

BC BROADCAST

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BCDA MOVING AHEAD WITH PHASE II OF BUSINESS PARK II, Adding to the portfolio of attractive, available KOZ sites



BCBP II Construction

When it comes to success in the competitive environment of economic development, having pad-ready sites available is a powerful tool. The Bedford County Development Association is well aware of this fact. That is one of the important reasons that it is moving ahead with the development of Business Park II.

The project, which includes engineering, design, permitting and earthwork on 80 acres in the park, will cost \$2.4 million.

BCDA recognizes the importance of staying ahead of the demand for sites that can quickly accommodate the facility needs of companies seeking to locate or expand in Bedford County.

“We are doing everything we can to make this property available to the market,” said Travis Collins, Chair of the BCDA Board of Directors. “This site will add great value to a future employer, or a local company seeking to grow. The current project will eliminate months in site preparation and insure that there are no surprises during site development.”

Collins also pointed out that the site under development is located within a Keystone Opportunity Zone, a program that provides attractive tax incentives for employers including no property taxes for ten years.

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Travis Collins Board Chair, BCDA



Aerial view of BCBP II with REI Distribution Center in the background

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"We are going to make this Business Park as user friendly as possible," said Collins.

Glenn O. Hawbaker of State College was awarded the project contract, which includes the moving of approximately 490,000 cubic yards of earth.

H.F. Lenz Company has completed the geotechnical engineering design, final design and will monitor the site throughout the completion of the project.

Students from the Bedford County Technical Center tour Business Park II Worksite



ROCKLAND'S SAM PRATT ADDRESSES BCDA ANNUAL MEETING

For more than three decades, Rockland Manufacturing has been an important contributor to the economic development of Bedford County. Its leader, Sam Pratt, CEO, has been an active business leader and contributor to the quality of life in the region. Rockland is a manufacturer of heavy construction equipment.

It is fitting, then, that Sam Pratt would be selected to deliver the keynote address at the BCDA Annual Meeting held at the renowned Omni Bedford Springs Resort.

With his usual flair, Pratt regaled the gathering with the story of how his company came to choose Bedford County as its home. He offered important insights into the process of site selection.

While there are many reasons Rockland chose Bedford County, an important factor was the quality of the regional workforce.

"We were welcomed and we were blessed to end up with such an excellent workforce," Pratt said. "I really liked what I saw in Pennsylvania."



Sam Pratt with his sons Bill Pratt, Marketing Director and Bo Pratt, President of Operations, Rockland Manufacturing.

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