

BRIGHTWATER BUSINESS PARK MASTER PLAN GETS

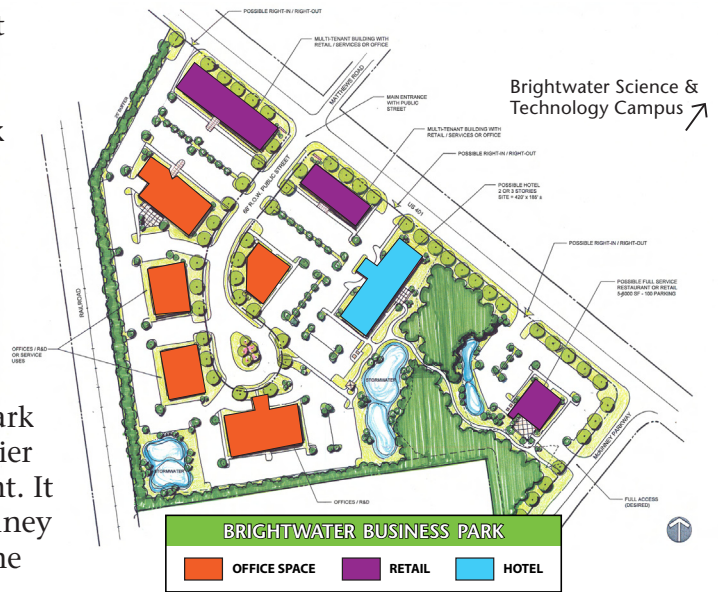
Thumbs Up!



Preparations for the new Brightwater Business Park, on U.S. Hwy. 401 in Lillington, are underway following the recent completion and approval of its master plan (see drawing). HFTC is overseeing development of this 19-acre tract to complement the offerings of the Brightwater Science and Technology Campus located just across the street. This new business park will support a wide variety of economic endeavors, including:

- ❖ state-of-the-art medical facilities, other businesses, services, and offices
- ❖ companies needing research and development
- ❖ chain restaurants, retail stores, and hotel chains

The land on which this new Brightwater Business Park is located was deeded to HFTC from the county earlier this year for the purpose of commercial development. It covers the large area from the intersection of McKinney Parkway and U.S. Hwy. 401 and extends nearly to the railroad tracks.



Brightwater Campus Receives Millions in Funding

HFTC, in collaboration with Harnett County and the East Central Water and Sewer District, has obtained \$2.15 million in state and federal funds to construct water, sewer, and roads at the new Brightwater Science and Technology Campus in Lillington.

The North Carolina Rural Center and the Golden Leaf Foundation will provide funds of \$800,000 and \$350,000, respectively, for the construction of water and

sewer to the hospital site. The U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration will provide \$1,000,000 for the construction of water, sewer, and roads.



Esterline Wins \$46.5 Million Contract

Lillington's Armtec Defense Products Company, a division of Esterline Technologies, has been awarded a contract with the U.S. Navy that will bring new work for its employees for the next

five years.

Work will take place in Lillington for the Naval Inventory Control Point in Mechanicsburg, PA. The \$46,540,500 five-year contract is for the manufacture of chaff, which helps military planes to avoid detection by radar. Work on the contract will run through the end of 2014.

While the contract will not add new jobs, it will provide an economic boost for the area by keeping workers employed and enhancing the company's current offerings.

MEET THE BOARD : Frank Lewis

Chairman of the Brightwater Board and Lillington native Frank Lewis, III's experience in our state's government spans an impressive 33 years. He worked at the NC Justice Academy in Salemburg and later for Secretary of State Elaine Marshall, finishing his professional career with five years in the Office of State Budget and Management. Now retired, he currently serves as chairman of the Lillington Planning Board in addition to his Brightwater duties.



communities I've lived in. The Brightwater Board will really push Harnett County and move us forward." Short term, he says, the board's goals are to get water, sewer, and roads into the property to prepare it for sale and the opening of a hospital in the property's center.

Lewis and his wife, Betty, still live in Lillington. The Lewises have a daughter, Lacey, with two energetic tikes named C.J. and Maleigh, and a son, Norman. Lewis enjoys golfing, reading, visiting the coast in Morehead City, and, of course, keeping up with his grandkids.

Lewis says, "I've always had great interest in promoting Harnett County and supporting the



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Mixed Beverage Referendum Passes in Barbecue and Anderson Creek

In July, residents in the townships of Barbecue and Anderson Creek voted to grant restaurants and other businesses the privilege of selling mixed alcoholic beverages. County Commissioners called for the election earlier this year at the urging of HFTC and developers in the Anderson Creek area. Lillington, Angier, Erwin, and Dunn have already passed similar referendums.



The Research Triangle Regional Partnership (RTRP) has named Lee Anne Nance its new Senior Vice President. Harnett County has benefited from Lee Anne's

service to the county's Economic Development Commission since 2001. Harnett County is one of the 13 counties in the partnership.

We extend her best wishes!



★ The 2009-2010 HFTC Membership Drive is upon us! Members, please inspire other forward-thinkers to join. For more information, contact HFTC at 910.893.7524 or email info@harnettforward.org.

- ★ HFTC is proud to announce that the first of two all-brick spec buildings at its **Western Harnett Industrial Park (WHIP)** has reached completion.
- ★ HFTC recently made a contribution of \$2,500 to the **Harnett County Business Education Partnership (HCBEP)** to support K-12 initiatives to better prepare our future workforce.
- ★ The upcoming **2010 U.S. Census** will stimulate business in both the short and the long term by creating jobs, determining placement of new services and facilities, and more. When Census workers make contact, encourage your employees to participate.
- ★ Pentair, the pool and spa distributor operating out of the former **Swift-Denim weave plant in Erwin, owned by HFTC**, has extended its lease to December 31, 2009, rather than vacating the space in August, as announced previously.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: This year's Industry Appreciation Day Event will take place on Thursday, October 22.

