



The daylight may be getting shorter, but our great work continues. MBCIA is eager to update our stakeholders and community partners about the exciting things that are happening. Read about our announcements in our latest blogs below.

- [MBCIA 101: How We Work](#)
- [YKK AP America Expands](#)
- [Two Industrial Sites in Bibb County Earn Georgia Ready for Accelerated Development – Select Certification](#)
- [Agile Cold Storage Announcement](#)
- [Macon Bacon Announces New Green Initiative with Irving Tissue](#)



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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

September was a month of preparation and collaboration at MBCIA! With many project announcements, prospect meetings and multiple groundbreakings on the horizon, we are truly seeing the effects of our community coming together and #MaconOpportunities!

This month Executive Director, Stephen Adams, also had the opportunity to attend the Georgia Economic Developers Association (GEDA) Annual Conference that took place in Savannah, Georgia. "Welcome to the Future" was the theme of the conference; tools and information were shared that will prepare us for the future of industry here in Macon!

EXISTING INDUSTRY MANAGER REPORT

MBCIA is constantly working to ensure our existing industries are well plugged into the happenings in our community. One of our efforts to do so is to maintain relationships with community partners like the Bibb County School District. This month Eleyce Coleman, Existing Industry Manager, coordinated a meeting between MBCIA and Superintendent, Bibb County School System, Dr. Dan A. Sims.

Throughout the month, Eleyce works to aid industries through any need or request.

While helping industries this month with requests such as hiring and utility needs, she learned an industry fun fact. L.H. Thomson has biking trails around their facility! Stay tuned to our social media for more information!



PROJECT MANAGER REPORT

Project Manager, Gary Willson is hard at work preparing for the nearing groundbreakings for [Fine Fettle](#), [Agile Cold Storage](#), and [YKK AP](#).

After the success of GRAD-certified sites in Interstate 75 Business Park and Airport East Industrial Park, Gary is beginning preparations for MBCIA's next GRAD certification— Airport North Industrial Park. Many hours go into this certification. Gary learns the property intimately, pours over reports, maps, easements, and conceptualizations. In the end, it is the highest purpose for a vacant tract. The process fast-tracks the due diligence period by as much as a year and makes the list of the most sought-after tracts. It is time well spent.

He will also continue facilitating industry needs like fixing potholes, repaving parking lots, and landscaping.

Additionally, MBCIA has been working diligently toward our storm-water credit through the Macon Water Authority. Industries, we encourage you to research how you can save on your storm water bill by checking out [credits you may be eligible for](#).

ANNUAL REPORT



Last month, MBCIA presented our 2021 Annual Report. [This report is now available on our website.](#)

Be sure to check it out and catch up on what happened at the Authority this past year!



Our local industry has a BRIGHT future! We are excited to welcome BrightFarms to Macon. This month, [BrightFarms was approved by the Planning and Zoning board](#).

"From the Macon-Bibb County Industrial Authority perspective, we're very excited about this opportunity. BrightFarms has been a great company to work with thus far and we're excited about the future."

**-Stephen Adams
Executive Director, MBCIA**

The MBCIA Board approved this project today for up to \$200 million in bonds, which will bring a heavy investment in jobs and aid in local food security.

Also approved was Agile Cold Storage Macon LLC for up to \$172 million in bonds.

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