

**AGENDA and NOTICE OF MEETING
CITY OF HIGHLAND
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

**HIGHLAND AREA SENIOR CENTER
187 Woodcrest Drive
January 4, 2023
12:00 P.M.**

Call to order/ Pledge of Allegiance: Chairman Jim Meridith

Approval of Minutes:

- A. Motion—Approve Minutes of the December 7, 2022 regular meeting of the Industrial Development Commission.

Reports:

- A. Treasurer’s Report—Jon Greve
- B. Updates on Developments and other City Projects—Staff
- C. Update on Highland Communication Services—Staff
- D. Update on Workforce Development Initiatives---Mallord Hubbard

New Business:

- A. 2022 Illinois Economic Development Report from Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO)
- B. Update on Madison County Flood Map

Next Meeting:

- A. Next meeting of the Industrial Development Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, February 1, 2023.

Adjournment



Anyone requiring accommodations, provided for in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), to attend this public meeting, please contact Breann Vazquez, ADA Coordinator, by 9:00 AM on Tuesday, January 3, 2023.



Open House Toolkit

Madison County, Illinois

January 2023



FEMA

1.2. NEWS RELEASE

Madison County Residents Invited to Flood Map Open Houses

Community residents can join two in-person meetings to review new flood maps with experts. They can also learn how to address their future flood risk and help protect life and property.

MADISON COUNTY, IL – Local, state and federal officials are working to reduce the impacts of severe weather and natural disasters. On January 18 and 19, 2023, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will hold two in-person Open House meetings to introduce Madison County residents to their updated flood maps.

FEMA, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, and Madison County community officials invite residents to join them at either Open House for any length of time. Residents can also see preliminary versions of the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report and the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) [here](#).

WHAT: IN PERSON Open House to Review New Flood Maps

WHEN: Jan. 18, 2023, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. CT

WHERE: Granite City Township Hall
2060 Delmar Avenue, Granite City, IL 62040

WHAT: IN PERSON Open House to Review New Flood Maps

WHEN: Jan. 19, 2023, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. CT

WHERE: Wood River Public Library
326 E. Ferguson Avenue, Wood River, IL 62095

There is no formal presentation at these events. Experts at the Open Houses will help residents understand flood risk and flood insurance. They can also explain floodplain development regulations and the mapping process. Residents can meet with experts one-on-one to look at their own addresses on the new maps. They will learn about their specific risk. They will also learn ways to help prevent flood loss.

Once in effect, the maps will inform flood insurance rates and local floodplain management rules adopted under the [National Flood Insurance Program](#). FEMA urges public officials to use the maps to help with planning and to prepare communities to quickly respond to and recover from future events.

1.8. TALKING POINTS FOR LOCAL OFFICIALS

OVERARCHING MESSAGES

In a changing world, our flood risk changes, too. It is up to all of us to know our risk and act to secure our future.

Updated maps give us more precise details about the flood risks where we live and work. They help us prepare for an unpredictable future.

Share this information with your friends and neighbors. Know your flood risk and have a plan before a flood or storm affects you.

There are resources to support you and your community. The [FEMA Flood Map Service Center](#) lets you look up flood risk by address at <https://msc.fema.gov/fmcv>. Call the FEMA Mapping and Insurance eXchange (FMIX) at (877) 336-2627 to get help or ask questions about your home. Enter your address to see the updated maps at <https://msc.fema.gov/fmcv>. If you cannot attend an Open House, call the FMIX. A map specialist can help answer your questions. You can also contact the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (DNR) at 217-782-6302.

MAPPING INFORMATION

[FEMA's Flood Map Service Center](#) is a great resource. It gives details about flood insurance, the Risk MAP program, mitigation actions, and other related information.

Enter your address to see the updated flood maps at <https://msc.fema.gov/fmcv>.

Map specialists at the FMIX are here to help. Reach out to them at (877) 336-2627 or FEMA-FMIX@fema.dhs.gov. You can also contact the Illinois DNR at 217-782-6302.

Wherever it rains, it can flood. If you feel your building is at risk of flooding, you can still buy flood insurance.

FLOOD INSURANCE

Flood zones are shown on a community's Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM); they show the flood risk for an area. They are used to determine insurance requirements and costs.

High-risk flood zones begin with the letters A or V. They face the highest risk of flooding. If you own a property in a high-risk zone and you have a federally backed mortgage, you must buy flood insurance as a condition of your loan.

Moderate- to low-risk flood zones are designated with the letters B, C and X. In these areas, the risk of being flooded is lower, but it is still there. One in three insurance claims come from moderate- to low-risk flood areas.

Most homeowners and renters insurance does not cover flood damage.

Flood insurance is available through the National Flood Insurance Program, a federally underwritten program. You can buy it through a licensed insurance agent. Learn more about flood insurance at [FloodSmart.gov](https://www.floodsmart.gov/).

It is still a good idea to [buy flood insurance](#), even when it is not required.

You can view Preliminary FIRMs at <https://msc.fema.gov/fmcy>. If you cannot attend an Open House, call the FMIX at (877) 336-2627. A map specialist can help answer your questions. You can also contact the Illinois DNR at 217-782-6302.

1.9. OPEN HOUSE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What changes will we see on the new Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM)?

Some buildings may be included in the high-risk area for the first time. This area is known as the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA).

However, some buildings may be removed from the SFHA.

- If the building is currently mapped in an SFHA, but is outside the SFHA on the new FIRM, flood insurance is no longer federally required. Flood insurance is still recommended for renters and homeowners outside the SFHA.
- Mortgage companies or lenders may still require you to buy flood insurance.

Can I view my home on the new preliminary FIRM before the Open House?

Yes. You can view an address on the preliminary map at <https://msc.fema.gov/fmcv>. Call the FEMA Mapping and Insurance eXchange (FMIX) at (877) 336-2627 to get details about your location. You can also contact the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (DNR) at 217-782-6302.

Who should attend the Flood Risk Open House?

Everyone should attend a Flood Risk Open House, especially if:

- Your property is currently mapped within an SFHA.
- Your property is newly mapped within an SFHA.
- You currently have flood insurance.
- You are not sure or want to learn more.

If you are unsure of your flood risk, you can look at the preliminary FIRM at <https://msc.fema.gov/fmcv>. You can also call the FMIX at (877) 336-2627. You can also contact the Illinois DNR at (317) 232-4160 or at (877) 928-3755 (toll-free).

What happens at the Flood Risk Open House?

Property owners can meet one-on-one with FEMA representatives. They will explain the preliminary FIRM updates. They can also answer questions about flood insurance.

Do I have to stay at the Open House for the entire time?

No. You can drop in any time between the hours listed. Plan to spend about an hour at the Open House to get the details you need.

The Open House is set up so you can move between information stations. You may choose which stations or experts to visit.

What should a homeowner bring to the Flood Risk Open House?

Bring an address to learn more about that property's flood risk. A current flood insurance policy or elevation certificate may provide more specific details about your flood insurance options.

Do I have to buy flood insurance?

Flood insurance rates are determined in part by the current effective FIRM.

- If the new preliminary FIRM shows your property in a high-risk flood area, and you have a mortgage through a government-backed lender:
 - You must buy flood insurance.
 - This happens once the preliminary FIRM goes into effect.
- There is time—updated maps are planned to go into effect in late 2023.
- Wherever it rains, it can flood. Buying flood insurance is a good idea for property owners and renters even in low-risk areas.

Can I buy insurance at the Open House?

No. Flood insurance is available through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), a federally underwritten program. You can buy an NFIP policy through any state-licensed property and casualty insurance agent. A specialized agent provides insurance options; they can help decide which is best for you. Find an agent at [FloodSmart.gov](https://www.floodsmart.gov).

Can I change the new maps?

You can formally appeal information that is on the new maps. The Open House is a great place to learn more about the appeal process. This includes how to file an appeal or comment. If you cannot attend the Open House, the DNR or your local floodplain manager's office are great places to find out more about comments or appeals. You can learn more about the process [here](#).

Illinois Celebrates 2022 Economic Development Milestones

Press Release - Wednesday, December 21, 2022

CHICAGO -Governor Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic (DCEO) today released the 2022 Illinois Economic Development Report. This report highlights a record year for economic development in key sectors, including investments in communities, support for small businesses, and assistance for Illinoisians in need.

"Since coming into office, my administration has prioritized economic opportunity and fiscal health at every turn and 2022 was a record-breaking year for progress," **said Governor JB Pritzker**. "We surpassed a \$1 trillion GDP, marked eighteen consecutive months of job growth, dispersed a record number of loans for small businesses, and earned multiple credit rating upgrades—all while seeing historic business creation and job growth."

"At the core of this incredible economic development is an amazing investment in people," **said Lt. Governor Juliana Stratton**. "From projects that create jobs to funding that supports services to grants that keep local businesses open, Illinois is enhancing the quality of life for residents in every community. Our administration will continue to prioritize policies, projects, and pathways of economic development that put families first."

"2022 was a record-breaking year for economic development in Illinois, from record state support for small businesses, to private companies committing to invest more than \$1 billion in Illinois communities through our signature incentive program," **said DCEO Director Sylvia I. Garcia**. "Under Governor Pritzker's leadership, Illinois has received notable company investments while providing record support for Illinois communities. Illinois is the best state to live, work and do business and looking ahead to 2023, DCEO is excited to build upon this progress by continuing to strengthen our communities while bolstering our business climate."

2022 Illinois Economic Development Report




 **300,000**
ILLINOISIANS
Helped with Utility Bills

ILLINOIS HITS
1 TRILLION
GDP

\$106M 
*Largest-ever RBI Investment
in Community Revitalization*

ADVANTAGE IL
 *Record Number
of Loans Provided
to Small Businesses*

6 *Credit
Rating
Upgrades* 

**RECORD BREAKING
FILM REVENUE**
\$70M *increase
since 2019* 
2021 **\$630M**
2020 **\$362M**
2019 **\$560M**

200K

**RECORD NUMBER OF
NEW BUSINESSES**

EDGE
**Companies
Invest \$1B**
*INVESTMENTS NEARLY
TRIPLED SINCE 2019*

 **NATIONAL
SPOTLIGHT
ON ILLINOIS
TOURISM**

 **18**
*consecutive
months
of job growth*

From 2019-2022, Private Investments Incentivized through EDGE Agreements Nearly Tripled to \$1 Billion with New Jobs Increasing Nearly 60 Percent

In 2022, **companies' capital investments through EDGE agreements nearly tripled from 2019 pre-pandemic levels, from \$348 million in 2019 to \$1 billion in 2022.** During that same period, the number of new jobs created by EDGE jumped nearly 60 percent, from 1,667 to 2,639. The Illinois Economic Development for a Growing Economy (EDGE) program is Illinois' premier business attraction initiative designed to support job creators locating or expanding in Illinois. Major agreements from 2022 include [Ferrero](#), which is building the first-ever Kinder Bueno production facility in the U.S. and the first outside of Europe; [Tyson Foods](#) which is expanding its Caseyville facility and creating more than 200 new jobs; and pending federal regulatory approval, two joint ventures between [ADM and LG Chem](#) that will manufacture ingredients for plant-based products.

In addition to EDGE agreements, in 2022, large companies across industries announced major investments in Illinois, including Kellogg's [announcement](#) that it will move its most profitable snack division headquarters to Chicago from Michigan; [Google's decision to expand](#) its already robust Chicago footprint with the \$105 million purchase of the Thompson Center; Prime Data Centers' new [\\$1 Billion Elk Grove Village facility](#); and the [Double Black Diamond Solar Project](#) in

Sangamon and Morgan counties, which will be one of the largest solar projects in the state; and much more.

Illinois Surpassed \$1 Trillion GDP

In 2022, Illinois [reached a critical milestone](#) by surpassing \$1 trillion Gross Domestic Product (GDP) for the first time in the state's history. Illinois is one of only five states in the nation to reach this achievement.

November 2022 Marked 18 Consecutive Months of Job Growth in Illinois

[Announced in December 2022](#), Illinois reached a key milestone: a year and a half of consecutive job growth, adding 791,000 jobs during that time period. In November 2022, Illinois private-sector employment (5,317,100) surpassed its pre-pandemic peak from February 2020 (5,315,500), signaling a full employment recovery, **and an all-time high number for private-sector employment in Illinois**. Additionally, through week ending November 26, Illinois has experienced 30 consecutive weeks below the previously recorded 70,000 claims threshold of record low unemployment insurance claims.

Illinois Earned Six Credit Rating Upgrades in the Last 18 Months

After nearly two decades of steady downgrades, **Illinois earned six credit rating upgrades in the last 18 months**. These positive developments come after the state suffered eight credit rating downgrades in the years 2015 to 2017, with the credit rating hovering just above junk status.

Record Number of New Businesses Created

Based on data released in early 2022, Illinois set a [new record](#), creating nearly 200,000 new businesses in 2021. In fact, **Illinois added 69 percent more business startups in 2021 compared to pre-pandemic levels in 2019**.

Record Number of Loans for Small Businesses Through the Advantage Illinois Program

Through the Advantage Illinois (AI) program, Illinois issued a record 95 low-interest loans totaling \$20.7 million to small businesses - nearly double the number of loans issued in 2021 and the most loans issued in a year since the program's inception in 2012. **Additionally, a record 71 percent of all AI loans were provided to businesses owned by people of color, veterans, people with disabilities and women**. In 2023, DCEO will [greatly expand small business support](#) thanks to \$350 million in funding as part of the State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI) administered by the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

Illinois Shattered Pre-Pandemic Film Revenue Record

This year, Illinois announced record-high film revenue of \$630 million for 2021 - **\$70 million more than pre-pandemic levels in 2019**. In order to build upon the state's reputation as a national destination for film and TV production, in 2022 the state expanded the Illinois Film Production Tax Credit and launched the Film and TV Workforce Training Program, which is designed to increase diversity in Illinois' film industry.

The 2022 inaugural year of the Film and TV Workforce Training Program included more than 70 percent students of color, and 80 percent of the program's participants obtained paid positions on productions after graduation.

National Recognition for Illinois Tourism

With millions of visitors spending billions of dollars in Illinois each year, tourism is a critical part of the Illinois economy. In 2022, Illinois made national headlines as a top global travel destination. This includes CNN who [ranked Southern Illinois among the most underrated travel destinations in the country](#); WalletHub who named Illinois among the [top five most fun states](#) in the U.S.; [Condé Nast Traveler](#) readers who ranked Chicago the best big city in the U.S. for the sixth consecutive year; [Time Out](#) who named Chicago the second best big city in the world; [Travel + Leisure](#) who profiled Rockford's small businesses and the women leading the way; and much more.

Illinois' groundbreaking 'Middle of Everything' campaign and the Illinois Made Campaign also won two [U.S. Travel Association Mercury Awards](#) for excellence and creative accomplishment in destination marketing and promotion. According to the latest available data, 97.1 million visitors spent more than \$32 billion across the State's economy in 2021.

More than 302,000 Illinoisans Receive Utility Bill Support

For program year 2022 (September 2021-May 2022), the State of Illinois provided a record level of energy bill assistance to 302,000 households through the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). As of December 2022, 200,000 families have signed up for LIHEAP since the program opened again in September 2022. DCEO is accepting applications through June 2023 or until program funds are exhausted; families are encouraged to visit www.helpillinoisfamilies.com to [apply](#).

Largest-Ever Rebuild Illinois (RBI) Investment for Community Revitalization

This summer, Illinois awarded the largest-ever Rebuild Illinois investment focused on community revitalization through the Rebuild Illinois Downtowns and Main Streets Capital Program. Through the program, ***\$106 million was awarded to revitalize 50 commercial corridors and main streets throughout Illinois.***

In 2022, DCEO made additional capital investments including [\\$50 million](#) for essential infrastructure programs through the Rebuild Illinois Public Infrastructure (RIPI) Capital Program; [\\$23.5 million](#) in infrastructure and housing rehabilitation grants through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program; and [\\$30 million](#) in capital funding to Lake County for storm water and flooding management.

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Press Releases

- [ICC Initiates Formal Investigation into 2nd Draft Renewable Energy Access Plan](#)

Thursday, December 29