nicor

## WORKFORCE SERVICES

Workforce Investment Board of Will County  
Workforce Services Division of Will County

*\*New Investors for 2022*

## OUR MISSION:

To improve the quality of life for all residents in Will County by recruiting new companies offering high-quality jobs and a solid tax base while assisting existing businesses to retain and add jobs.

## OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

- Defense of the Will County and Illinois Economies
- Competitiveness of Will County Businesses
- Diversification of the Economic Base
- Inclusive Economic Development
- Infrastructure Modernization
- Workforce Attraction and Development

# 2022 SUSTAINING INVESTORS

Throughout the CED's history, Sustaining Investors have played an integral role in delivering our mission. These companies represent the organization's most ardent financial supporters who are deeply committed to a vibrant regional economy. We extend our sincere thanks to the 2022 Sustaining Investors.

<b>Amazon</b>	<b>City of Lockport</b>	<b>Hollywood Casino</b>	<b>University of St. Francis</b>
<b>AdventHealth Bolingbrook Hospital</b>	<b>Comcast</b>	<b>Lewis University</b>	<b>Village of Plainfield</b>
<b>Ascension Saint Joseph – Joliet</b>	<b>ComEd-An Exelon Company</b>	<b>Nicor</b>	<b>Village of Romeoville</b>
<b>BNSF Railway</b>	<b>Constellation – Braidwood Station</b>	<b>Old National Bank</b>	<b>Vulcan Materials</b>
<b>CenterPoint Properties</b>	<b>D’Arcy Buick-GMC</b>	<b>Ozinga</b>	<b>Wight &amp; Company</b>
<b>CITGO Lemont Refinery</b>	<b>ExxonMobil Joliet Refinery</b>	<b>Silver Cross Hospital</b>	<b>Will County</b>
<b>City of Joliet</b>	<b>G &amp; W Electric</b>	<b>Three Rivers Construction Alliance</b>	<b>Wintrust Commercial Banking</b>
	<b>Harrah’s Joliet Casino</b>	<b>Union Pacific Railroad</b>	

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