

# PROSPERITY ON PURPOSE.

| 2015 ANNUAL REPORT |

choose  
**dupage**   
Economic Development Alliance™

CHOOSE THE PEOPLE, THE PLACE,  
THE PROSPERITY OF DUPAGE COUNTY.  
**CHOOSE THE DUPAGE ADVANTAGE.**

DUPAGE  
DETAIL

#21

## WE BUILD WHAT KEEPS OUR ECONOMY ROLLING.

With projects like the Diverging Diamond Interchange, our leaders continue to invest in a top-tier transportation structure – taking local commerce to new places.



# PROSPERITY HAPPENS ON PURPOSE.

## THE SUCCESS OF EVERY ORGANIZATION IS A MATTER OF CHOICE.

In 2015, the leaders of DuPage continued to make the right choices for our County, carrying on a mission that began more than a decade ago.

## THOSE CHOICES BEGAN WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY...

With meaningful collaboration, we brought together economic development professionals representing all 39 municipalities. Together, we discussed the trends that influence our decisions and issues that impact our economic future.

## ...AND REACHED THOSE BEYOND DUPAGE.

Site-selectors and real-estate professionals—those who choose their business' future—are taking notice. As a result, our workforce is growing, industries like healthcare and manufacturing are experiencing unprecedented expansion, and businesses from around the globe are looking to the future of DuPage.

## PROSPERITY ON PURPOSE. THAT'S THE DUPAGE ADVANTAGE.

Robert Hutchinson, President,  
Glen Ellyn Bank & Trust, a Wintrust Community Bank  
& Private-Sector Co-Chair, Choose DuPage

Dan Cronin, Chairman, DuPage County Board  
& Public-Sector Co-Chair, Choose DuPage



# THE DIFFERENCE IS IN THE DETAILS.

In 2015, the success of DuPage County took many forms: major businesses invested in our future, families with diverse skillsets joined our community, and the Western Access O'Hare Project reached greater heights.

While these are landmark achievements for DuPage, they're only part of a greater picture. Each milestone results from a community of details that together form the DuPage Advantage.

In the following pages, you'll see these details, as well as the choices that make them a reality – the legacy of the leaders who came before me.

Since joining Choose DuPage in September of 2015, I've had the privilege of working with the people behind the DuPage Advantage. Together, we've addressed policy issues critical to the needs of business, invested in the image of DuPage County and fostered the conditions to grow our economy.

We've reached new heights. And now, I see a great responsibility lies before us.

We need to shift our focus to not only attracting new commercial enterprise, but growing and retaining the current businesses in DuPage. As the leaders of our County, it's our duty to address policy, transportation and workforce issues critical to the needs of the DuPage business community.

For the future of our economy, the prosperity of our people and the legacy of DuPage, we will continue to make the right choices—down to the last detail.

Sincerely,



John A. Carpenter  
President & CEO, Choose DuPage



DUPAGE  
DETAIL

#29

WE HAVE THE RIGHT  
TOOLS TO BUILD.

Construction is the fastest-growing industry in DuPage County, increasing by more than 6% in the last year alone.



DUPAGE  
DETAIL

#11

WE'RE AT THE TOP  
OF OUR CLASS.

Home to 19 colleges and universities, DuPage County ranks first in the State of Illinois for educational attainment.

## WE HAVE A LEGACY OF MAKING THE RIGHT CHOICES.

It was 2005, and the local economy was shifting rapidly.

As the business environment changed within and outside our County, the leaders of DuPage needed more than a short-term solution or even a long-term action plan. We needed an unprecedented collaboration.

For the good of our neighbors, the prosperity of local commerce and the future of our home, the County's first economic development alliance was formed.



## CHOOSE FOR THE VOICE, THE COMMUNITY, THE IMPACT.

**WHEN YOU JOIN CHOOSE DUPAGE, YOU JOIN THE COLLECTIVE VOICE OF OUR BUSINESS COMMUNITY, A VOICE THAT SPEAKS ON YOUR BEHALF.**

Together, we'll open a dialogue between private- and public-sector leaders to grow and maintain our vibrant economy. Because when you invest in DuPage County, you impact the businesses of our community and the people who depend on them, so our workforce continues to excel and our economy continues to thrive.

### OUR CORE GOALS

- | Grow, retain and attract businesses
- | Support local municipal economic development initiatives
- | Address policy issues critical to the needs of the regional economy

# WE SUPPORT OUR COUNTY AT A MICRO LEVEL...

## DUPAGE COUNTY DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

### NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS

337,003

### POPULATION GROWTH

1990	781,666
2000	904,161
2010	916,924
2014	932,716 (estimated)

### POPULATION BY RACE

- | White 81.1%
- | Black or African American 5.2%
- | Asian 11.4%
- | Other 2.3%

---

- | Hispanic or Latino 14.1%
- | White, not Hispanic or Latino 68.1%

Source: US Census QuickFacts 2014, EMSI

## DUPAGE COUNTY ECONOMIC INDICATORS

### SALES TAX RECEIPTS

- | First Quarter: \$302 million
- | Second Quarter: \$348 million
- | Third Quarter: \$359 million
- | Fourth Quarter: \$359 million

### INDUSTRIAL VACANCY RATES

- | First Quarter: 5.7%
- | Second Quarter: 5.7%
- | Third Quarter: 5.4%
- | Fourth Quarter: 5.1%

DUPAGE COUNTY HAS THE LOWEST INDUSTRIAL VACANCY RATE IN THE REGION.

Over the last five years, industrial vacancy rates have had a nearly continuous decline in DuPage County, dropping a total of 8.4% since 2010.

### OFFICE VACANCY RATES

- | First Quarter: 16.8%
- | Second Quarter: 16.9%
- | Third Quarter: 16.2%
- | Fourth Quarter: 16%

### NUMBER OF BUSINESSES:

2015	39,406 (2.3% change over previous year)
2014	38,512 (1.7% change over previous year)
2013	37,844 (2.7% change over previous year)
2012	36,837 (-13% change over previous year)
2011	42,340

# ...SO COMMERCE CAN FLOURISH AT A MACRO SCALE.

## — DUPAGE COUNTY —

### TOP 15 PUBLICLY-HELD COMPANIES (by revenue)

COMPANY NAME	LOCATION	WORKFORCE
McDonald's Corp.	Oak Brook	420,000
Navistar International Corp.	Lisle	14,200
Dover Corporation	Downers Grove	27,000
Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.	Itasca	20,240
HUB Group, Inc.	Oak Brook	2,568
Treehouse Foods, Inc.	Oak Brook	6,181
AAR Corp.	Wood Dale	5,800
DeVry Education Group	Downers Grove	12,517
Suncoke Energy Inc.	Lisle	1,480
Knowles Corp.	Itasca	13,000
A.M. Castle & Co.	Oak Brook	1,667
Federal Signal Corp.	Oak Brook	2,700
Great Lakes Dredge and Dock	Oak Brook	1,928
FTD Companies	Downers Grove	1,807
Retail Properties of America Inc.	Oak Brook	245

### TOP 15 PRIVATELY-HELD COMPANIES (by revenue)

COMPANY NAME	LOCATION	WORKFORCE
Havi Group L.P.	Downers Grove	1,200
Eby-Brown Co. LLC	Naperville	600
Ace Hardware Corp.	Oak Brook	864
Inland Real Estate Group of Cos.	Oak Brook	960
McMaster-Carr Supply Co.	Elmhurst	NA
The Boler Company	Itasca	150
Hearthside Food Solutions LLC	Downers Grove	400
Duchossois Group, Inc.	Elmhurst	750
Ferrara Candy Co.	Oakbrook Terrace	700
Filtration Group Corp.	Downers Grove	372
Elkay Manufacturing Co.	Oak Brook	375
Edward Don & Co.	Woodridge	559
Wilton Brands LLC	Woodridge	740
Readerlink LLC	Oak Brook	NA
Graycor	Oakbrook Terrace	250

Source: Crain's 2015 Book of Lists

DUPAGE  
DETAIL

#39

SMALLER INVESTMENT,  
GREATER ADVANTAGE.

In 2015, the gross asking rent in the suburban Chicago market was 60% less than Chicago's Central Business District.

DUPAGE COUNTY

**WORKFORCE & EMPLOYMENT OVERVIEW**

AS OF DECEMBER 2015

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

4.5%

JOB GROWTH

0.8%

NUMBER OF JOBS

716,903

**EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT**

High School Graduate	9.4%
Some College (no degree)	19.8%
Associates Degree	7%
Bachelor's Degree	28.1%
Graduate Degree or Higher	17.7%
<hr/>	
High School Graduate or Higher	92.3%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	46.7%

**LABOR FORCE**

NUMBER OF BUSINESSES

39,263

MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME

\$79,016

**KEY INDUSTRIES**

**LARGEST INDUSTRIES BY NUMBER OF JOBS**

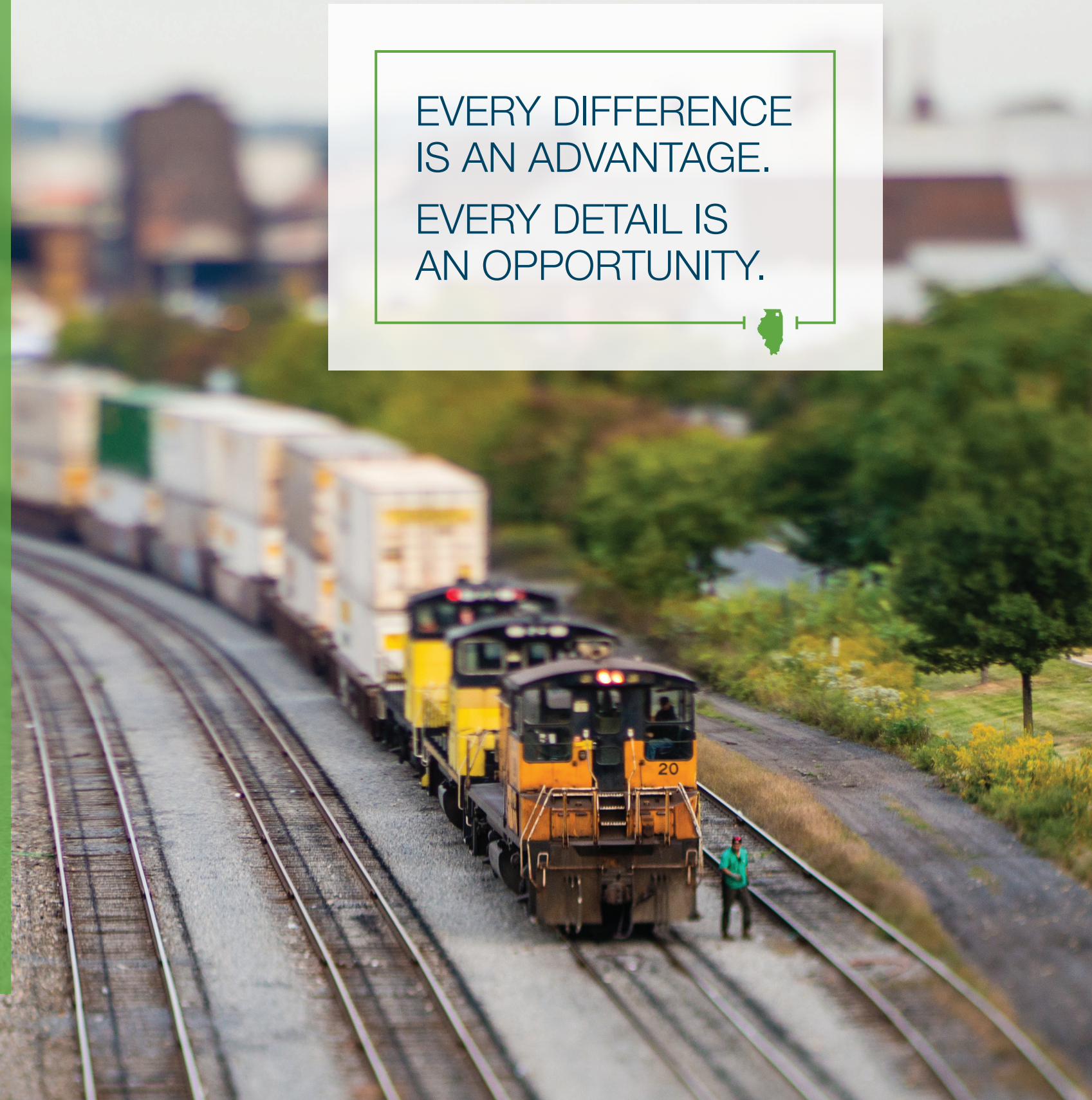
Healthcare & Social Assistance	71,680
Retail Trade	69,687
Professional, Scientific	68,881
Administrative & Support	64,210
Government	55,833
Manufacturing	54,170
Wholesale Trade	52,846
Finance & Insurance	52,253
Transportation & Warehousing	31,101

**FASTEST GROWING INDUSTRIES**

	NO. OF JOBS	% CHANGE FROM 2014	AVG. EARNINGS
Construction	29,967	6%	\$77,825
Management of Companies	28,100	4%	\$128,228
Healthcare & Social Assistance	71,680	3%	\$62,947
Administrative & Support	64,210	3%	\$46,125
Finance & Insurance	52,253	2%	\$81,862
Transportation & Warehousing	31,101	2%	\$60,319
Professional, Scientific	68,881	2%	\$86,740

Source: EMSI

EVERY DIFFERENCE IS AN ADVANTAGE.  
EVERY DETAIL IS AN OPPORTUNITY.



# WHERE OPPORTUNITY ARRIVES FROM EVERY DIRECTION.

With close proximity to O'Hare and Midway International Airports, as well as the DuPage Airport, DuPage County will meet the needs of both national and global business. We're located just 20 miles west of Chicago at the transportation crossroads of the nation, where four major interstates meet and an extensive rail freight system brings international commerce to and from DuPage.



DUPAGE  
DETAIL

#17

WE TOOK DOVER TO  
A HIGHER LEVEL.

When Dover Corp. selected DuPage County as the new location for its corporate headquarters in 2009, they were looking for a place that offered direct, nonstop air service to locations throughout the U.S. and across the globe. They found it right here in DuPage.





SUCCESS  
IS A MATTER  
OF CHOICE.



**DUPAGE COUNTY IS  
SUCCESSFUL BECAUSE  
OUR LEADERS COMMUNICATE.**

In 2015, Choose DuPage brought together private- and public-sector leaders at a variety of events aimed at improving our County for all.

We also invested in promoting DuPage County as the premier global business location through a strategic marketing plan.

**IN THE NEXT FEW PAGES,  
YOU WILL FIND DETAILS ABOUT...**

- | DUPAGE COUNTY BUSINESS FORUM
- | 6TH ANNUAL DUPAGE COUNTY REGIONAL BUSINESS OUTLOOK
- | QUARTERLY COMMUNITIES MEETINGS

# MILESTONES: DUPAGE COUNTY BUSINESS FORUM

## *Strategic Answers & Applications for Business*

NOVEMBER 18 | MEDINAH COUNTRY CLUB

HOSTED BY:

Choose DuPage with CBIZ Benefits & Insurance Services and Rathje & Woodward, LLC

With an audience that represented more than 100 small businesses, speakers at our Business Forum addressed the issues that impact both the attendees and the communities they call 'home.' They discussed the Affordable Care Act, Fair Labor Standards and more—major issues that affect businesses of every scale.

## SPEAKERS

### THE HONORABLE DAN CRONIN

Chairman, DuPage County Board

### THOMAS J. HULSEMAN

Managing Director | Chicago  
Metro Exports

### MARGO MARKOPOULOS

Acting Director, Office of Trade &  
Investment | Illinois Department of  
Commerce & Economic Opportunity

## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

### CLARE SCHULTZ

Group Sales Account Manager | CBIZ  
Benefits and Insurance Services

### MARK J. MCANDREW

Attorney | Rathje & Woodward, LLC

DUPAGE  
DETAIL

#5

WE'RE WELCOMING  
NEW NEIGHBORS.

Since 2010, DuPage County has grown by more than 16,000 residents, adding to our diversely skilled workforce. It's what happens when major corporations choose to prosper in DuPage.

## MILESTONES:

### 6TH ANNUAL DUPAGE COUNTY REGIONAL BUSINESS OUTLOOK

**MAY 5, 2015 | DRURY LANE CONFERENCE CENTER**

HOSTED BY:

Choose DuPage, Ice Miller LLP & Mesirow Financial

#### AGENDA

##### DUPAGE COUNTY OUTLOOK

The Honorable Dan Cronin, Chairman,  
DuPage County Board

##### STATE OF THE ECONOMY

Diane Swonk, Chief Economist,  
Mesirow Financial

##### KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

The Honorable Bruce Rauner,  
Governor of Illinois

##### Q&A WITH THE GOVERNOR

John Calamos, CEO and Global Co-Chief Investment Officer,  
Calamos Investments

## OPPORTUNITY IS OUR GREATEST ADVANTAGE.

### *6th Annual Regional Business Outlook*

Nearly 1,000 of the region's business and civic leaders – “the backbone of the Illinois economy,” as Governor Rauner addressed them – gathered at the 2015 Regional Business Outlook. The future was at the forefront of the event, with the Governor sharing his vision for a more competitive state economy.

“How do we do that? By creating jobs and laying the foundation for sustainable economic development,” said Governor Rauner, citing many of the same principles that led to the prosperity of DuPage.

The message was clear: while DuPage County continues to grow and thrive, we are part of a larger ecosystem, one that's struggled to attract new businesses in recent years. Illinois lacks strategy and innovation in infrastructure spending, and without the proper groundwork for prosperity, companies are moving to more competitive business environments like Texas, Wisconsin and Indiana.

For the long-term success of Illinois and DuPage County, we need to act.

“The DuPage business community can get involved by making its voice heard,” Governor Rauner said. “As business leaders in the region, we need your support to make the needed systemic changes to propel our great state forward.”

Despite the state of the Illinois economy, DuPage County Board Chairman Dan Cronin reminded the audience that DuPage continues to grow, welcoming 118 new projects to the County over the last year. It's the tangible result of the “backbone's” commitment to making the right choices.

# 2015 MARKETING YEAR IN REVIEW

## MARKETING OBJECTIVE

Establish DuPage  
County as a premier global  
business location.

## TARGET AUDIENCES

- | Site selectors
- | Real estate professionals
- | Business executives and decision-makers



## TRADESHOWS

### ICSC CHICAGO DEALMAKING

Together with 18 other communities, Choose DuPage exhibited at this regional convention for the shopping center industry networking and promoting the County to owners/developers, retailers, brokers, municipalities, and others.

### NAIOP E.CON

Industrial real estate conference, focusing on e-commerce and distribution development.

### ICSC RECON

Together with a delegation of 9 other communities, Choose DuPage attended this national convention for the shopping center industry.

### SelectUSA Summit

Choose DuPage attended this summit with the Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership and the Chicago Metro Metals Consortium. Penny Pritzker, US Secretary of Commerce, presented the opening remarks, encouraging foreign-owned companies to invest in the US. Choose DuPage met with several foreign delegations to discuss Foreign Direct Investment opportunities in DuPage County.

## MARKETING BY THE NUMBERS

- | 44 Advertisements
- | 17.2 Million Paid Impressions
- | 5 Videos
- | 40 Email Campaigns
- | 2,985 Email Subscribers
- | 94 Blog Posts
- | 86,687 Visits to Website
- | 3,700 Social Media Followers

# DUPAGE COUNTY COMMUNITIES MEETINGS

In 2015, Choose DuPage hosted three programs that brought together economic development professionals from the 39 DuPage County municipalities. Together, we shared important updates, while discussing the issues and trends affecting our community's economic development.

## PROGRAMS

MARCH 12, 2015

### ENERGY, INFRASTRUCTURE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Representatives from ComEd and Nicor Gas discussed important energy issues and opportunities as they relate to economic development. Following the presentation, attendees had the opportunity to meet one-on-one with representatives from AT&T, ComEd, Comcast, DuPage County's Department of Transportation, Nicor Gas and PowerForward DuPage.

JUNE 4, 2015

### CONNECTING THE LAST MILE

PACE, the DuPage County Department of Transportation, and DuPage County Board Member Gary Grasso, shared the latest transportation information and discussed important trends, issues and opportunities as they relate to economic development. Additionally, Phil Sheridan of Hamilton Partners spoke to the transportation needs of the development and business community.

SEPTEMBER 3, 2015

### BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT IN ILLINOIS

Elected officials and representatives from the State of Illinois discussed state-wide business development, including incentives and international trade. Speakers included: Honorable Evelyn Sanguinetti, Lieutenant Governor of Illinois; Chairman Dan Cronin, DuPage County Board; Victor Narusis, Deputy Director, Business Development, Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity; Erik Brejla, Head of Strategic Partnerships, Office of International Trade and Investment, Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity.

DUPAGE  
DETAIL

#14

WE'RE GOING PLACES.

DuPage County is serviced by PACE, the 7th-largest bus service in North America. Every day, thousands of residents use the system for easy travel and a reliable commute.



**SPARKS OF GENIUS:  
THE REVOLUTION IS RE-THINKING  
BUSINESS IN DUPAGE.**

As DuPage County beckons a new era of entrepreneurial spirit, Rev3 is revolutionizing the technological intelligence that drives it.

Led by Nic Zito of Choose DuPage, the Naperville-based Innovation Center provides 10,000 square feet of private offices and collaborative workrooms. It's the perfect setting to launch a startup — a place for individuals and companies to manufacture products, write software and develop technology in a creative ecosystem.

2015 brought several awards for the company, as well as community education events that taught skills like search engine optimization and 3D printing.

**2015 REV3 EVENTS**

- | SBAC Venture Pitch
- | Google Hackathon
- | Intro to Soldering
- | Intro to 3D Printing
- | Android Mobile Developer Bootcamp
- | Press Conference for Intrastate Equity Crowdfunding with Senator Connelly
- | Monthly Happy Hour and Speed Networking
- | How to Protect your Intellectual Property
- | Securing Trademarks
- | Software Development Community
- | WordPress Web Development
- | West Suburban Angels Investor Forum Pitch
- | DuPage Sustainability Forum
- | Live SEO Demonstration
- | Closing Deals Prospecting Seminar

**SPONSORS**

From all of us at Rev3, thank you for your support. The revolution can't happen without you.

- | Choose DuPage
- | DuPage County
- | Northern Illinois University - Naperville Campus
- | Comcast
- | Wheaton Bank & Trust, a Wintrust Community Bank
- | Heartland Business Systems
- | Rathje & Woodward, LLC
- | Dugan & Lopatka
- | US Bank

**MEMBERS**

21 MEMBER ENTITIES

**INCLUDED INDUSTRIES:** Manufacturing, Mobile App, Web Development, Software, Art Murals, Digital Media, IT, Professional Services, Fashion, and Food Consumables.



**NICHOLAS ZITO**  
Chief Entrepreneur Officer  
nic@rev3dupage.com  
(630) 486-7948



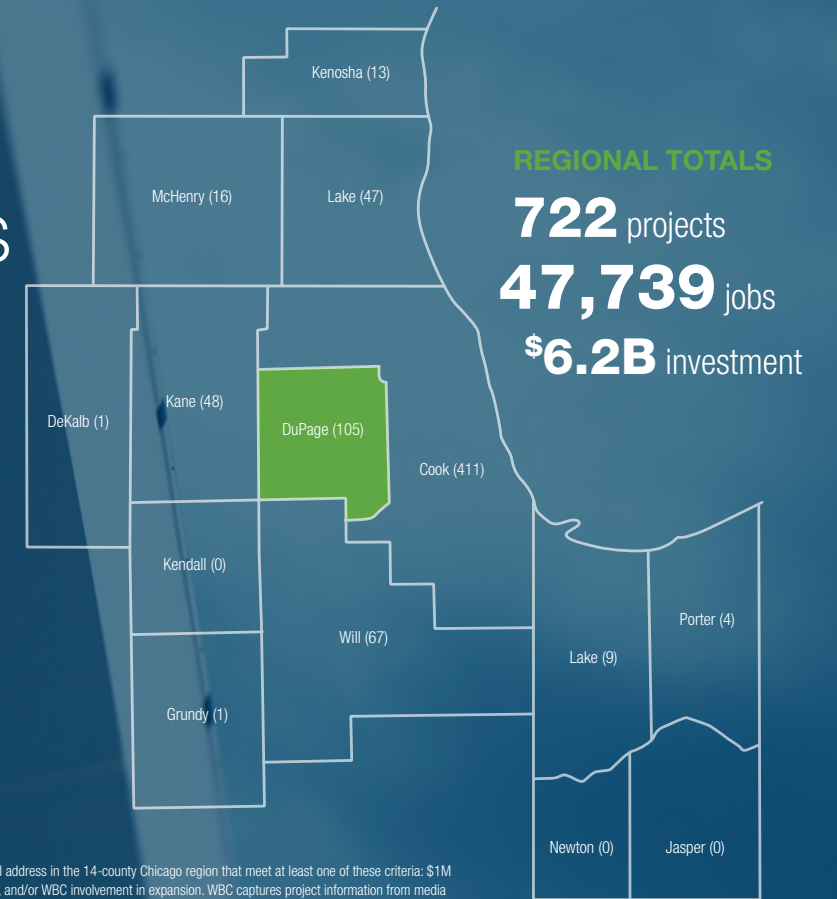
# BECAUSE WE PAY ATTENTION TO THE LITTLE THINGS, THE RESULTS ARE BIG.

In 2015, 722 total projects chose their place in DuPage County. Projects are defined by the following criteria: \$1 million investment, 20,000 SF, or 50 jobs. This places DuPage County 2nd in the region in terms of total projects as shown below.

With the mindful advocacy of Choose DuPage, these projects represent 47,739 jobs and \$6.2 billion in invested dollars for the region.

## REGIONAL BY THE NUMBERS

DuPage ranked **2nd** in the region in terms of new projects in 2015.



SOURCE: WORLD BUSINESS CHICAGO

Refers to data (where disclosed) for new and expanding companies with a physical address in the 14-county Chicago region that meet at least one of these criteria: \$1M investment, net gain of 20,000 sq ft, net gain of 20 FTE jobs, headquarters facility, and/or WBC involvement in expansion. WBC captures project information from media outlets, press releases, company websites, subscription services and WBC internal reporting; the quality of each record depends on the availability of data and resources to input and confirm information. Data is finalized in the first quarter of the following year to allow for the time lag in project reporting; year-to-date numbers are subject to revision and addition of projects.

## NEW & EXPANDED COMPANIES

- |  |  |  |   |
|--|--|--|---|
| 1. 360Zebra                              | 28. Centrene                             | 55. Inland Real Estate                       | 81. Portillo's  |
| 2. AAA Car Care                          | 29. Chamberlain Group, The               | 56. InterContinental Hotels Group            | 82. Power Solutions International                         |
| 3. Accelerated Inc                       | 30. Comcast                              | 57. International Paper                      | 83. Primera Engineers                                     |
| 4. Accertify                             | 31. ComEd                                | 58. KapStone Paper and Packaging Corporation | 84. Quintessite (Midas Medici Group)                      |
| 5. Affordable Office Interiors           | 32. Connor & Gallagher                   | 59. Kellen Company                           | 85. Rana Foods  |
| 6. ALDI                                  | 33. CoreCentric Solutions Inc.           | 60. Knowles Corporation                      | 86. RBI Bearing Inc                                       |
| 7. Alloya Corporate Federal Credit Union | 34. Creative Werks LLC                   | 61. Lakeside Bank                            | 87. Renewable Energy Systems Americas Inc. (RES Americas) |
| 8. AMC Theater                           | 35. CVS Health                           | 62. Lansing Building Products                | 88. Renewable Energy Systems Americas Inc. (RES Americas) |
| 9. Amcor                                 | 36. D2K Traffic                          | 63. Launch Digital Media                     | 89. Robert C. Weisheit Co., Inc.                          |
| 10. American Access Casualty Company     | 37. De Amertek                           | 64. Lavezzi Precision                        | 90. Robertshaw  |
| 11. Aquion Water Treatment Products      | 38. Docusign                             | 65. Law Auto Group                           | 91. Salt Creek Club                                       |
| 12. Art Van Furniture                    | 39. DS Containers                        | 66. Little Sunshine's Playhouse              | 92. Semblex Corporation                                   |
| 13. Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.            | 40. EA Logistics                         | 67. LockUp, The                              | 93. Shorr Packaging Corp.                                 |
| 14. Astronics                            | 41. Engler Callaway Baasten & Sruga, LLC | 68. M&R Printing Equipment                   | 94. StandFast Packaging                                   |
| 15. Athletico                            | 42. Enterprise Recovery Systems          | 69. Marco Die Supplies                       | 95. Stratose  |
| 16. Atlantic Packaging                   | 43. Fellowes Inc.                        | 70. Mariano's                                | 96. The Hartford  |
| 17. Autonation USA                       | 44. First Student                        | 71. Marosi Designs dba Best Value Vacs       | 97. Thorntons   |
| 18. Bank of America Disaster Fund        | 45. Flextron Circuit Assembly            | 72. Michaels                                 | 98. Topline Furniture                                     |
| 19. Bob's Discount Furniture             | 46. Fresh Thyme                          | 73. Microsoft                                | 99. TST Impreso   |
| 20. Bob's Discount Furniture             | 47. Gallagher Basset                     | 74. Millard Group, Inc., The                 | 100. Veritas Document Solutions                           |
| 21. Bremskerl                            | 48. Geneca                               | 75. Mitchell Gold + Bob Williams             | 101. Wheaton Montessori                                   |
| 22. Buttermilk and Honey                 | 49. Gerflor                              | 76. MultiPlan Inc                            | 102. Whole Foods Market, Inc.                             |
| 23. Cadence Health                       | 50. H.B. Fuller Company                  | 77. Nestle USA, Inc.                         | 103. Wise Plastic Technologies                            |
| 24. Cary Company, The                    | 51. H.D. Smith                           | 78. Now Health Group Inc.                    | 104. Wyspa Dzieci   |
| 25. Casa Dei Bambini Montessori          | 52. Hartford Fire Insurance              | 79. Peerless of America                      | 105. Zahoransky AG  |
| 26. Castle Metal Products                | 53. Horizon Academy                      | 80. PerkinElmer, Inc.                        |   |
| 27. Central DuPage Hospital              | 54. Hyundai Motor America                |  |   |

# THE FUTURE IS IN DUPAGE.

*New jobs. New development. And new reasons for growth.*

As a trio of companies broke ground in DuPage County, **the value of our people and the dynamic opportunity of our place** were at the forefront.

These foundations of the DuPage Advantage set the stage for the right choices to be made and will encourage the future prosperity of the companies that will make DuPage County home.

For Shorr Packaging Corp., a company with a deep-rooted history in Aurora, **the future was in the people.** The employee-owned company needs an educated and skilled workforce, so when they built their new corporate headquarters and warehouse in Aurora – an expansion that’s adding more than 140 jobs – Shorr didn’t apply for any tax incentives. They invested in the community’s future.

*“The leaders at Shorr wanted to make sure local students, teachers and schools had the benefit of their tax dollars to create a workforce equipped to handle the challenges of tomorrow’s business climate.”*

–Tonia Khouri, DuPage County Board Member, District 5



Fellows Inc. was ready to build its main U.S. distribution center – a warehouse that would total nearly 500,000 square feet – and it needed a **place that was made for movement.** Aurora has it, with a major four-way interchange offering mobility in every direction. And now, the company’s bringing 125 jobs to the area.



DS Containers needed more than just space (although, they needed more than 300,000 square feet of that, too). As a leading manufacturer of steel aerosol cans, they needed a **location as innovative as the facility itself.** That means utility infrastructure, off-site detention and access to key transportation routes. West Chicago had it all, and with the DuPage Business Center’s ready-to-develop land, DS didn’t have to wait.

**THE PLACE WAS RIGHT. THE PEOPLE WERE READY. AND NOW, THE PROSPERITY IS HERE.**



## WE CHOOSE PROSPERITY...

### THE DUPAGE BUSINESS CENTER WILL HOST THE FUTURE OF COMMERCE IN DUPAGE.

Commercial enterprise drives the future of DuPage—and now, it has a new place to grow. Strategically located and built for modern business, the DuPage Business Center is ideal for operations of any size.

#### STRATEGIC LOCATION

The DuPage Business Center is located in West Chicago, 35 miles from the Chicago CBD and within a population base of more than 1 million people.

#### PARK FEATURES

- | 800-acre campus
- | 5.5 million square feet (upon total build-out)
- | All new communications and utility infrastructure
- | 10 GB bandwidth, scalable to 100 GB
- | Engineered for bandwidth speed, redundancy and survivability
- | Fully improved sites with off-site detention
- | Flexible lot lines
- | Stunning site aesthetics, roadways and landscaping
- | Designed to support 99.999% up time
- | Environmentally sensitive design; LEED certified buildings available
- | 'Rapid Response Team' to address technology and network requirements

#### USER / LOCATION BENEFITS

- | Ideal for local, regional, national and international operations and headquarters
- | Flexibility in facility design and layout with customized land sites available
- | Low DuPage County taxes and operating costs
- | Multi-level security for operations and employees
- | Strong DuPage County labor demographics
- | Close proximity to hotels, dining, shopping, golf and recreation
- | Abundant executive and affordable housing available within minutes
- | Adjacent to key transportation routes and public transportation
- | Nearby DuPage Airport supports corporate travel (7,570' runway)
- | New water sanitary treatment facility

#### THIS FIRST-CLASS BUSINESS CENTER IS ZONED TO ACCOMMODATE

- |                  |                        |
|------------------|------------------------|
| Manufacturing    | Research & Development |
| Distribution     | Data Centers           |
| Light Industrial | Medical Facilities     |
| Office           | Retail & Commercial    |

DUPAGE  
DETAIL

#37

#### THE WORLD IS RIGHT NEXT DOOR.

Adjacent to the DuPage Business Center, DuPage Airport offers full-service private and commercial transportation for both executives and cargo. The airport's on-site U.S. customs makes travel seamless for the global business market.

...FOR THE  
FUTURE  
OF DUPAGE.

ACCESS THE  
OPPORTUNITY

127 SQUARE MILES  
OF UNTAPPED  
POTENTIAL

65,000  
NEW JOBS BY 2040

200  
NON-STOP GLOBAL  
DESTINATIONS ACCESSIBLE  
FROM O'HARE

1,400  
DAILY DEPARTURES FROM  
O'HARE TO DESTINATIONS  
WORLDWIDE



DUPAGE  
DETAIL  
#36

A FLIGHT ACROSS THE WORLD  
IS A SHORT DRIVE AWAY.

With more than 1,400 daily departures from one of the nation's largest international airports, DuPage businesses have direct access to over 200 global cities.

**THE WESTERN ACCESS O'HARE PROJECT  
WILL CHANGE THE WAY BUSINESS MOVES,  
AT A GLOBAL SCALE.**

This project will create unprecedented access to O'Hare International Airport, the nation's busiest transportation hub, from the west. The area surrounding the project will become a prime location for businesses looking to take advantage of transportation gateways to the rest of the world.

**WE'RE BUILDING A ROAD TO OPPORTUNITY.**

The Western Access O'Hare project begins with an addition of nearly 50 expressway lane miles through the conversion of Thorndale Avenue into a limited-access, four-lane highway, creating an extension to the Elgin-O'Hare Expressway. With this extension, a bypass or ring road will be created to connect I-90 and I-294.

# CHOOSE DUPAGE IS A COMMUNITY OF PRIVATE- AND PUBLIC-SECTOR LEADERS.

## CHOOSE DUPAGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Adventist Glen Oaks Hospital  
 Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital  
 Argonne National Laboratory  
 AT&T  
 Ball Horticultural Company  
 Benedictine University  
 BKD, LLP  
 BMO Harris Bank N.A.  
 Calamos Investments  
 CBIZ Benefits & Insurance Services  
 CBRE, Inc.  
 CCS International, Inc.  
 Centerpoint Properties  
 Christopher B. Burke Engineering LTD.  
 Comcast Business  
 ComEd  
 Construction Industry Service Corporation (CISCO)  
 Crowe Horwath  
 Dugan & Lopatka  
 DuPage Convention & Visitors Bureau  
 DuPage County Board  
 DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference  
 DuPage Regional Office of Education  
 DuPage Workforce Board  
 Edward Hospital  
 Elmhurst Memorial Healthcare  
 Grant Thornton  
 Hamilton Partners  
 Heartland Business Systems  
 Ice Miller, LLP

JLL  
 JP Morgan Chase  
 MACLYN  
 Marquette Companies  
 Mesirow Financial  
 Molex  
 NAI Hiffman  
 Navistar International Corporation  
 Nicor Gas  
 Northern Illinois University  
 Northwestern Memorial HealthCare  
 Nyberg & Cassioppi  
 Pace  
 PNC Bank  
 Primera Engineers, Ltd.  
 Rathje & Woodward, LLC  
 Shorr Packaging Corp.  
 US Bank  
 Wight & Company  
 Wintrust Financial Corporation

## PARTNERS

PowerForward DuPage  
 Rosanova & Whitaker, Ltd.  
 Royce Realty & Management Corp.

## MEMBER EMERITUS

Lorenz Hartwig | Founding Member

Board Members through July 2016

## CHOOSE DUPAGE BOARD COMMITTEES

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Board of Director's Executive Committee creates the organization's annual work plan and budget, while making choices that foster the success of DuPage County.

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee oversees all financial reporting, annual budgeting and financial policy matters. This includes making recommendations to the Board of Directors to assure fiscal soundness and financial compliance to 501(c)6 standards.

### LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

While promoting positive economic outcomes, the Legislative Committee informs and educates our stakeholders on issues relevant to economic development in DuPage County.

### MARKETING COMMITTEE

With creative and effective approaches, the Marketing Committee promotes DuPage County's advantages to the economic development & business community.

## DUPAGE COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS

### DISTRICT 1

Paul Fichtner  
 Donald Puchalski  
 Sam Tornatore

### DISTRICT 3

John Curran  
 Gary Grasso  
 Brian Krajewski

### DISTRICT 5

James Healy  
 Tonia Khouri  
 Tony Michelassi

### DISTRICT 2

Elizabeth Chaplin  
 Peter "Pete" DiCianni  
 Sean Noonan

### DISTRICT 4

Grant Eckhoff  
 Amy Grant  
 Karyn Romano

### DISTRICT 6

Robert Larsen  
 Kevin Wiley  
 James Zay

# IN DUPAGE, YOU'LL FIND THE ADVANTAGE IN EVERY DETAIL.

ADDISON  
AURORA  
BARTLETT  
BATAVIA  
BENSENVILLE  
BLOOMINGDALE  
BOLINGBROOK  
BURR RIDGE  
CAROL STREAM  
CLARENDON HILLS  
DARIEN  
DOWNERS GROVE  
ELK GROVE VILLAGE

ELMHURST  
GLENDALE HEIGHTS  
GLEN ELLYN  
HANOVER PARK  
HINSDALE  
ITASCA  
LEMONT  
LISLE  
LOMBARD  
NAPERVILLE  
OAK BROOK  
OAKBROOK TERRACE  
ROSELLE

SCHAUMBURG  
ST. CHARLES  
VILLA PARK  
WARRENVILLE  
WAYNE  
WEST CHICAGO  
WESTMONT  
WHEATON  
WILLOWBROOK  
WINFIELD  
WOOD DALE  
WOODRIDGE



DUPAGE  
DETAIL

#3

HAPPINESS IS A WALK IN THE ARBORETUM.

Residents from around DuPage County visit Lisle's Morton Arboretum. With 17 miles of trails winding past the world's most beautiful trees, it's the perfect spot for a hike any time of year.

# DUPAGE COUNTY.

THE PROVEN AND  
PREMIER GLOBAL  
BUSINESS LOCATION.



DUPAGE  
DETAIL #22

WORLD-CLASS INNOVATION  
IS A LOCAL TRADITION.

With a multidisciplinary “dream-team” of science & engineering experts, Argonne National Laboratory and Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory are addressing global challenges right here in DuPage.



Photo: Argonne National Laboratory