

The York County Department of Economic & Tourism Development (ETD) addresses the needs of existing businesses while attracting new business and industry to the County. Our staff is always available to assist you and provides all services at no charge.



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BUSINESS SERVICES

Cultivating a Strong & Sustainable Business Community



A RISING TIDE LIFTS ALL BOATS

ATTRACTING NEW BUSINESSES

In attracting new commercial enterprises to the County, the ETD:

- Prepares customized proposals
- Identifies unique real estate and business partnering opportunities
- Furnishes information about local, state and federal assistance
- Helps businesses with workforce training and development needs

SUPPORTING EXISTING BUSINESSES

The majority of commercial growth comes from existing industry. ETD staff conducts industry visits, as well as a biennial Business Retention Survey, to help gauge the current business climate in the County. Among its many services to existing businesses, the ETD:

- Assists with local, state and federal permitting and regulatory requirements
- Offers grant and incentive programs
- Provides current demographic, consumer spending and traffic data
- Helps with workforce training and development
- Offers networking opportunities and educational workshops

CULTIVATING AN ENTREPRENEURIAL ENVIRONMENT

To build innovative new business development in York County, the ETD:

- Partners with local businesses on education and training initiatives
- Ensures that licensing/permitting procedures are business-friendly
- Provides new business networking, grant and scholarship opportunities
- Recommends changes in legislation aimed at improving the business environment

ENCOURAGING PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT

Working with businesses and developers on infrastructure improvements, the ETD:

- Develops and expands commercial properties
- Acquires and develops surplus or underutilized public properties
- Procures property for future industrial/commercial development

STARTING OR EXPANDING YOUR BUSINESS?

For business assistance, visit YesYorkCounty.com

- Starting a Business Brochure
- Business Signage Brochure
- Commercial Development Guide
- Grand Opening Guide and Ribbon Cutting Assistance
- Launchpad: Greater Williamsburg Business Incubator
- E-Commerce Grant Program
- Home-Based Business Transition Grant Program
- Google Street View for Business Program
- Business Growth Grant Program
- Commercial Corridor Improvement Grant
- Development Incentives
- Demolition Grant Program

