



ANNUAL REPORT



DEAR COLLEAGUES AND FRIENDS:

This past year represented another encouraging chapter in economic development for Richland County, and I am honored to present to you our 2022 Economic Development Annual Report.

Throughout 2022, we worked tirelessly to support and promote opportunities for businesses and industries in our own backyard and from around the world to grow in our community. Our efforts led to a number of exciting announcements and established relationships for potential future partnerships. We collaborated with some of our outstanding local businesses to help them expand and create new jobs, and we have also recruited promising new companies to our county.

Thanks to the hard work of many members of our community, Richland County is now poised to continue its track record of success. Along with a supportive business development network, the county offers an array of attractive attributes to prospective businesses, including a young, vibrant and well-educated workforce, proximity and connectivity to key strategic hubs, smart investments in infrastructure, and a competitive cost of living.

At the Richland County Economic Development Office, it is our privilege to help businesses take advantage of these tremendous assets, spurring the growth that continues to make our county and surrounding Columbia region such a great place to live and work.

Thank you for your support and for joining us in celebrating our achievements!



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jeff Ruble". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

Jeff Ruble

Director,
Richland County Economic
Development Office



MISSION

To advance Richland County's competitiveness by building a dynamic, diverse economy and increasing economic prosperity for all residents.

VISION

Richland County will build on its strong economic base and considerable assets to emerge as a global center for innovative businesses, technologies, and people.

HIGHLIGHTS



\$287M

investments in
2022

\$2.6B

investments since
RCEDO's founding
in 2011



647

jobs created

10,105

jobs created
since 2011



560,600

square feet of new
spec buildings

2,000

total acreage
under control by
Richland County



PROJECTS

THE RITEDOSE CORP.

A pharmaceutical manufacturer will grow operations with an expanded and renovated facility at Carolina Research Park. For over 25 years, The Ritedose Corp. has been an industry leader in the aseptic production of sterile, single-dose medication, serving the contract development manufacturing, generics and 503B outsourcing markets.

\$81 MILLION | 94 JOBS



PALMETTO MILLWORKS OF THE CAROLINAS

A locally owned and operated polyvinyl chloride (PVC) column manufacturer will relocate existing Richland County operations to Lightwood Industrial Park and Farrow Road to raise capacity and meet increased demand. In the process of the relocation, Palmetto Millworks will jump-start a new 113-acre business park.

\$5.5 MILLION | 47 JOBS



CITY ROOTS

A family-owned urban farm and agribusiness destination will expand to a new 90-acre site, allowing the company to create a microgreen-integrated production facility. The operation will include a state-of-the-art greenhouse structure, which will be open for agricultural tours and workshops for new and beginning farmers, and a solar farm that will provide energy for the facility's needs.

\$4.4 MILLION | 60 JOBS



LASERFORM & MACHINE

A metal fabrication and machine shop that's called Richland County home for nearly 30 years will bolster production capabilities at its Columbia manufacturing facility.

\$5 MILLION | 51 JOBS



OWEN STEEL CO.

A home-grown structural steel fabricator and contractor continues to expand its operations. Founded in 1936 in Richland County, Owen Steel has built many landmark projects in the region and the eastern United States.

\$3 MILLION | 22 JOBS

PUREPOWER

A diesel fuel injection system supplier plans to build production capacity and improve efficiency at the company's Blythwood facility, with more to come. A wholly owned subsidiary of Stanadyne, PurePower operates a 200,000-square-foot manufacturing and engineering facility at the Northpoint Industrial Park with more than 300 employees.

\$5.4 MILLION | 300 JOBS



SPECULATIVE BUILDINGS



CAROLINA PINES INDUSTRIAL PARK

This new Class A, tilt-up concrete speculative development building in Blythewood's rail-served Carolina Pines Industrial Park consists of approximately 210,600 square feet. It was completed in 2022.

The industrial park is home to Belk Distribution Center, Intertape Polymer Group, Husqvarna Outdoor Products, Patterson Logistics Services, Amcor Rigid Plastics and more.

PINEVIEW TRADE CENTER

Summit Real Estate Group is investing \$28.6 million toward development of a 350,000-square-foot speculative building in Columbia's Pineview Industrial Park

The Pineview Trade Center is being built on a 34-acre site at Bluff and Longwood Roads and is slated to be completed in Q3 2023.

The industrial park is already home to fiberglass manufacturer Jushi USA, Miwon Specialty Chemical USA Inc. and Mark Anthony Brewing.



Both of these sites are within a two-hour drive of all of South Carolina's biggest manufacturers, including BMW, Continental, Michelin, Honda, Boeing, Haier, Bridgestone, Giti and Mercedes Benz.

The construction of these state-of-the-art facilities will make it easier to place prospective companies with high job-producing potential right here in Richland County

GRAND OPENINGS



Photo: Columbia Regional Business Report

MARK ANTHONY BREWING

Mark Anthony Brewing officially cut the ribbon on one of the largest economic development projects in the history of Richland County in May, opening a new \$490 million, 1.3 million-square-foot brewery in the Pineview Industrial Park.

Now the 4th largest brewer in the United States, Mark Anthony is best known as the maker of the wildly popular White Claw Hard Seltzer, along with Mike's Hard Lemonade, Cayman Jack and other beverages. The new state-of-the-art production facility employs more than 300 people and required a breathtaking feat of construction, including 27 miles of stainless steel piping, 33 miles of steel roof framing and racks, 56 massive stainless steel tanks, and 126,000 tons of concrete.

MIWON SPECIALTY CHEMICAL

In April, Miwon Specialty Chemical USA Inc. opened a 65,000-square-foot manufacturing facility in Richland County, which represents the South Korea-based company's first U.S. manufacturing plant and 13th global location.

Located within the Pineview Industrial Park in Columbia, the company produces raw materials for inks, coatings, adhesives, photopolymer printing plates and dry film photoresists. These formulations are cured by an eco-friendly process with exposure to ultraviolet light. The materials are ultimately used in a variety of everyday products, from protective coatings on kitchen cabinets and furniture to wood floors, plastic coatings on flat-screen TVs, computers, mobile phones and plastic bottles. They are also used on a variety of paper coatings, from perfume boxes to dog food bags.



RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCILMEMBERS 2022

From left to right:

CHERYL ENGLISH

District 10

YVONNE MCBRIDE*

District 3

ALLISON TERRACIO

District 5

PAUL LIVINGSTON**

District 4

JOE WALKER III*

District 6

OVERTURE WALKER

District 8 – Chair

CHAKISSE NEWTON

District 11

JESICA MACKEY

District 9 – Vice Chair

BILL MALINOWSKI

District 1

GRETCHEN BARRON

District 7

DERREK PUGH

District 2



** Economic Development Committee chair

* Economic Development Committee members

WELCOME TO NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS JOINING IN 2023

JASON BRANHAM

District 1

DON WEAVER

District 6

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING
WITH YOU!**

ADMINISTRATION

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County Administrator

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Assistant County Administrator

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