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A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR ANNETTE IAFALLO – WELCOME FLEXLUME TO THE LACKAWANNA BUSINESS COMMUNITY

Today was an exciting day in Lackawanna as we celebrated another development accomplishment.

A noontime groundbreaking was held at 1 Albright Court in the First Ward to mark the start of construction for [Flexlume](#) Sign Company's new 20,000 sq. ft. manufacturing & office facility.

We're honored to have a company of Flexlume's prominence join Lackawanna's growing business community. Flexlume has been in business for 118 years and since the 1940's has been located on Main Street in Buffalo.

Flexlume's local work is seen on prominent buildings including Highmark Stadium, Key Bank Center, Shea's Buffalo, Erie County Medical Center and Harbor Center Marriott, among others. And starting next year, these and other Flexlume products will be made right here in Lackawanna.

The Flexlume project restores economic vibrancy to a parcel which was once part of the former Albright Court Housing Complex and has been city-owned and vacant for decades.

Flexlume's new \$2 million facility will bring 20 existing jobs, with plans to add 10 new jobs by mid-2023.

This project is part of over \$100 million in new development underway or completed under my administration since the unified city tax rate was implemented in August of 2020 with support from the City Council.

Unifying the city tax rate has resulted in the most public/private development activity in Lackawanna in over 40 years.

Flexlume's new facility is also the first light manufacturing project built within the city outside of the fast-growing Renaissance Commerce Park which is across from Albright Court on the west side of NYS Route 5.

It also represents the second new development east of Route 5 since 2020, the first being the Premium Coffee / Queen City Foods facility.

Those projects, combined with commerce park developments TMP / Magic Eraser, Uniland Development spec warehouses, Sucro Sourcing, and a new Ciminelli Development project, and companies relocating to/expanding in Lackawanna like Buffalo Felt and Empire Building Diagnostics, will generate new economic activity, tax revenue and jobs for Lackawanna and Erie County for years to come.

These projects – and others in the works – are proof that unifying the city tax rate was the right thing to do for ensuring Lackawanna’s future.

Remarks from today’s groundbreaking can be viewed on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pa9Pzc9Xbos>. Local TV stations WGRZ, WKBW and WIVB all covered the event and ran stories this evening.



