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CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT IN HENDERSON COUNTY

2025-2026 ANNUAL REPORT

the
partnership

Henderson County, NC
Economic Development





A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

20 YEARS OF PARTNERSHIP

Twenty years ago, a group of visionary leaders recognized that Henderson County's future required intentional collaboration around economic development. They understood the important role that manufacturing and industry play in the financial stability of our community, and from that vision, the Henderson County Partnership for Economic Development was born. We owe that group of pioneers a tremendous amount of gratitude for what was to come.

Since 2006, the Partnership has helped usher over **\$1.38 billion** in economic investment and supported the creation of **4,150 jobs** and the retention of **1,320 jobs** in Henderson County. In that time, **72 total economic development projects** have been announced with more than **28 new companies** choosing to make their home here, and today our organization serves more than **130 employers** across our community.

Through membership investment, the Partnership has grown beyond its original 100 economic development advocates. Along the way, public and private

partnerships have formed that are, quite honestly, friendships. We often say that "economic development is a team sport," and the continued success of Henderson County depends on our willingness to work together toward shared goals.

It's remarkable what can happen in twenty years, though perhaps not surprising given the hard work and dedication of the people involved with the Partnership. Guided by thoughtful leadership and strong community support, our organization has built momentum that benefits us today while positioning Henderson County for the future.

In just the past year, the Partnership has launched the Partnership Portal connection and communication platform, brought together industry leaders through the Manufacturing Collective, and coordinated the purchase and development of Ferncliff Park's remaining **101-acres**. Not to mention the over **\$298 million** dollar investments and over **700 jobs** announced this year alone. From supporting today's employers to inspiring tomorrow's workforce, these

efforts reflect the full scope of the Partnership's mission.

Twenty years in, the work is far from over. Finding companies that align with our community's values — and that value a high quality of life for our residents — remains incredibly important. At the same time, we as a community must continue to support the businesses that call Henderson County home by investing in workforce development, strengthening regional competitiveness, and embracing innovation and growth.

I am humbled and honored to be a part of the Partnership's story, and I am excited to see what comes next. The past twenty years have shown what is possible when a community works together. I am confident that the next twenty will be just as impactful.

Dr. John Bryant,
25-26 BOARD CHAIR

2006 - 2007

CONTINENTAL TEVES
PROJECT X
\$4,300,000 INVESTED
13 NEW JOBS

SHOREWOOD PACKAGING
PROJECT SHOREWOOD PACKAGING
\$20,000,000 INVESTED
55 NEW JOBS

CONTINENTAL TEVES
PROJECT UNITED
\$8,700,000 INVESTED
35 NEW JOBS

2007 - 2008

GE LIGHTING SYSTEMS
PROJECT LAMPLIGHTER
\$1,000,000 INVESTED
6 JOBS SAVED

MERITOR
PROJECT PERFORMANCE
\$32,300,000 INVESTED
11 NEW JOBS, 400 JOBS SAVED



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2008 - 2009

BORG-WARNER THERMAL SYSTEMS

PROJECT DODGER

\$12,500,000 INVESTED

28 NEW JOBS SAVED

PRINCE MANUFACTURING

PROJECT PRINCE MANUFACTURING

\$650,000 INVESTED

28 NEW JOBS

THE WARM COMPANY

PROJECT CENTURY

\$3,200,000 INVESTED

9 NEW JOBS

WILSONART

PROJECT ARP

\$2,700,000 INVESTED

16 NEW JOBS

COASTAL AGRIBUSINESS

PROJECT COASTAL AGROBUSINESS

\$4,380,000 INVESTED

22 NEW JOBS

BORGWARNER RETURNS HOME

In October 2025, BorgWarner announced a major investment in Henderson County: **\$74.9 million** to build a 220,000-square-foot advanced manufacturing facility and create approximately **193 jobs**. The company has developed propulsion and thermal management technologies for more than 130 years. These innovations are used by major automakers worldwide.

BorgWarner's presence in Henderson County began in 1999, when the company established a thermal systems manufacturing facility in Fletcher. This facility, part of BorgWarner's Thermal Systems division, produced engine cooling fan drive systems to improve engine efficiency and reduce emissions. The

170,000-square-foot manufacturing plant eventually grew to about **275 workers** at its peak.

Unfortunately, following industry changes, the company consolidated its WNC business into the Buncombe County facility. As a result, BorgWarner sold the 60-acre Fletcher campus in 2022, ending a major chapter of its direct manufacturing presence in Henderson County.

However, just three years later, BorgWarner returned home to Henderson County.

At the time of the announcement, the product remained confidential. Then, in February 2026, the secret was revealed: a highly modular turbine generator system. According to a company statement,

BorgWarner expects the product to be a transformative power-generation solution for the next wave of artificial intelligence-driven data center demand and other microgrid applications.

In May 2026, BorgWarner announced a further expansion of its Henderson County operations. This project is expected to enable the company to integrate its operations and produce critical components to support continued business growth. BorgWarner also announced plans to invest at least **\$100,000,000** and create **378** new positions with average annual wages exceeding **\$67,047** over the course of the project.

JABIL REINVESTS IN HENDERSON COUNTY

Jabil, one of the world's largest healthcare manufacturing solutions providers, announced at the very end of the fiscal year that it plans to expand its operations in Henderson County. The company expansion included an investment of **\$102,000,000** and creation of **148 jobs** annually with average wages exceeding **\$62,000**.

Jabil's Henderson County facility manufactures precision injection molded components that are subsequently assembled via high-speed automated assembly lines and shipped to customers in the healthcare industry. The company shared that the new 180,000-square-foot facility would

be located at the company's existing site at the Garrison Industrial Park in East Flat Rock.

The Garrison Industrial Park was previously purchased in 2020 as part of a historic, three-party agreement between Henderson County, City of Hendersonville and the Economic Investment Fund of Henderson County (an affiliate of the Henderson County Partnership for Economic Development), to help protect land for industrial development and job creation. Jabil was the anchor tenant in the park and their continued expansion signified trust in the community.



2009 - 2010	2010 - 2011			2011 -
CONTINENTAL TEVES PROJECT SAFETY \$30,157,000 INVESTED 338 NEW JOBS	WIRTZ WIRE EDM PROJECT WILLOW \$621,000 INVESTED 8 NEW JOBS	ELKAMET PROJECT PROJECT ELKAMET \$2,000,000 INVESTED 10 NEW JOBS	KILN DRYING SYSTEMS PROJECT KDS \$1,400,000 INVESTED 19 JOBS SAVED	LEGACY PADDLESPTS PROJECT LEGACY \$4,500,000 INVESTED 90 NEW JOBS

HIVIZ EXPANSION



This spring, HiViz LED Lighting, Inc., a US-based company that designs and manufactures emergency vehicle lighting fixtures and equipment, announced that it would invest over **\$6 million** into a new facility. After 8 years in Henderson County, they planned to move some of

their production to an existing building on Continuum Drive in Fletcher.

The expansion included **33 new jobs**, with an average annual wage of **\$68,788**, and a total investment of **\$6,196,649**.

Since beginning production in 2018,

HiViz has maintained a position of leadership in the emergency vehicle technology space. In 2022, the company expanded operations, moving some production and assembly from overseas to improve delivery, reduce lead times, and strengthen supply chain stability. The company says these steps were critical in helping fire apparatus manufacturers increase throughput and deliver rigs to communities nationwide faster.

Their new space required updates to accommodate this work, and the company was awarded an NC Department of Commerce Building Reuse Grant.

NEW LIFE FOR ORIOLE MILL

Existing manufacturer, **Mavidon**, which started production in 1986 and moved to Henderson County in 2020, chose to grow its business and breathe new life into a well-known structure: the former Oriole Mill.

Mavidon manufactures liquid packaging, specializing in medical devices and contract packaging. This was the company's second expansion in Henderson County, with an estimated total investment of **\$6,000,000**. The project announced **28 positions** with average annual wages exceeding **\$50,000**.

According to documentation, the large two-story industrial building at 701 Oriole Drive was built in 1940, included almost 80,000 square feet of air-conditioned space, and originally operated as a food

processing and distribution center. The building's sturdy design and rail access made it well-suited to such operations. In its earliest-known iteration as Skyland Processing Corporation, the site served as a distribution hub for local produce, especially apples.

In 1952, Select Foods purchased the building. From 1952 until 1985, the site distributed food to the S & W cafeteria chain, among other places. Other tenants included: Hydyne and Wine Master (1987), Asheville Packing Co. (1992-2000), and Mountain Rug Mills (2000-2005). By 2006, the space had become the Oriole Mill, creating "luxury, quality Jacquard and Dobby woven textiles." Their products were highly regarded for their craftsmanship, and

they were even showcased in The New York Times. The stressors of the Covid pandemic led to the Oriole Mill's closure in 2020.

In addition to purchasing the building, Mavidon invested **\$2.4 million** in the new facility and an additional **\$2 million** to expand its production. These investments introduced new innovation and efficiency to the company, further strengthening its long-term viability and competitiveness.



Delivery trucks for Select Foods outside 701 Oriole Dr.

SIERRA NEVADA BREWING COMPANY PROJECT BIG FOREST \$180,000,000 INVESTED 350 JOBS SAVED	UPM RAFLATAC SPECIALS PROJECT BLUE RIDGE \$11,500,000 INVESTED 51 NEW JOBS	UPM RFID & SMARTRAC PROJECT SMARTRAC 22 NEW JOBS	BLUE RIDGE METALS CORP. PROJECT EGRET \$20,000,000 INVESTED 20 NEW JOBS	EMPIRE DISTRIBUTORS PROJECT MERIT \$20,000,000 INVESTED 115 NEW JOBS
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2025 Annual Event at WAG Farm (September 2025)

AN EVENTFUL YEAR

Throughout the past year, the Partnership convened business leaders, public partners, investors, and community stakeholders to strengthen collaboration and showcase the role economic development plays in Henderson County's future.

In July 2025, the Partnership hosted an Investor's Update Lunch at Treska's focused on recovery after Hurricane Helene. Premier members, public partners, and community leaders gathered as Partnership leadership introduced the Recovery Action Plan, outlining priorities for staff capacity, stakeholder engagement, manufacturing

collaboration, site readiness, and business preparedness.

In September, more than **250 attendees** gathered at WAG Valley Farm for the Partnership's Annual Event. Former Board Chair Will Buie announced that the 2025 Partner of the Year award would be shared by the entire community in recognition of collaborative leadership following

Hurricane Helene. Guests also received the Annual Report, a Business Preparedness Plan, and a commemorative compass.

In January, elected officials and Partnership Board members gathered for an annual update. The Partnership team shared information on Henderson County's Tier 2 status and led an "Economic Development 101" session to build shared



Investors Update "Member Guest" Event at The Horse Shoe Farm (February 2026)



Investors Update at Treska's (July 2025)



Industrial Executives Forum at Blue Ridge Community College (April 2026)

understanding of the organization's work.

In February, the Partnership hosted a special Investor's Update "Member Guest" event at Horse Shoe Farm's Sunset Barn. Members and guests explored the Partnership Portal, reviewed highlights from the organization's 20-year impact, and discussed workforce development, business recruitment,

industry collaboration, and data-driven decision-making.

In April, members and manufacturers gathered at Blue Ridge Community College for the Industrial Executives Forum. Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina CEO Christopher Chung and GROW NC Deputy Director Dr. Scott Elliott shared insights on the state economy,

industry recruitment, and local recovery. More than **120 attendees** participated in networking, breakfast, a presentation, and fireside chat.

Together, these events strengthened relationships, supported recovery, and advanced the Partnership's mission to foster a strong, sustainable economy for Henderson County.

GE LIGHTING SYSTEMS
PROJECT ELLIE
\$40,000,000 INVESTED
120 JOBS SAVED

KIMBERLY-CLARK: BK4
PROJECT BK4
\$17,000,000 INVESTED
21 NEW JOBS

KYOCERA PRECISION TOOLS
PROJECT OUTPUT
75 NEW JOBS

THE WARM COMPANY
PROJECT WARM PRODUCTS EXPANSION
\$4,900,000 INVESTED
10 NEW JOBS

BARRY CALLEBAUT
PROJECT ANDIES
\$6,100,000 INVESTED
12 NEW JOBS

20 YEARS OF INVESTMENT.

What began humbly within the Chamber of Commerce as the “Committee of 100” grew into an independent 501(c)(6) in 2006, enabling greater capacity and impact.

The first strategic plan for the Partnership was formative as it highlighted the need to develop industrial sites, while workforce, quality of life, and location continued to position the county for success. With local industry expanding, HCPED launched Made in Henderson County in 2012 to connect students with career opportunities through tours, classroom experiences, apprenticeships, and industry partnerships. And to further support site development, HCPED established the Economic Investment Fund of Henderson County (EIF) in 2016. This initiative was designed to preserve strategic properties and prepare them for future employers.

These achievements—along with the purchase of Garrison Industrial Park in 2020, the acquisition of Ferncliff Industrial Park in 2026, Hurricane Helene recovery efforts, annual community events, and the dedication of a rotating board of directors—represent twenty years of positive impact for Henderson County.

As the Partnership enters its next chapter, it does so with a legacy of progress, a record of resilience, and an unwavering commitment to shaping Henderson County’s future for the better.

THE INVESTMENT RIPPLE EFFECT



MANUFACTURING PAYS THE BILLS

Manufacturing investment strengthens Henderson County’s economy by expanding its tax base. The taxable values shown on this map represent millions of dollars that help fund essential public services and infrastructure. A broader tax base generates additional revenue for community needs while reducing the burden on residents. Manufacturing also creates jobs, supports local businesses, and drives long-term economic growth.



2014 -2015

BOLD ROCK
 PROJECT RIDGE
 \$3,500,000 INVESTED
 40 NEW JOBS

CLINE TOOL
 PROJECT CLINE TOOL
 2 NEW JOBS

RAUMEDIC
 PROJECT GRANITE
 \$27,100,000 INVESTED
 172 NEW JOBS

AMERICAN QUALITY FOODS
 PROJECT ARDENNE
 \$1,000,000 INVESTED
 10 JOBS SAVED

CITY BAKERY
 PROJECT CITY BAKERY
 20 NEW JOBS

20 YEARS OF IMPACT.



FLETCHER
\$296,157,000
1,236 NEW JOBS

RUTHERFORD COUNTY



HENDERSON COUNTY
\$342,437,000
775 NEW JOBS



HENDERSONVILLE
\$47,121,000
198 NEW JOBS

POLK COUNTY

A HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

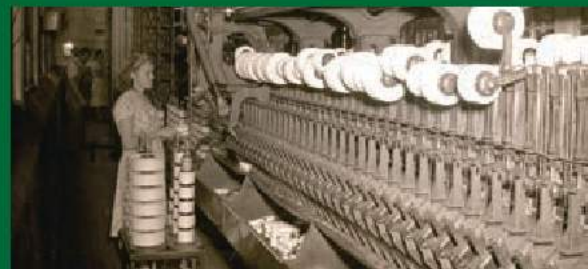
Henderson County was built on a strong foundation of manufacturing in the community, many of whom still operate today.



Henderson County industries float in the 1961 Apple Festival parade



General Electric - 1955 (now GE Current)



Berkeley Mills - 1947 (now Kimberly-Clark, Berkeley Mills)

2015 - 2016

DEMME
PROJECT BAVARIA
\$4,000,000 INVESTED
50 JOBS SAVED

GF LINAMAR
PROJECT SWISS
\$217,000,000 INVESTED
350 NEW JOBS

MERITOR
PROJECT WING
\$30,000,000 INVESTED
81 SAVED JOBS

ELKAMET
PROJECT EMERALD
\$6,500,000 INVESTED
25 NEW JOBS

MAHINDRA AUTOMOTIVE NORTH AMERICA
PROJECT BRIDGE
22 NEW JOBS



Women in Industrial Leadership

In November 2025, the Partnership launched the Manufacturing Collective, an initiative born from the Recovery Action Plan to strengthen industry retention and relationships. Through professional development, networking, custom support and communication, the Collective helped Henderson County's industrial community connect, collaborate and support one another.

Manufacturing has long been central to Henderson County's economy. Since Skyland Hosiery Company opened in 1907 as the county's first major textile mill in today's East Flat Rock, industry has been woven into the county's success.

More recently, the Partnership has focused on supporting industries aligned with local workforce strengths and community goals. From advanced materials and precision components to outdoor recreation products and food and beverage production, manufacturers have created quality jobs, expanded the tax base and shaped Henderson County's regional identity.

The Manufacturing Collective is the next evolution of that work: a trusted hub for communication, problem-solving and peer

collaboration. Through targeted events, customized support and consistent engagement, it strengthened relationships between the Partnership and industry—and among manufacturers themselves.

The first event for the group was Lunch & Learn at Sierra Nevada Brewing Co., which featured a business continuity speaker and meaningful peer discussion. Momentum continued with a March networking social and a Women in Industrial Leadership summit in May.

Each touchpoint addressed real operational challenges, emerging technologies and leadership development needs within manufacturing.

At its core, the Collective strengthened the backbone of the local manufacturing

community. Reflecting 20 years of relationship-building, it reinforced stability, encouraged innovation and helped ensure Henderson County remains a place where manufacturing is sustainable.

The Manufacturing Collective is a reminder that economic development is not only about recruitment: it is about retention, resilience and collaboration. Henderson County's manufacturing future will not be built by one company alone—it will be built together.



Networking Social (& BINGO!) at Appalachian Mountain Brewery (March 2026)

20 YEARS OF CONNECTION — AND GROWING

As part of its ongoing commitment to fostering communication and strengthening connections, the Partnership unveiled the Partnership Portal at the end of 2025: a dynamic digital space designed to unite members, manufacturers, and community partners by providing streamlined information sharing, networking opportunities, and real-time collaboration tools.

After several months of research and evaluation, the Partnership chose Mighty Networks to power its online community. The Portal functioned as both an intranet and a social platform, specifically designed to foster collaboration, streamline communication, and share valuable resources with the Partnership's diverse network. It served as a centralized hub where members can network, access support, and stay informed.

The Portal bridged the gap between in-person gatherings. Partnership events have been known for strong attendance and a welcoming atmosphere, and they have been intentionally limited in number to preserve quality and impact. The Portal ensured that conversations don't end when an event does. With just a few clicks, members could follow up, share resources, and build relationships with their business.

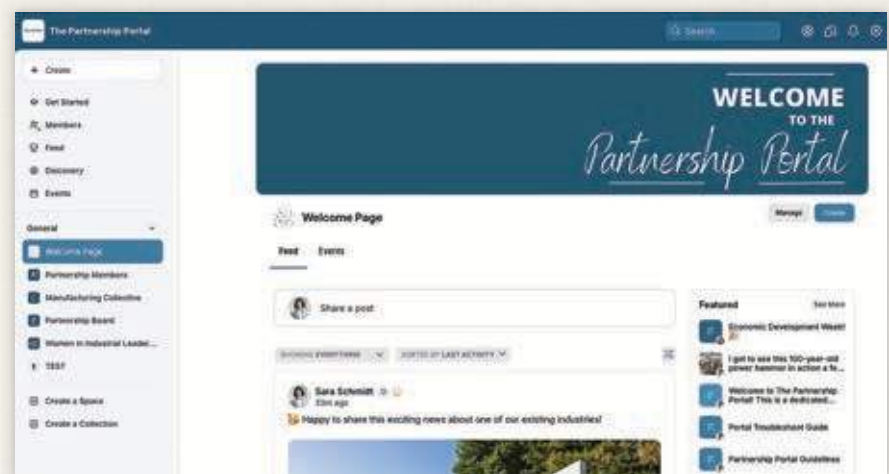
To bolster engagement, the Partnership introduced its "Ask Me Anything" LIVE! video series that connected leaders in economic development directly with

members and industry partners. These informal, user-friendly sessions opened new channels for insight, dialogue, and connection.

The Portal served as one of several gateways for interaction within the Partnership community in the past year. Industry retention and cross-sector connectivity remained central to the Partnership's mission.



"Ask Me Anything" Live! on the Portal



The Partnership Portal launched in December 2025

2017 - 2018

SURVIVAL INNOVATIONS
PROJECT SURVIVAL INNOVATIONS
\$1,200,000 INVESTED
18 JOBS SAVED

KIMBERLY CLARK 2018
PROJECT SPIN
\$30,000,000 INVESTED
14 NEW JOBS

KYOCERA FINE CERAMICS
PROJECT MOUNTAIN
\$7,300,000 INVESTED
15 SAVED JOBS

MICROTECH KNIVES
PROJECT DAN
\$2,357,000 INVESTED
25 NEW JOBS

MOUNTAIN SHOWCASE GROUP
PROJECT OAK
\$2,000,000 INVESTED
15 NEW JOBS



THE FUTURE WORKFORCE

Made in Henderson County (MIHC) continued to strengthen connections between local manufacturers, students, educators, and job seekers over the past year. Through industry tours, classroom engagement, workforce outreach, and career awareness initiatives, MIHC highlighted the rewarding opportunities available in Henderson County's manufacturing sector. Building on these efforts, the program took further steps to engage students directly.

The program celebrated National Manufacturing Day in the fall by partnering

with local industries and Henderson County Public Schools (HCPS) to offer students hands-on facility tours, helping them explore modern manufacturing careers firsthand. In collaboration with HCPS, these tours were customized for students with an expressed interest in the field. Four existing industries in Henderson County (Cummins, Elkamet, Jabil and UPM Raflatac) hosted approximately **125** high school students, allowing them to witness the latest innovations and how safe and exciting the work environment can be.



Metrics for the MIHC program this past year include: **21** total activities and **568** students reached. The program also promoted Apprenticeships through Blue Ridge Community College and coordinated classroom visits across the school system; 6 Apprentices were offered positions at local companies and manufacturing reps visited 7 schools. A **\$4,000** grant from the Work with Heart Giving Circle in 2026 directly supported these events by providing funding for materials, transportation, and coordination.



CTE students visited local facilities on Manufacturing Day (October 2025)

2017 -2018

HEARTLAND HARPS
PROJECT ORPHEUS
\$600,000 INVESTED

LIGHTHEART GEAR
PROJECT MEDLIN
7 NEW JOBS

GAIA HERBS
PROJECT GARDEN
\$12,200,000 INVESTED
30 NEW JOBS

2018 - 2019

HiVIZ LIGHTING
PROJECT BRIGHT
\$500,000 INVESTED
5 NEW JOBS

SMARTRAC
PROJECT BROWN
\$27,000,000 INVESTED
68 NEW JOBS

REASONS TO CELEBRATE

MILESTONE INVESTMENT YEAR

\$298M

INDUSTRY INVESTMENTS

780

HIGH QUALITY JOBS

Combined project investments made 2025–2026 the largest investment year in Henderson County's history. Through dedicated collaboration with elected officials and public partners, the Partnership attracted more than **\$298 million** in industry investment over the past year, strengthening the tax base and creating **780** high-quality jobs for the local workforce.

This accomplishment reflects the impact of economic development and provides strong momentum heading into the organization's 20th year.

BRADY NAMED TOP ECONOMIC DEVELOPER

Brittany Brady, President and CEO, was recognized in November as a 2025 North America's Top 50 Economic Developer and received the award during Consultant Connect's ECONOMIX event in Lake Nona, Florida.

The annual recognition honors economic development professionals nominated by peers in the industry and selected for leadership, innovation, and measurable community impact.



"I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to lead economic development in my hometown," said Brady. "It has been an honor to be a connector and convener of economic activity in Henderson County for the past fifteen years, and I am grateful for the people I serve alongside."

COUNTY OBTAINS FERNCLIFF SITE

After nearly three years of negotiations, Henderson County finalized the purchase of the last site at Ferncliff Industrial Park this spring, securing full control of the park's remaining development opportunities. In coordination with the original landowner and Asheville Regional Airport, the county is positioned to guide future industry recruitment and development on the approximately 100-acre site.

Part of "America's Most Beautiful Industrial Park," Ferncliff is the largest industrial site currently available for development in Henderson County. Parcels of this size are rare in Western North Carolina, making it a unique asset for attracting major employers and investment.



Even before the acquisition was complete, the Partnership was marketing the property to prospective companies. Now, Ferncliff is poised to play a significant role in Henderson County's future growth.

COMPANY MILESTONES

The Partnership celebrates these historic milestones with the following existing industries in Henderson County:

36 YEARS Skyline Plastic Systems, Inc.

50 YEARS Putsch

70 YEARS Wilsonart

76 YEARS Damp-Chaser

2019 - 2020

MAVIDON
PROJECT FORWARD
4 NEW JOBS

RÖD PLASTICS
PROJECT MOLD
\$1,500,000 INVESTED
30 NEW JOBS

AMAZON
PROJECT AV
\$20,000,000 INVESTED
200 NEW JOBS

JABIL
PROJECT WHEEL
\$38,000,000 INVESTED
150 NEW JOBS

LIT
PROJECT HELIOS
\$5,500,000 INVESTED
60 NEW JOBS

2020 - 2021

2025-2026 MEMBERS

The Committee of 100 was the founding group of business and community leaders who helped establish our organization. Members with an asterisk (*) next to their name were included in this original committee, recognizing their early support and contributions.

PUBLIC



Henderson
County



City of
Hendersonville



Town of
Fletcher



Town of
Laurel Park



Town of
Mills River

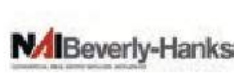


Village of
Flat Rock

PREMIER



PATRON



PRESIDENTIAL

AA-American Electric Inc.
 Asheville Regional Airport
 AT&T *
 Bank of America / Merrill Lynch
 Benton Roofing
 BGW CPA, PLLC
 Brinet, LLC
 Carolina Energy Systems
 Cason Companies, Inc.
 DMJPS
 ECS Southeast
 Elkamet Inc.
 Forvis
 Haskell
 Hedrick Industries
 Holmes Geospatial
 Horizon Heating & Air Conditioning
 IMOCO, Inc. *
 Industrial Chemical Company
 KDS-Windsor
 Lee & Associates
 McGuire, Wood & Bissette
 McMillan Pazdan Smith Architecture
 Omega Construction
 Park National Bank
 RealtyOneGroup
 Rinehart Racing
 SDW & JHW, LLC
 SeamonWhiteside
 Skyline Plastic Systems, Inc.
 Southern Alarm & Security *
 Tageos
 Tarheel Paving
 TD Bank
 The Dominion Group

Truist
 Turf Mountain Sod, Inc.
 United Community Bank *
 Ward and Smith, P.A.
 Warren Restoration
 Wells Fargo *
 WGLA Engineering, PLLC
 Wilsonart International

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 Allegra
 Applied Solutions Group, Inc.
 B&G Enterprises, LLC (Eagle Self Storage)
 Blue Ridge Metals Corp. *
 Boyd Automotive
 Bunnell-Lammons Engineering, Inc.
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 Cummins Drivetrain and Braking Systems
 Damp-Chaser Corp.
 Demmel Inc.
 Echo Mountain Inn
 Environmental Solutions & Innovations, Inc.
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 Fletcher Business Park
 Formation PR + Brand
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 GSH Consulting
 Harper Corporation General Contractors
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Henderson County Public Schools *
 Henderson County Tourism
 Development Authority *
 Henderson Oil Company
 HiViz LED Lighting Inc.
 Jim Davis Commercial Real Estate/
 NAI Beverly-Hanks
 Kenmure Enterprises, Inc.
 King Risk Partners
 Lauren Rash (ERA)
 Looking Glass Realty
 LS3P
 Marlboro Development Team, Inc.
 MAU Workforce Solutions
 Miller Brothers
 Morosani & Associates
 Norafin (Americas) Inc.
 Premier Sotheby's International Realty
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 Riddle Development, LLC
 Rock Creek Containers
 S&ME
 SELEE Corp.
 Sierra Nevada Brewing Company
 Smurfit Westrock
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 Stipe Creative
 Summey Plumbing and Heating
 Teknikabel USA
 Terracon
 The Tamara Peacock Company Architects
 The Waverly Inn
 Tri-Hishtil
 Vista Strategies
 Warm Company, Inc.
 Weather Shield Roofing Systems
 Well Adjusted, Inc
 Whitney Commercial Real Estate
 Wirtz Wire EDM, Inc.
 Young Office

2024 - 2025

SELEE
 PROJECT SCORE
 \$4,500,000 INVESTED
 100 SAVED JOBS

BORG WARNER
 PROJECT ENGERGIZE
 \$75,000,000 INVESTED
 193 NEW JOBS

HiViz
 PROJECT BLAZE
 \$6,000,000 INVESTED
 33 NEW JOBS

2025 - 2026

BORGWARNER
 PROJECT BORGWARNER
 \$100,000,000 INVESTED
 378 NEW JOBS

JABIL
 PROJECT CROWN
 \$102,000,000 INVESTED
 148 NEW JOBS

MAVIDON
 PROJECT BARLET
 \$6,000,000 INVESTED
 28 NEW JOBS



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