

County's Economic Office Moving To Historic Chamber of Commerce Building

Continuing Hunterdon County's process of advancing economic development operations towards a public private partnership, the Freeholder Board approved moving the Division of Economic Development offices to the Chamber of Commerce's historic Reading-Large House, at 119 Main St, in Flemington, at no rent cost to the County.

Freeholder Board Director Matt Holt stated, "From its inception the plan for economic development is to become a public private partnership. Having the County's office located in the Chamber building, at no cost to the County, sends a strong message to the business community that the Chamber and the County are unified in our efforts."

Freeholder Board Deputy Director Suzanne Lagay, the Board's liaison for Economic Development, pointed out, "The proximity with the Chamber allows the economic development initiative to work more efficiently with a prime project partner. We expect it will improve communication, aid in planning, and provide a single contact venue for the business community."

Freeholder John E. Lanza added, "In recognition of the County's significant investment of historic preservation funds in support of the rehabilitation of the Reading-Large House, and the importance of mutual cooperation in achieving economic development goals, the Chamber has agreed to charging no rent for the space, for which the Freeholder Board is most appreciative."

Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce President Chris Phelan said, "The Chamber of Commerce and Foundation are looking forward to having the County's Economic Development office move into the Chamber's headquarters and future home of the Center for Business, which is currently in construction. The collaboration with the County of Hunterdon strengthens our Business Community, with a goal of a vibrant economy that benefits all who work, live and visit our region."

The Hunterdon County Economic Development office is presently located in Building #1 at the County Complex on Route 12 in Raritan. The office re-location will be completed by September.