

Recent Activity

DCEDC recognizes the efforts of all city and village officials in plan review and permitting, as well as recruiting. In addition, we acknowledge the efforts of all brokers and realtors who market properties and close deals that facilitate activity and projects.

2019

Industrial

K&M Tire acquired the 202,000-square-foot 2600 Wirsing Parkway building formerly leased by 3M (*DeKalb*).

Solotech completed buildout of 8,200 square feet of office space in the 711 Fairview Drive building (*DeKalb*).

Byers Brewing Co. established operations downtown on the first floor of the Sundog building (*DeKalb*).

The Write Stuff school supply company relocated to the Airport North Industrial Park (*DeKalb*).

The Suter Co. is expanding its Bethany Road facility Park with a two-story office addition (*Sycamore*).

Seymour of Sycamore has begun construction of a 30,000-square-foot addition on Crosby Avenue (*Sycamore*).

Tech-Weld of Elburn has contracted to purchase the 805 Thornwood Drive building (*Sycamore*).

Swedberg Electric acquired the 525 Brickville Road building to accommodate its growing business (*Sycamore*).

Alexander Drywall acquired the 917 Borden Ave. building to accommodate its business (*DeKalb*).

Natural Polymers relocated to the 14438 E. North Ave. building in Cortland from West Chicago (*Cortland*).

Fabtek expanded to the 775 Duvick Ave. building in Sandwich from Plano (*Sandwich*).

Whiskey Acres Distilling Co. opened its new 3,600-square-foot visitor's center on Keslinger Road (*DeKalb*).

The DeLong Co. completed construction of new grain bins to increase storage capacity at the Delco Elevators (*Waterman*).

Commercial and Institutional

Meijer Stores is progressing on construction of a 159,000-square-foot supercenter (*Sycamore*).

MorningStar Media Group has completed renovations to the 220 S. California St. building (*Sycamore*).

The Coroco Coffee Roaster Collective opened next to the Morning Media Group (*Sycamore*).

Chelsea McGhee Studios has expanded to a new location at 942 W. State St (*Sycamore*).

Cornerstone DeKalb is complete with full occupancy of the project's 51 furnished luxury units (*DeKalb*).

The Tavern on Lincoln restaurant and pub opened on the ground-floor of Cornerstone DeKalb (*DeKalb*).

Construction of Plaza DeKalb on the corner of Lincoln Highway and Second Street is nearing completion (*DeKalb*).

Jamrah opened its second DeKalb County location at the Plaza (*DeKalb*).

The Agora Tower project has begun with the demolition of the former Mooney building (*DeKalb*).

Egyptian Theatre has been progressing with renovation and addition of air conditioning (*DeKalb*).

Hometown Sports Bar & Grill expanded and created a space called "Stage Left" (*DeKalb*).

Mason Properties was building out space at 1500 Sycamore Road for Mason Indoor Golf USA (*DeKalb*).

Aldi completed construction of a new expanded grocery store (*DeKalb*).

Planet Fitness established a health club (*DeKalb*).

Developer NewGen Assets is progressing with construction of the **Home2 Suites by Hilton** (*DeKalb*).

Dollar General completed construction of a new 10,500-square-foot store (*Genoa*).

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Commercial and Institutional (Continued)

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers is developing a training facility on Walnut Avenue (*Genoa*).

Smoking Grill & Pizzeria expanded in the shopping center on the corner of Routes 72 and 23 (*Genoa*).

Gillerson's Gastro Diner opened in downtown Genoa (*Genoa*).

The Genoa Food Hub opened in partnership with DeKalb County Community Gardens (*Genoa*).

The Red Brick Inn Bar & Grill opened on Main Street in Kirkland (*Kirkland*).

Castle View Real Estate established an office on Main Street in Maple Park (*Maple Park*).

Emerald Butterfly, a gift and home specialty store (*Shabbona*).

The Shabbona Barber Shop opened on Route 30 (*Shabbona*).

A new **Burger King** restaurant was constructed on Route 34 (*Sandwich*).

Northern Illinois University remodeled the first floor of the Holmes Student Center (*DeKalb*).

Kishwaukee College completed remodeling of the Library and Academic Support Services Center (*Malta*).

Northwestern Medicine Kishwaukee Hospital completed a new breast health center (*DeKalb*).

The DeKalb County Nursing & Rehab Center was going with an expansion (*DeKalb*).

Family Service Agency acquired and renovated the 1325 Sycamore Road Building (*DeKalb*).

MetroNet has been approved to extend service to in unincorporated areas of the county (*County*).

DeKalb County Economic Development Corporation moved operations to the City of DeKalb (*DeKalb*).

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- Target** and **3M** together have hired more than 1,000 new workers in DeKalb over the past two years (*DeKalb*).
- CEVA** leased 212,000 square feet of the 12101 Barber Greene Road building to provide shipping services for **3M** (*DeKalb*).
- School Tool Box** expanded into 87,000 square feet of space on the east end of the Barber Greene building (*DeKalb*).
- Solotech** leased additional space in the 711 Fairview Drive building (*DeKalb*).
- Wehrli Custom Fabrication** acquired and remodeled the 300 Harvestore Drive building (*DeKalb*).
- Unified Wire & Cable** completed construction of an addition to its Dietz Avenue building (*DeKalb*).
- Win Aviation** was renovating its hangar at DeKalb Taylor Municipal Airport (*DeKalb*).
- Natural Polymers** purchased the former Kishwaukee Forge building on North Street (*Cortland*).
- The Suter Company** was completing an 81,000-square-foot addition to its facility (*Sycamore*).
- Apple Plastic** recycling and **Glide Rite** shopping carts established operations (*Sycamore*).
- Innovative Growers** more than doubled its operations for the production of hydroponic growing tables (*Sycamore*).
- Custom Aluminum Products** was completing a 34,000-square-foot addition to its facility (*Genoa*).
- J6 Polymers** has expanded its aerospace polymers production business (*Genoa*).
- Meadowvale** has moved into its new soft-serve ice cream production plant (*Sandwich*).
- Gord Industrial Plastics** completed construction of its new manufacturing plant (*Sandwich*).
- Midwestern Concrete** and **Sopris Concrete** completed new buildings (*Sandwich*).

Commercial and Institutional

- The construction of a **Home2 Suites by Hilton** began on Annie Glidden Road and Knolls Avenue (*DeKalb*).
- Metronet** has been in talks with DeKalb and Sycamore city officials to begin serving the area (*DeKalb & Sycamore*).
- Northwestern Medicine** expanded telestroke program to Kishwaukee, Valley West hospitals (*Sandwich*).
- Northwestern Medicine Kishwaukee Health and Wellness Center** opened in November (*DeKalb*).
- Genoa Bed&Breakfast Guest House** opened in May (*Genoa*).
- Prairie State Winery** was named one of the 13 wineries as an official Illinois Bicentennial rosé wine (*Genoa*).
- Liquor & Wine** in Genoa was on expansion (*Genoa*).
- Cassie's Corn Crib Café** opened in February (*Sycamore*).
- Nina's Taco Shop** opened in March (*Sycamore*).
- Rustic Roots Home Décor** opened in April (*Sycamore*).
- Tom and Jerry** expanded (*Sycamore*).
- UOI Boutique** opened in October (*Sycamore*).
- New Verizon retailer** opened in February (*DeKalb*).
- Forge Brewhouse** opened in March (*DeKalb*).
- New Popeye** opened in April (*DeKalb*).
- Common Grounds** opened at new location in June (*DeKalb*).
- Dunkin'** opened in September (*DeKalb*).
- The Northern Illinois Center for Community Sustainability (NICCS)** was planned at NIU (*DeKalb*).

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3M completed its 987,000 SF, \$40 million distribution center and hired 350 new workers (*DeKalb*).

Target won an Edie Illinois Economic Development Award and hired 450 workers (*DeKalb*).

Nestle extended the lease on their regional office and distribution center along I-88 (*DeKalb*).

SparrowHawk completed buildout of the 711 Fairview Drive building to house **Solotech** (*DeKalb*).

IDEAL INDUSTRIES expanded their Intrapreneurship Partnership with Northern Illinois University (NIU) (*DeKalb*).

The Suter Company is under construction with its 4th expansion, adding 81,000 SF to their Bethany Road plant (*Sycamore*).

Ignatius Press has completed a new 70,000 SF design and production center (*Sycamore*).

Auto Meter creates 250 new products each and every year (*Sycamore*).

LEDiL expanded operations to accommodate growth of their LED lenses design and production business (*Sycamore*).

Innovative Growers Equipment has expanded their business to over 60,000 SF (*Sycamore*).

Dawn Equipment was named the "Most Innovative Company" in the Chicago Area by Crain's Chicago Business (*Sycamore*).

Theisen Roofing expanded/relocated operations to Stephanie Drive (*Cortland*).

DC Trash built a new operations center on East North Avenue (*Cortland*).

Custom Aluminum Products completed major expansions of up to 400,000 SF manufacturing complex (*Genoa*).

J6 Polymers completed build-out of its aerospace polymers production facility on Derby Line Road (*Genoa*).

Alan Browne Chevrolet will execute a major expansion of their auto dealership on Route 23 (*Genoa*).

Floor Mart opened a floor covering distribution facility (*Kingston*).

DeKalb County Lifts built a new building to house their growing custom truck & SUV accessories business (*Kingston*).

Meadowvale renovated three industrial buildings and relocated to the Sandwich Industrial Park (*Sandwich*).

Gord Industrial Plastics is building a new manufacturing plant (*Sandwich*).

Commercial and Institutional

Brian Bemis Toyota is completed and located on Sycamore Road (*Sycamore*).

Sundog IT acquired a building and initiated renovations in Downtown DeKalb (*DeKalb*).

Cornerstone began construction of mixed-use development in Downtown DeKalb (*DeKalb*).

Illinois Community Credit Union completed construction in Downtown Sycamore (*Sycamore*).

First State Bank completed construction and opened (*Sycamore*).

Burger King completed construction and opened (*Sycamore*).

Casey's General Store construction completed and opened (*DeKalb*).

Chili's restaurant construction completed and opened (*DeKalb*).

Rosati's Pizza opened (*DeKalb*).

Popeyes Louisiana Kitchen opened (*DeKalb*).

Remington's Gastropub opened (*Malta*).

Rivers Mexican Cantina opened (*Genoa*).

Dunkin Donuts announced development (*Genoa*).

Northwestern Medicine began construction of a \$46 million Health & Wellness Center (*DeKalb*).

DeKalb County Jail's \$35 million expansion near completion (*Sycamore*).

Hardee's opened (*Sycamore*).

Outpost Marathon opened (*Sycamore*).

Slow Smoke BBQ opened (*Sycamore*).

Sycamore Forest Preserve infrastructure project near completion (*Sycamore*).

Sycamore Park District Community Center project underway (*Sycamore*).

Kishwaukee Water Reclamation District's Treatment Plant began major expansion and construction (*DeKalb*).

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2016

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DeKalb Co. Enterprise Zone established – providing pre-approved industrial/commercial incentives (*DeKalb*).

3M completed \$40 million, 987,000 SF distribution center in Park 88 (*DeKalb*).

IDEAL INDUSTRIES completed \$18 million, 220,000 SF plant in Sycamore Prairie Business Park (*Sycamore*).

Target completed \$50 million conversion to Upstream Distribution Center adding 400 workers (*DeKalb*).

Meadowvale acquired buildings in Sandwich Industrial Park to expand ice cream production (*Sandwich*).

J6 Polymers acquired Derby Line Road complex to expand aerospace polymer manufacturing (*Genoa*).

Hines Lumber acquired/expanded into truss manufacturing plant in Bull Run Industrial Park (*Kirkland*).

DeKalb Forge completed \$1 million expansion of die building (*DeKalb*).

Tate & Lyle completed \$1.5 million expansion in Sycamore Prairie Business Park (*Sycamore*).

Seymour of Sycamore acquired/expanded new building to house marketing operations (*Sycamore*).

Solotech of Quebec, Canada leased 72,000 SF in 711 Fairview Drive building in Park 88 (*DeKalb*).

Gord Industrial Plastics begun reconstruction of manufacturing plant in Sandwich Industrial Park (*Sandwich*).

Ag Tech completed new 24,000 SF ag-industrial building (*Sandwich*).

Service Concepts constructed new building for expanding business operations (*Genoa*).

Cole Pallet acquired and improved South 7th Street Building (*DeKalb*).

LEDiL established new Americas Operation office and distribution facility (*Sycamore*).

Theisen Roofing renovated and relocated to Loves Road industrial building (*Cortland*).

DK Metals expanded into a new building developed by **Sean Kelly** on Oakland Drive (*Sycamore*).

Fortune Metal Midwest acquired/relocated to Sandwich Industrial Park from Naperville (*Sandwich*).

Upstaging acquired/expanded into South Sycamore Street industrial building (*Genoa*).

DC Trash expanded to former Kishwaukee Forge building to accommodate growing operations (*Cortland*).

NPL Construction Company leased Loves Road building for training facility (*Cortland*).

Numi Scooters leased space for product distribution in the Hovis Light Industrial Park (*DeKalb*).

Innovative Growers Equipment, Inc. leased spaced in the Sycamore Industrial Park (*Sycamore*).

Mason Properties acquired State Street building for lease to **Tri-State Towing** (*DeKalb*).

Sunday's Seconds expanded online fulfillment business (*DeKalb*).

RJ O'Neill Co. expanded to additional facility in Walt Industrial Center (*Cortland*).

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Commercial and Institutional

Brian Bemis Toyota completed \$3 million renovation with City and Enterprise Zone assistance (*DeKalb*).

Fargo-on-State mixed-use redevelopment by Pappas Development (*Sycamore*).

Resource Bank renovated Bethany Road building for operations/conference center (*DeKalb*).

Resource Bank remodeled historic Townsend Garage into new Sycamore branch bank (*Sycamore*).

First Midwest Group constructed new two specialty retail buildings on Sycamore Road (*DeKalb*).

First State Bank began construction on new branch bank on DeKalb Avenue (*Sycamore*).

Midwest Orthopaedic Institute (MOI) acquired/renovated new DeKalb Avenue rehab center (*Sycamore*).

Dollar General completed construction/expansion of three locations (*Waterman, Somonauk, & Maple Park*).

Popeye's completed construction of new restaurant on West Lincoln Highway (*DeKalb*).

KV & Sons began construction on new retail strip along East Lincoln Highway (*DeKalb*).

Curt Lang remodeled the former Sycamore Opera House building (*Sycamore*).

Indian Oaks Golf Course acquired/renovated by new ownership (*Shabbona*).

Aspen Dental established a new clinic on Sycamore Road (*DeKalb*).

Jonamac Cider House constructed to sample/sell apple wines and ciders at Jonamac Orchard (*Malta*).

Book World opened in the Junction Shopping Center (*DeKalb*).

Casey's General Store acquired Peace Rd/Lincoln Hwy corner (*DeKalb*).

Fargo Skateboarding expanded to the Fargo Theater building on East Lincoln Highway (*DeKalb*).

Eggsclusive restaurant established to additional drive-through/carry-out location (*Sycamore*).

DiBenedetto's Italian Restaurant established on Route 72 (*Kirkland*).

Remington's Gastropub opened on Third Street (*Malta*).

Curly's Furniture expanded to additional location beyond its two Streator, IL locations (*DeKalb*).

Minnihan's Irish Pub opened (*Genoa*).

Karlsbad Tavern completed renovations (*Genoa*).

Mandy's Just Because gift shop established along Route 30 (*Hinckley*).

Common Grounds Books & Coffee Bar opened (*DeKalb*).

DeKalb Public Library completed \$25.3 million 46,000 square foot expansion (*DeKalb*).

DeKalb County Jail construction commenced (*DeKalb County*).

DeKalb County Business Incubator established (*DeKalb County*).

Evergreen Village Mitigation Project completed (*DeKalb County*).

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2015

Industrial

SparrowHawk Investments purchased 711 Fairview building in Park 88 (*DeKalb*).

Custom Aluminum Products completed 37,000 SF expansion (*Genoa*).

Sahara Air Products completed 17,000 SF expansion (*Sandwich*).

MED Alliance Group relocated medical device distribution center to Oakland Drive (*Sycamore*).

Lighthouse Catholic Media expanded to Enterprise Drive in Airport North Industrial Park (*DeKalb*).

EggToy Studios expanded into Sycamore Industrial Park (*Sycamore*).

Wehrli Custom Fabrication relocated performance diesel operations to Borden Avenue (*Sycamore*).

Installation Services acquired building/relocated communications tower business (*Sycamore*).

Whiskey Acres Distilling Company established tasting room/production facility (*Afton Township*).

Prairie State Winery expanded tasting room (*Genoa*).

The Forge Brewhouse established (*Sycamore*).

Commercial/Institutional

Ellwood Steak & Fish House established (*DeKalb*).

Hauser Ross Eye Institute constructed new clinic on Gateway Drive (*Sycamore*).

Fatty's Pub & Grille completed 2,000 SF Novak Room expansion (*DeKalb*).

Acquaviva Restaurant & Winery expanded (*Sycamore*).

Turner Law Offices expanded/remodeled (*Sycamore*).

Corner Grill on Main expanded (*Genoa*).

AB Exteriors expanded in Sandwich Commons Commercial Park (*Sandwich*).

Smoke on the Green opened (*Sandwich*).

Dearborn's Café opened (*Sandwich*).

Dollar General developed in Bull Run Industrial Park (*Kirkland*).

Oak Crest Retirement Center completed 70,000 SF expansion (*DeKalb*).

Win Aviation completed 15,000 SF hangar expansion (*DeKalb Taylor Municipal Airport*).

Genoa Public Library expanded (*Genoa*).

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2014

Industrial

DeKalb County Enterprise Zone Application prepared/filed (*DeKalb County*).

SK Express expanded to Dietz Avenue manufacturing facility (*DeKalb*).

84 Lumber re-opened distribution center (*Hinckley*).

Alfredo's Iron Works, Inc. acquired/expanded into new fabrication facility (*Cortland*).

Superior Industrial Equipment acquired additional facility in Sycamore Prairie Business Park (*Sycamore*).

Barliant acquired/relocated to Sandwich Industrial Park from Yorkville (*Sandwich*).

Vac-U-Lok relocated Enterprise Avenue from Rockford (*DeKalb*).

Banner Up Signs remodeled/expanded operations (*Sycamore*).

Elburn Coop grain drying and storage plant expanded (*Malta*).

Barliant acquired/relocated to new facility from Yorkville (*Sandwich*).

Quality Team-1 established in Sycamore Industrial Park (*Sycamore*).

Quality Recycling acquired new facility/relocated from Chicago Heights (*Cortland*).

Conex Cable expanded (*DeKalb*).

Commercial/Institutional

Hampton Inn opened on Annie Glidden Road (*DeKalb*).

Resource Bank acquired/expanded new branch facilities (*Shabbona & Somonauk*).

Texas Roadhouse opened (*Sycamore*).

Culver's restaurant established (*DeKalb*).

Acquaviva Winery restaurant location opened (*Sycamore*).

Prairie State Winery acquired/expanded to new location (*Genoa*).

Cademon Brewing established (*Genoa*).

Mustang Bar & Grill established (*Malta*).

South Moon BBQ acquired/expanded to new location (*Hinckley*).

Angie's Bakery established (*Sandwich*).

Lloyd Landscaping and Garden Center established/redeveloped new facility (*Genoa*).

I'm One Restaurant and Bar established (*Sandwich*).

Frontier Communications retail outlet established (*DeKalb*).

Latsis Bakery established (*Genoa*).

University Plaza redevelopment (*DeKalb*).

Genoa Public Library expanded (*Genoa*).

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2013

Industrial

- Nehring Electric** constructed new headquarters manufacturing facility (*DeKalb*).
- The Suter Company** completed expansion of headquarters/food processing plant (*Sycamore*).
- DeKalb Forge** expanded operations drop forge operations (*DeKalb*).
- ENCAP** expanded to new Wagner Court facility developed by **Russ Smith** (*DeKalb*).
- DEVNET** acquired/expanded to facility in Sycamore Prairie Business Park (*Sycamore*).

Commercial/Institutional

- Valley West Community Hospital** \$11 million Patient Wing expansion completed (*Sandwich*).
- Faranda's Banquet Center** developed in Downtown DeKalb (*DeKalb*).
- Resource Bank** constructed new branch bank (*Shabbona*).
- Hintzche Fertilizer** constructed new office building (*Kirkland*).
- Piggly Wiggly** established (*Genoa*).
- Casey's General Store and Gas Station** locations established (*Sandwich, Sycamore, and Waterman*).
- Dunkin' Donuts** and **Jersey Mike's Subs** established (*DeKalb*).
- Brookview Center** retail center developed (*DeKalb*).
- Commercial Center** at IL 23/Gateway Drive developed (*Sycamore*).
- New **Kishwaukee College Student Center** completed (*Malta*).
- New **DeKalb Police Station** constructed (*DeKalb*).
- Chessick Practice Center** constructed / **Gilbert Hall** redeveloped into dormitories (*NIU*).
- Sewer Treatment Plant** expanded (*Hinckley*).