



WELCOME

Board of Directors Report

April 9, 2026



 **ECONOMIC ALLIANCE**
OF KANKAKEE COUNTY

WELCOME TO

BRADLEY 315 SPORTS PARK

and

THE PLATE'D SOCIAL





PROGRAM REPORT

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 **ECONOMIC ALLIANCE**
OF KANKAKEE COUNTY



MISSION

The Economic Alliance of Kankakee County is a public-private partnership committed to fostering a thriving environment through economic growth initiatives.

The Alliance works collaboratively to improve the local business climate and advance development in key areas including business retention, expansion and attraction, workforce and community development, residential growth, and educational outcomes.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Jeff Bennett,
Chairman**

Managing Partner
McColly Bennett
Real Estate

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Kankakee County
NAACP

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Russell Tobey, Vice President, Kankakee Valley Construction Co.

Sara Vaubel, Owner / CEO, SV Events & Co.

Dr. Matt Vosberg, Superintendent, Bradley Bourbonnais Com. High School

Patrick Young, President, Kankakee Iroquois Building Trades





BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

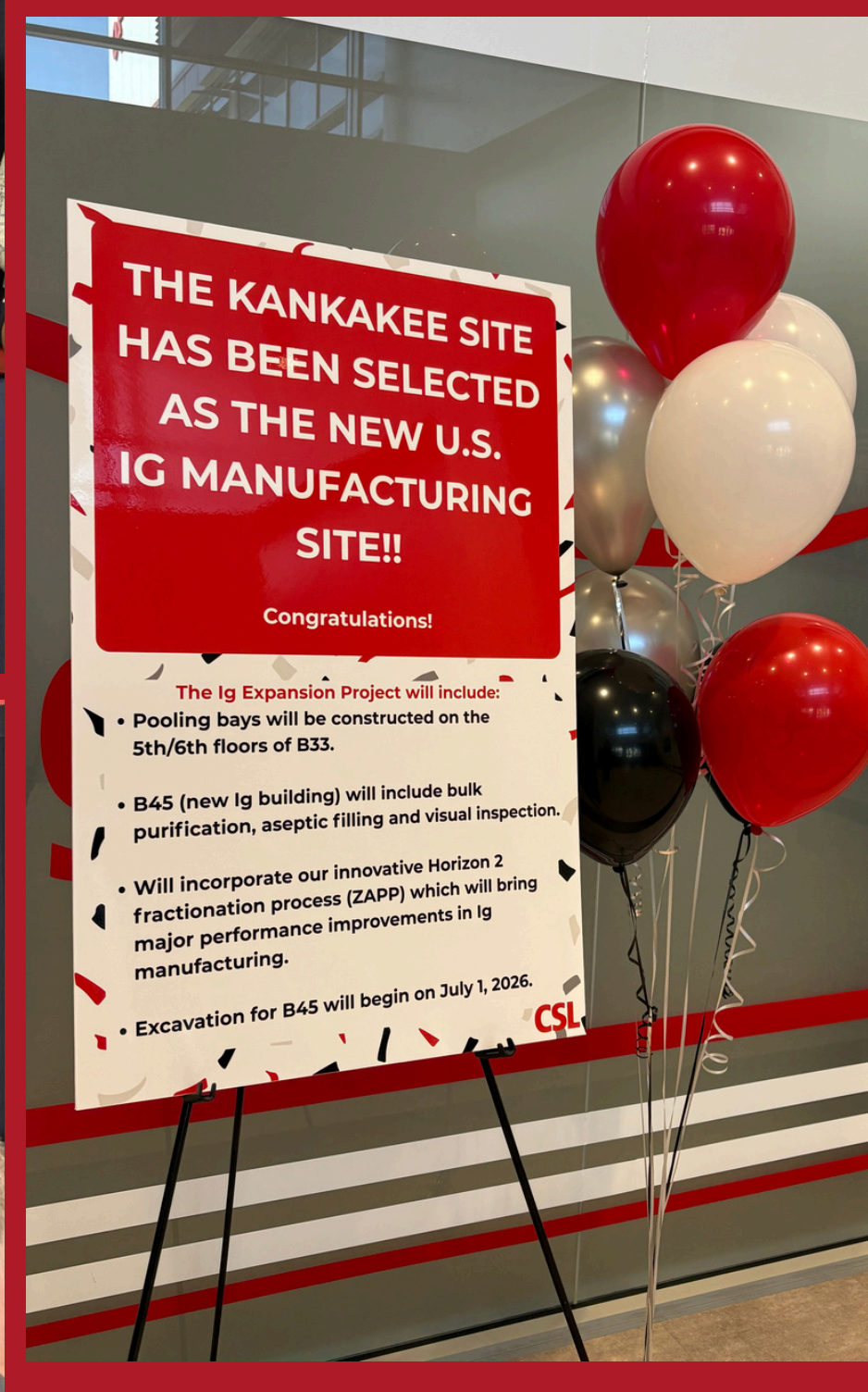


CSL EXPANSION

\$1.5B INVESTMENT

300 NEW EMPLOYEES

Complete manufacturing process –
from plasma collection through
filling and packing – to the U.S.



- THE KANKAKEE SITE HAS BEEN SELECTED AS THE NEW U.S. IGM MANUFACTURING SITE!!**
- Congratulations!
- The Ig Expansion Project will include:
- Pooling bays will be constructed on the 5th/6th floors of B33.
 - B45 (new Ig building) will include bulk purification, aseptic filling and visual inspection.
 - Will incorporate our innovative Horizon 2 fractionation process (ZAPP) which will bring major performance improvements in Ig manufacturing.
 - Excavation for B45 will begin on July 1, 2026.



CSL EXPANSION

\$2.1B INVESTMENT IN 20 YEARS
BUILDINGS, EQUIPMENT, UTILITIES





- Produce residential and commercial roofing products and materials
 - Celebrating 20 years in Kankakee
- 8-10M bundles of shingles/year
 - 35,000 bundles/day
- 158 employees
 - Always hiring



DAVID BRADLEY BUILDING

- \$4.1M Community Project Funding Grant
- Roof completion ceremony with Congresswoman Robin Kelly and local leaders

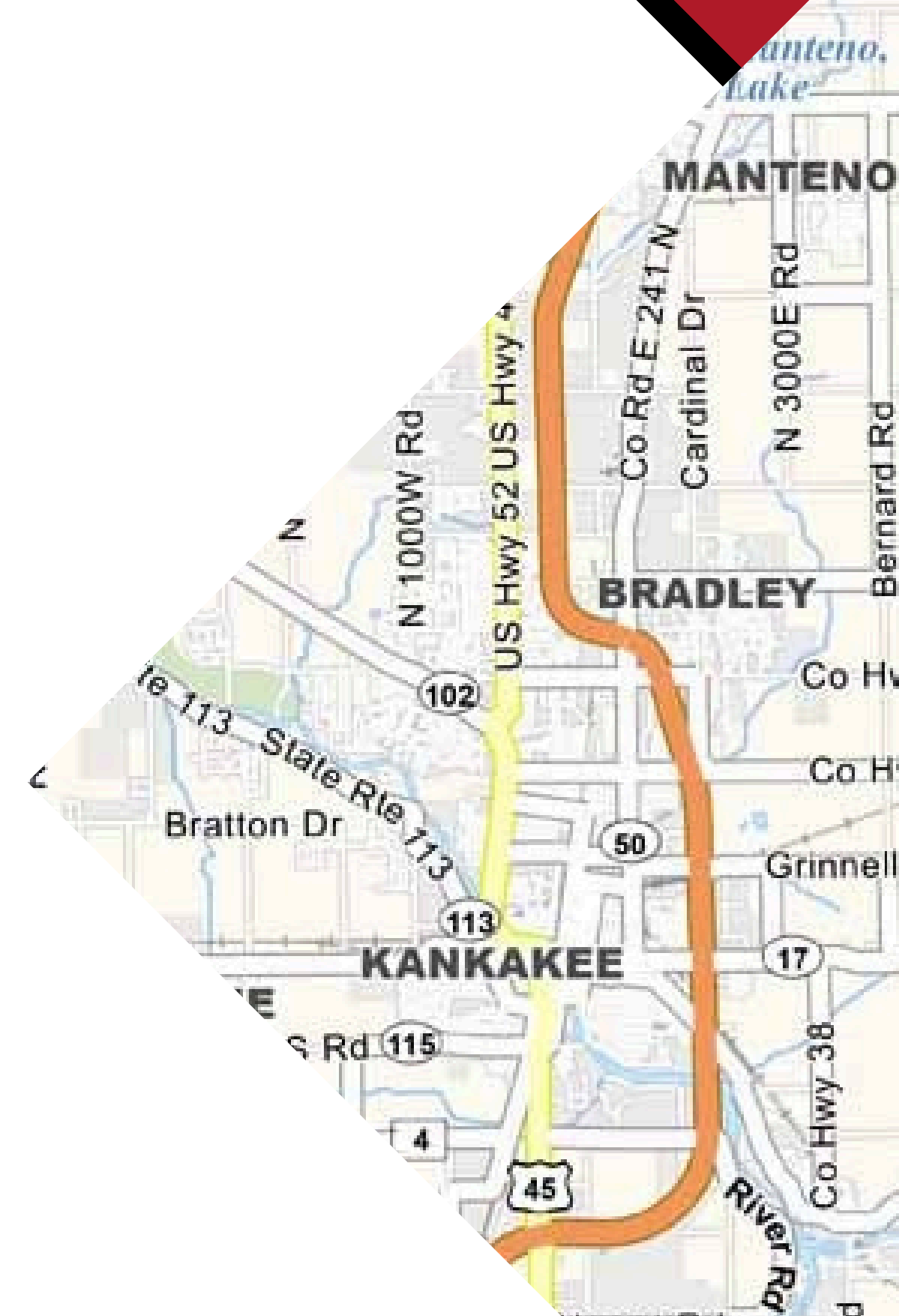


SITE SELECTION

10 PROJECTS IN Q1 2026

20 PROPERTIES SUBMITTED

- Land acreage and location
- Building square footage, ceiling heights
- Interstate / highway connectability
- Utility capacity and capability
- Workforce / training resources



DISASTER RECOVERY

**EF-3 TORNADO IN SOUTHERN
KANKAKEE & AROMA PARK**

HAIL WITH DIAMETER OF 6.10"





GROWTH IN INDUSTRY



SPOTLIGHT ON AGRICULTURE

72%

**Kankakee County
land dedicated to AG**

**Total value added
from AG Industries**

\$783.82M

6,184

Total AG jobs



SPOTLIGHT ON AGRICULTURE

1,242 Farmers in Kankakee County

738 Farming Operations in Kankakee County

- Family, Sole proprietors, Partnerships



SPOTLIGHT ON AGRICULTURE

Top AG Products in Kankakee County*

- # **2** In vegetables, melons, potatoes
- # **5** In poultry, eggs
- # **6** In nursery, greenhouse, sod
- # **9** In Christmas trees



*rank among Illinois counties

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau 2024 Quick Stats, USA 2022 Census of Agriculture, 2024 IL Agriculture Economic Contribution Study





LIVABILITY & EMPLOYMENT



COST OF LIVING

KANKAKEE COUNTY

2025 Annual Average

86.9%

HOUSING	65.8%
GROCERY	99.4%
TRANSPORTATION	97.1%
HEALTH CARE	99.4%
UTILITIES	92.4%
MISC. GOODS & SERVICES	94.1%

COLI is a comparative benchmark of after-tax consumer costs contributing to a professional/managerial standard of living

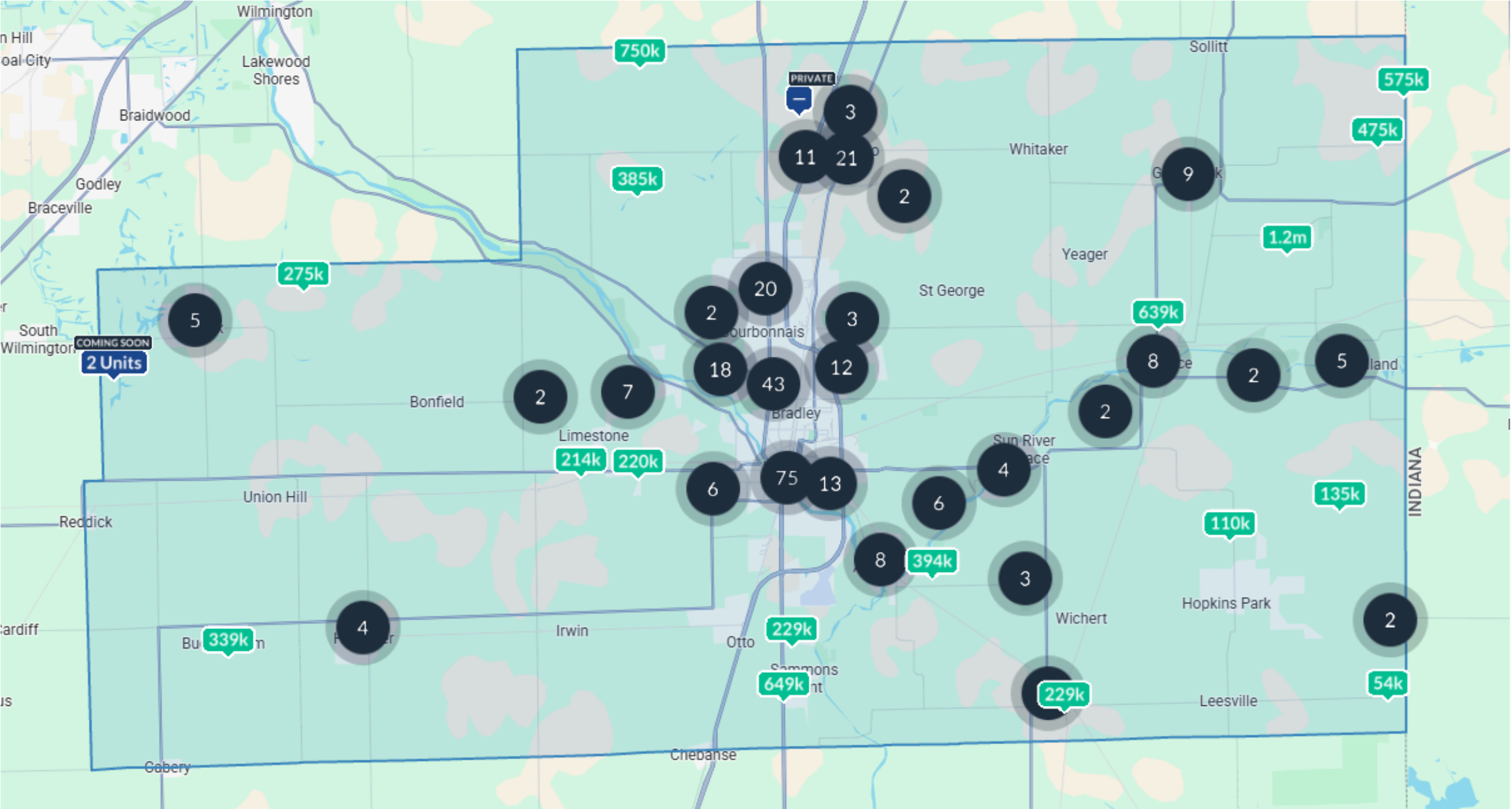


THE COUNCIL FOR COMMUNITY
AND ECONOMIC RESEARCH



RESIDENTIAL MARKET

AVAILABLE STOCK



323

Current listings in
Kankakee County

\$244,700

Average list price

Source: Zenlist



UNEMPLOYMENT KANKAKEE COUNTY

6.7%

Kankakee County unemployment
December 2025

4.8%

Illinois unemployment
December 2025

4.1%

U.S. unemployment
December 2025





COMMUNITY ACCOLADES



ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL

Named one of the country's 2026 Top Hospitals by Forbes Magazine

- Determined by data-driven criteria, patient outcomes and social determinants of health
- St. Mary's in the top 90th percentile among 2,600+ hospitals nationwide



RIVERSIDE HEART BALL

**A RECORD-BREAKING \$815,000
RAISED FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**

- Inpatient treatment
- School-based therapy
- Substance abuse treatment
- Trauma-specific care
- Geriatric behavioral health



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- 2026 Good Heart Award: Jeff and Kim Bennett and Ron McColly



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- Commercial Real Estate Hall of Fame by Midwest Real Estate News



CONGRATULATIONS DR. MICHAEL BOYD

- Selected for Aspen Presidents' Fellowship from the Aspen Institute College Excellence Program
- Recognizes Dr. Boyd's vision for connecting education to family-sustaining careers
- KCC President since 2019





MARKETING & OUTREACH



NEW WEBSITE

Visit
kankakeecountyed.org



INVESTMENT APPEAL

2026 PROGRAM OF WORK

Funding

- 15% funded by Kankakee County
- 70% by Kankakee County Economic Development Association
- Additional private investments



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STATE OF THE COUNTY

KANKAKEE COUNTY

- 250 attendees
- Updates from Kankakee County Leaders
- Kankakee County Chamber of Commerce
 - Hosted at Olivet Nazarene University



ILLINOIS MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION

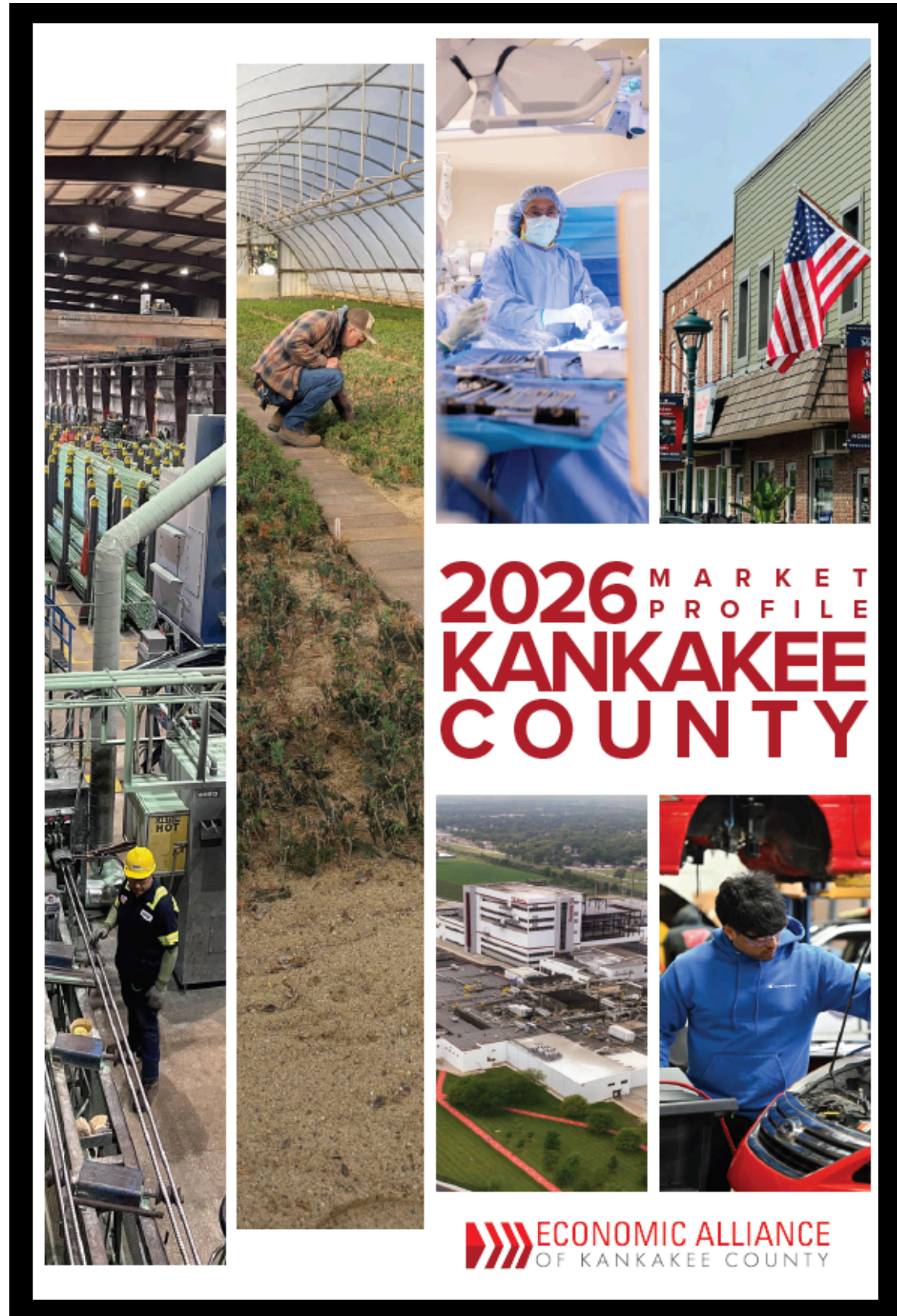
SUPERCHARGE YOUR MANUFACTURER MARKETING STRATEGY CONFERENCE

- February 25 at Joliet Junior College
- Making marketing tangible and practical



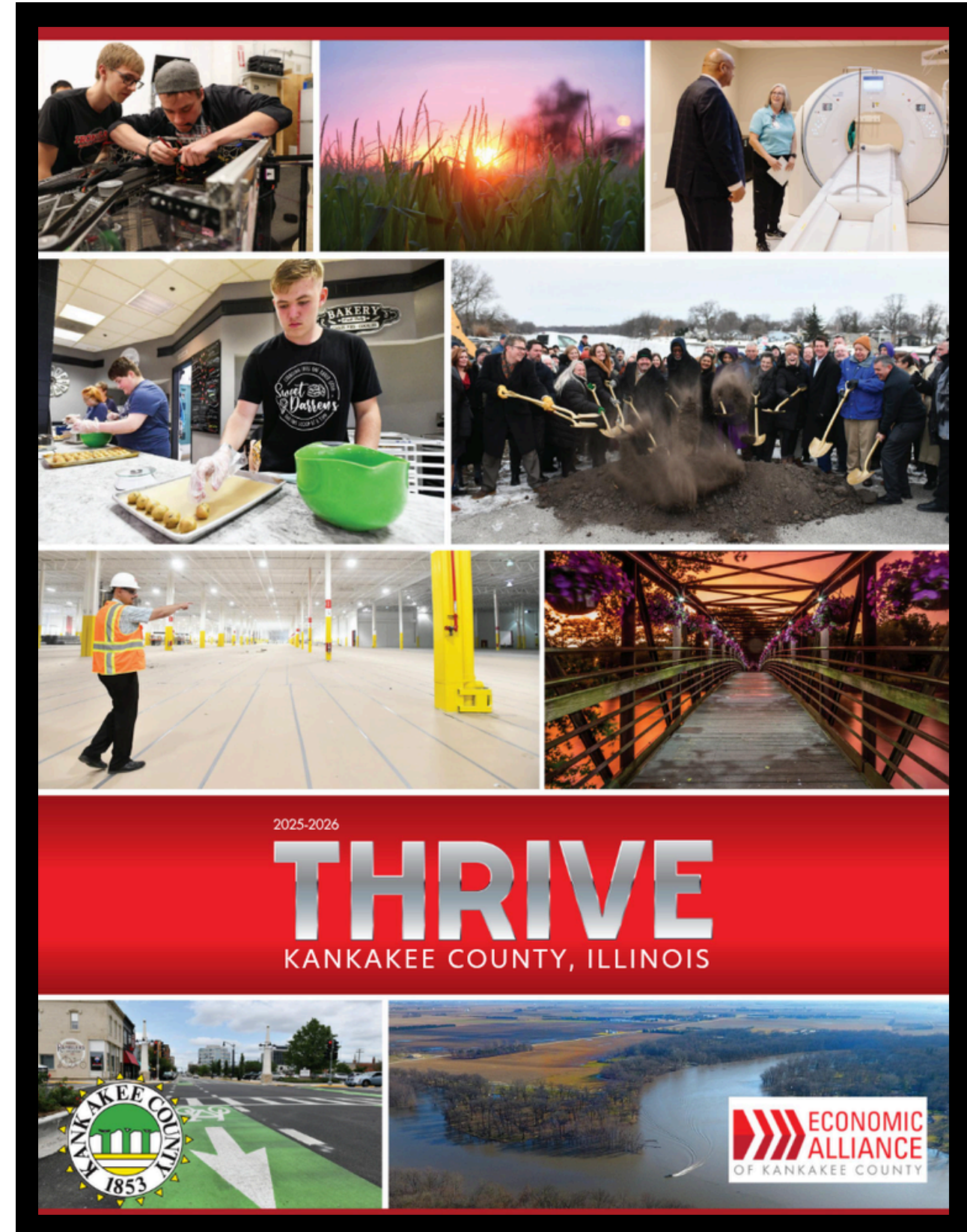
2026 MARKET PROFILE

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2026 THRIVE MAGAZINE

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BOARD & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- 79th District Economic Opportunity & Advisory Council, IL Representative Jackie Haas
- Community Foundation of Kankakee River Valley
- Great Lakes Economic Development Council
- Illinois Industrial Biotechnology Coalition
- International Economic Development Council
- Kankakee Area Career Center Executive Advisory Committee
- Kankakee County Geographic Information System (GIS) Committee
- Kankakee Development Corporation
- Kankakee Co.LAB Advisory Committee
- KCC Business/Office Professional Advisory Committee
- KCC Manufacturing Technology Advisory Committee
- KCC Equity, Diversity and Inclusivity President's Council
- Kankakee County CEO
- Visit Kankakee County
- Kankakee Riverfront Society
- Pembroke Township & Village of Hopkins Park Utility Infrastructure Initiative
- United Way of Kankakee & Iroquois Counties
- U.S. Rep. Robin Kelly's Economic Development Task Force
- Will Kankakee Regional Development Authority



2026 MEETINGS

June 11, 2026

September 10, 2026

November 12, 2026

7:30–9:00 a.m.

Locations TBD



Previous board reports available at kankakeecountyed.org

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THANK YOU



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