

Program Focus Areas

Existing Business Activity — Business Recruitment — Real Estate Development

Project Averages

Active and Missed

49 Missed Project Over 12 Months



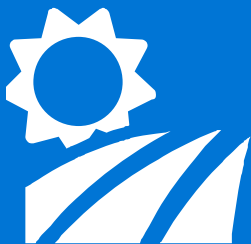
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JOB
 394



22

THOUSAND
 SQUARE FEET
 245K



110

ACRES
 102



\$2

MILLION
 INVESTMENT
 \$331M

Project Activity Stats

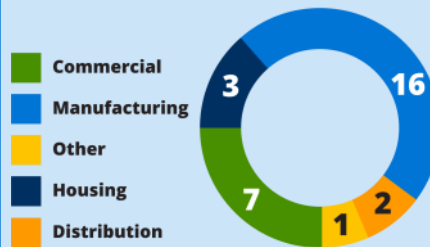


*One project was restored from Inactive to Active and two were moved from Active to Inactive. **Small businesses assisted under Announced Projects.

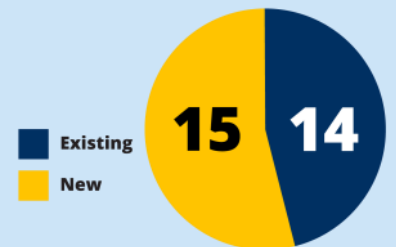
Active Projects

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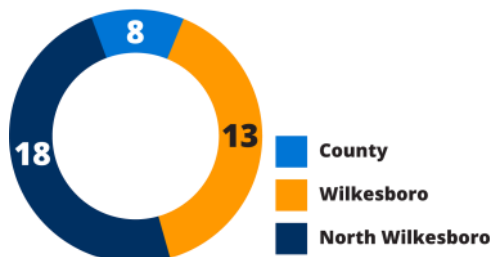
Project Industries



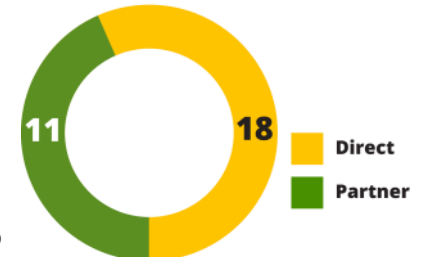
Projects by Type



Projects by Location



Projects by Source



Existing Business

Current and YTD Total
Activity since July 1, 2022



9

UNIQUE VISITS
51



4

FOLLOW UP VISITS
21

Total Visits YTD: 72
Visit Goal: 140

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Wilkes Commercial Business Center Update

The Wilkes Commercial Business Center (WCBC) continues moving forward! This month, windows, sheetrock, and electrical have been installed along with asphalt and curbing.

Marketing of WCBC continues to create conversations of interest with both existing and new companies meeting an important goal of the project. An Incentivized lease is available for 10,383 and 21,164 spaces or a single tenant total of 31,703 sq. ft. It will be move-in ready for light industrial/manufacturing firms with office spaces, loading dock and drive-in doors.



Subscribe to updates by visiting the [WCBC site updates on the EDC webpage](#). For details or information on pre-leasing incentives, please contact LeeAnn Nixon by emailing LNixon@WilkesEDC.com.



Program Stats



9

PARTNER MEETINGS



4

REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT



16

SOLUTIONS PROVIDED

Total Solutions Provided YTD: 137

Wilkes Entrepreneurial Grant Program



The Wilkes EDC will be accepting applications for the Spring 2023 Entrepreneurial Grant Program from March 1-31. Applications include a Business Plan, Financial Summary, and Video Pitch. We encourage applicants to start working on their materials now and

utilize helpful resources on our Entrepreneurial Grant Program page. Past Entrepreneurial Grant recipients were able to deliver stronger applications by getting connected with the Small Business Center, so we encourage applicants to consider this valuable resource.

Learn more about the Entrepreneurial Grant Program and see past winners by visiting the link below. [Entrepreneurial Grant Program - Wilkes Economic Development Corporation - EDC \(wilkesedc.com\)](#)



November Unemployment Rate

4% ↓ Down from 4.1% in October.

Regional November Rate is 3.6%.
State November Rate is 3.9%.

