

Creating a new business economy from the legacy of Lackawanna's storied industrial past.

For over 80 years, the identity of Lackawanna, N.Y. was linked to the Bethlehem Steel Corporation. At its peak, over 20,000 people were employed at Bethlehem's plant in the "Steel City," which produced steel for many of the 20th Century's largest construction projects. In the 40 years that followed the plant's closing, Lackawanna's local economy rapidly declined as a burdensome tax structure made it nearly impossible to attract new business investments to our city.

Since becoming Mayor in January, 2020, my administration has launched new legislation and initiatives to rebuild Lackawanna's economy. And I'm excited to say that a new economic day is dawning in our city, one offering attractive development opportunities from the legacy of our industrial past. Inspired by the introduction of a highly competitive unified city tax rate and the creation of strong, collaborative relationships with federal, state and county partners, Lackawanna is once again open for business! ***In just the past 3+ years, over \$130 million in new development projects have been initiated or completed in Lackawanna. With more planned.***

The most prominent development opportunities lie within Renaissance Commerce Park; a new advance manufacturing, warehousing and distribution campus emerging on approximately 240 acres of former steel plant property – an effort spearheaded by Erie County Government and the Erie County Industrial Development Agency, in partnership with the City of Lackawanna. Renaissance Commerce Park, located within Lackawanna's Federal Opportunity Zone and Brownfield Opportunity Area, features a world-class intermodal transportation infrastructure (truck, rail, ship) from the site's industrial past and Foreign Trade Zone designation from the adjacent Port of Buffalo, the first major U.S. port of call upon entering the Great Lakes.

Additional development opportunities, also tailored to advance manufacturing, warehousing and distribution projects, are available just east of the new commerce park on various multi-acre city-owned parcels conveniently accessible from New York State Route 5. These former industrial parcels also sit within Lackawanna's Federal Opportunity Zone and Brownfield Opportunity Area.

Mixed-use development opportunities are possible along Ridge Road, the city's main east/west traffic corridor. Each has a historical connection to Lackawanna's industrial past and the various multi-ethnic neighborhoods which arose from the steel plant's growth. These development parcels are just minutes from the city's cultural center, which includes Our Lady of Victory Basilica, the Carnegie-designed Lackawanna Library and the neighboring Olmstead-designed South Park and Buffalo/Erie County Botanical Gardens.

The City of Lackawanna is proud of its industrial past and excited by the opportunities its legacy provides for creating a new, vibrant future. It's a great time to locate or expand a business in Lackawanna and we welcome qualified developers to become a part of the next chapter in our city's rich industrial and cultural history.



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