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***City of Lackawanna & Flexlume Celebrate Groundbreaking for New
20,000 sq. ft. Manufacturing/Office Facility***

New \$2 million facility will bring up to 30 jobs by mid-2023 and restore productive economic use to a long-vacant 4-acre commercial parcel in Lackawanna's First Ward

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(Lackawanna, NY – Wednesday, August 17, 2022): The City of Lackawanna and Flexlume Sign Company today celebrated a groundbreaking for Flexlume's new 20,000 sq. ft. manufacturing and office facility to be constructed on a 4-acre commercial parcel located at 1 Albright Court in the city's First Ward, which had been city-owned and vacant for many decades after serving as part of the former Albright Court Housing Complex.

The new \$2 million Flexlume facility will be the first light manufacturing project built within Lackawanna outside of the fast-growing Erie County-led Renaissance Commerce Park, which is located about one-tenth of a mile west of the Albright Court site off NYS Route 5. It also represents the city's second new development east of Route 5, the first was the new Premium Coffee / Queen City Foods facility opened in 2021.

"Flexlume's new project will restore productive use to this long-vacant parcel in a prime commercial area of Lackawanna by creating new sustainable economic activity, jobs and tax revenue for years to come," said Lackawanna Mayor Annette Iafallo. "We're honored to have a company of Flexlume's prominence become part of the Lackawanna business community."

Upon completion of their new facility in mid-2023, Flexlume will bring 20 existing jobs from its current location on Main Street in the City of Buffalo, where it had operated since the 1940's. The company, which has been in business for 118 years, is known locally for their signage and branding work on many of the area's most prominent buildings including Highmark Stadium, Key Bank Center, Shea's Buffalo, Erie County Medical Center, Harbor Center Marriott and banks including M&T, Key and Bank on Buffalo.

"Our move to Lackawanna represents a great opportunity for the next chapter of our company," said Flexlume President & CEO Curtis Martin. "Lackawanna is a business-friendly community and we've been very pleased with the working partnership we have with city representatives to get this project accomplished."

The Flexlume project is part of over \$100 million in new development underway or completed in Lackawanna under the Iafallo administration since 2020, when the city tax rate was lowered and unified as part of the mayor's overall strategy for jumpstarting the city's economy, which had been in a downward spiral since the early 1980's when the former Bethlehem Steel Company closed its Lackawanna Plant.

Other prominent development projects in Lackawanna since the 2020 change in tax legislation include commerce park developments from TMP Technologies / Magic Eraser, Uniland Development and a newly announced project by Ciminelli Development, along with the Sucro Sourcing adaptive re-use project at the former steel plant site just north of the commerce park footprint.

Two companies are also relocating to Lackawanna and expanding their operations. Empire Building Diagnostics has moved its Depew operation to the former Buffalo Break Beam site on Ingham Avenue and Buffalo Felt is in the process of expanding its Abbott Road campus for the purpose of consolidating a satellite operation in West Seneca into the Lackawanna facility in 2023.