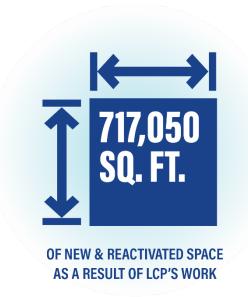
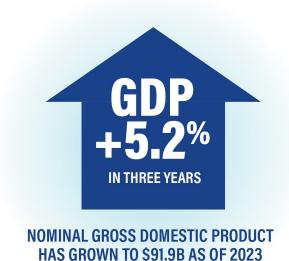


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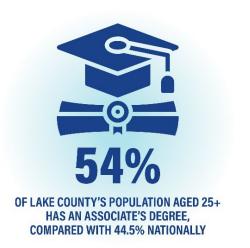












2024 INVESTMENTS

Manufacturing

- Thomas Foods International
- Peanut Butter Pig
- T5 Datacenters (Phase 1 & Phase 2)
- Polar Wire
- AZ Polymers (Phase 2 Expansion)
- Ymer (Phase 2 Expansion)
- **ZF** Industries
- Sysmex
- Helix International
- **Domeny Tool & Stamping**

Hospitality, Entertainment, Other

- Thakkar Entertainment Center
- Pizza Ranch
- Start Early Child Learning Center





























FIVE YEAR METRICS

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	
New Jobs	2,460	470	419	741	541	
Retained Jobs	3,520	127	112	512	667	
Direct Investment	\$144 M	\$125 M	\$202 M	\$610 M	\$251 M	

5-YR TOTAL

New Jobs 4,641 Retained Jobs 4,938 Direct Investment \$1.33 B



1St WIN of 2025

- "Fortune 500" company
- HQ expansion in Lake County (Deerfield)
- Consolidating regional HQ's of multiple brands under "one" roof
- 128 retained employees
- 872 new employees
- 350,000sf of new leased space
- \$62m capital investment













































2025 BUSINESS ATTRACTION & RETENTION

Business Retention:

- Continue targeted outreach via marketing, meetings and events
- Continue cross-connecting businesses with Workforce Ecosystem
- GCEP Work Plan & 2.0
 - Japan trip March 2025
 - Domestic attraction e.g. Boston
 - Select ★ CHI programs
 - Develop new 5-year plan and agreement



NEW FOR 2025

- Director of Strategic Initiatives
 - Will focus on CEDS initiatives like housing, college-going, career awareness, etc.
 - Full time



- Grant funded
- Part-time
- Focus on developing new private sector investment



EXPECT A FULL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The Big Event May 1st

Lincolnshire Marriott

• Investor Event September 11th

Independence Grove

Quarterly Municipal Series

Ribbon Cuttings & Groundbreakings





