

Lockport

...AT A GLANCE

2017



Working Together

The City recognizes the importance of “working together” to make your business decision become a reality. We offer a **BUSINESS-FRIENDLY** City Council focused on economic development opportunities, an efficient and **STREAMLINED** development review process and most importantly provide **LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION.**



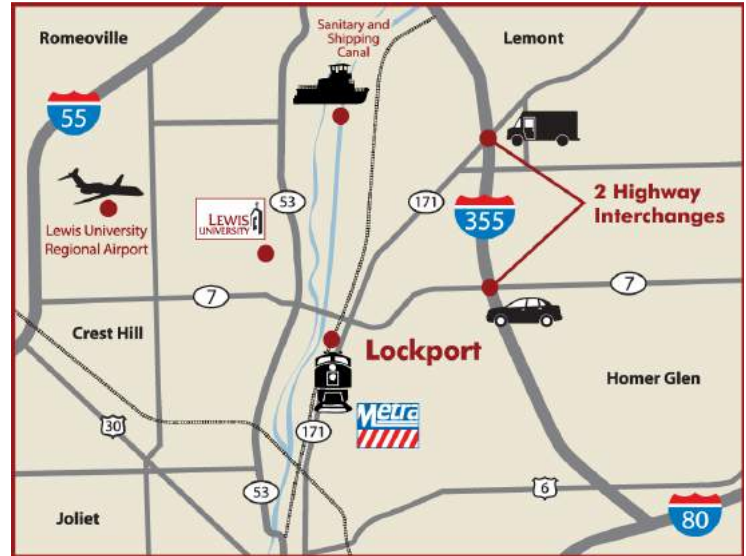
The City of Lockport is aggressively seeking **QUALITY DINING ESTABLISHMENTS, RETAILERS AND SERVICES** to locate within our community. Given Lockport’s location along the I-355 corridor, multiple sites are available throughout the area, many of which are readily accessible from interchanges located at 159th Street (IL Route 7) and Archer Avenue (IL Route 171)/143rd Street. The City is willing to offer an **ECONOMIC INCENTIVE** depending on the selected site and type of business through tax sharing, tax increment financing (TIF) in our downtown, façade grants and other business assistance. Lockport recently established a Fire Sprinkler & Fire Alarm System Installation Assistance Program to promote public safety by enhancing the protection of buildings constructed prior to 2003.

Accessibility

Only **35 miles from Chicago**, Lockport is easily accessible via rail, highway and air transportation.

- **Multiple interchanges on I-355** (143rd Street/Archer Ave (IL Route 171) & 159th Street (IL Route 7) – **Retail Trade Area includes both interchanges**
- **Metra Heritage Corridor Commuter Rail Line** –Lockport’s connection to Chicago
- **Lewis Regional Airport** within minutes of Lockport, equipped to accommodate commuter planes
- **PACE** Bus Routes 832 and 834 – connecting Lockport to Joliet, Downers Grove and Orland Park

Having a variety of transportation options into the City, makes it convenient for customers, employees, and visitors to make your business in Lockport a destination!



Average Daily Traffic Volumes

Source: IDOT

Location	Traffic Volume
I-355 near 159th Street	64,850
159th Street between I-355 and Farrell Road	15,400
Farrell Road south of 159th Street	12,300
Farrell Road north of 159th Street	5,500
9th Street (159th Street/IL Route 7) near State Street (IL Route 171)	23,900
I-355 near Archer Avenue	69,600
Archer Avenue (IL Route 171) between I-355 and 143rd Street	11,900
Archer Avenue (IL Route 171) between I-355 and 151st Street	28,500

Major Area Employers

Employers	Number of Employees	Location
Silver Cross Hospital, New Lenox	1,800	I-355/Route 6
Lewis University, Romeoville	600	IL Route 53/North of IL Route 7
Citgo Refinery, Lemont	500	135th Street & New Avenue
Lockport Township High School, Lockport	480	SWC Division Street/Farrell Rd
Wal-Mart, Lockport	365	NEC Farrell Road/163rd Street
Julian Electric, Inc., Lockport	320	Heritage Crossing Corporate Center (I-355/Gougar Road)
Panduit Corporation, Lockport	167	North side 163rd Street/East of Farrell Road
RJW Logistics, Lockport	150	Heritage Crossing Corporate Center (I-355/Gougar Road)
Magenta Plastics, Lockport	100	New Avenue/South of 135th Street
Great Lakes Wholesale, Lockport	60	355 Corporate Center (I-355/163rd Street)
LG Electronics, Lockport	40	Heritage Crossing Corporate Center (I-355/Gougar Road)
UPS, Lockport*	TBA	355 Corporate Center (I-355/163rd Street)

*under review

Residential Permits / Number of Units

Type of Units	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Single Family Detached	36	25	34	29	49	30	68
Single Family Attached	0	0	0	0	3	5	14
Multiple Family	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Permits Per Year	36	25	34	29	52	35	82
Total Number of Housing Units Per year	36	25	34	29	59	42	116
Estimated year End Population	24,939	25,009	25,104	25,189	25,338	25,459	25,784



Courtesy of MC Custom Homes, Inc

As the economy continues to improve and with non-residential projects now under construction, Lockport is experiencing renewed interest in the residential housing market. The 2016 total housing permits issued more than doubled from the previous year's and total number of housing units were comparable to 2007's figure. There has been an influx of inquiries regarding undeveloped but entitled residential properties for new single family homes, townhomes and apartments. Current entitlements of undeveloped properties account for more than 1,800 new residential units. Two high-end, luxury apartment projects, totally 500+ units, are anticipated to start construction sometime before the end of the year. It's an exciting prospect at the number of new residents who will soon be calling Lockport home!

Industrial Growth

With Lockport being strategically located between I-55 and I-80 along the I-355 corridor, the City is well-positioned for industrial opportunities. Current entitlements create a build-out potential of more than 10 million square feet of industrial/business park development. Over the past year, Lockport has experienced tremendous growth. The Heritage Crossing Corporate Center now has five fully occupied buildings, three buildings under construction and only two sites remaining. Businesses include RJW Logistics, LG Electronics, Julian Electric, hh Gregg, Chiquita, and Jasper Engines.

355 Corporate Center located at 163rd Street on the east side of I-355, has fully leased two buildings to UPS, Illinois Industrial Tool Works (dba as Great Lakes Wholesale) and DIK Distribution. A third building has been completed and waiting for a user. On the west side, Exeter Property Group has under construction 1.2 million square feet of industrial warehouse space.

Lockport recently approved a concept plan for the Prologis Industrial Business Park to be located at the southwest corner of 143rd Street and I-355. Construction is anticipated to start sometime in late Fall of this year. The City also continues to work closely with representatives on the industrial development potential of the former Chevron/Texaco property. Star Business Park provides opportunities for companies needing rail and barge transportation.



Courtesy of ML Realty Partners



Courtesy of Panattoni Development Company



Courtesy of Exeter Property Group

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A sense of **community pride** and **commitment** is strong in Lockport. As a historic town located along the Illinois & Michigan Canal, Lockport recognizes the importance of embracing our heritage and bringing it to life through rich cultural experiences such as Old Canal Days (a tradition for over 40 years), a weekly summer Farmer's Market & Car Show, and a variety of other City events including a Summer Arts Series.