

INDUSTRY SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations to YKK AP and Coca-Cola Bottling Company UNITED on their construction progress! Coca-Cola recently shared these photos with us, and YKK AP celebrated the Topping Out of their Residential Plant on July 7th!



YKK AP Ceremony

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

This month at the Macon-Bibb County Industrial Authority, we've been zooming down the development highway at full speed! We welcomed community partners on a tour around the county to show off our economic footprint. We applauded a few existing industries who are making exciting progress on their construction efforts for their expansions. And last, but not least, we are excited to welcome a brand new industry to the Macon-Bibb family, adding to our thriving business community.

Boogook Georgia, LLC, a leading Korean automotive supplier specializing in fluid-carrying systems for vehicles, has chosen Macon as the perfect location for its first venture in the United States! The MBCIA Industrial Park at 2600 Weaver Road will be home to their brand new facility. Boogook Georgia has big plans for this space, with \$300,000 in leasehold improvements set to transform the former B&W property, and they are also making a total capital investment of \$6.8 million to ensure the success of their operations. We are thrilled to welcome Boogook Georgia to our vibrant community and look forward to the positive impact they will bring to our local economy.

EXISTING INDUSTRY MANAGER REPORT



Our Existing Industry Manager, Eleyce Coleman, is gearing up for an exciting and impactful month in July! With summer in full swing, we are thrilled to engage in a variety of activities that foster strong relationships with our industrial and community partners. In July, we have a lineup of events

that will strengthen these connections even further. We eagerly anticipate hosting a Leadership Macon class on Economic Development Day, showcasing collaborative efforts driving our local economy. Additionally, we are excited to bring together industries for an unforgettable Industry Night at the Macon Bacon game, where we can celebrate our shared successes and build relationships. These activities not only create a platform for networking and knowledge-sharing but also serve as a reminder of the vibrant and dynamic community we are proud to be a part of.

PROJECT MANAGER REPORT

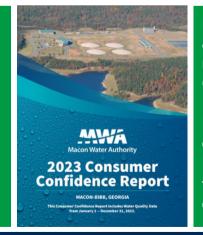
A letter from Gary

I am delighted to share that amidst the challenging economic climate, the MBCIA continues to shine as the ultimate business hub in Georgia. The clear reason for this truth lies in our location, positioned at the crossroads of I-75 and I-16 in the heart of the state. However, there are also other factors at play. Stephen Adams, our Executive Director, has done a tremendous job of making it our business to know the business of Macon-Bibb County. Our team is seldom unaware of what is happening in our industries because of our industry manager, Eleyce Coleman, and Stephen's willingness to tackle industry problems. In addition, what I have come to learn in my short tenure with the industrial authority is that we have had some very forwardthinking leaders from past and current boards that have put us in the position to recruit new industries strategically and aggressively.

We are currently attracting companies interested in establishing their presence in Macon-Bibb. Our remarkable success over the past five years has led to a depletion of our inventory, primarily consisting of smaller tracts. However, this has proven advantageous for us as it aligns perfectly with industries seeking high capital investment on smaller parcels of land, resulting in fewer but highly efficient jobs. Keep an eye out for an upcoming announcement regarding one of these smaller tracts. We are incredibly excited about its potential and firmly believe it will bring fantastic benefits to Macon-Bibb County. Stay tuned for more updates!

Cheers!

-Gary



Proudly showcasing their latest achievement, the MWA has just released their 2023 Consumer Confidence Report. <u>Check it out here</u>.

Building on the momentum of their earlier accolade for the Best Tasting Drinking Water in Georgia this spring, their dedication to excellence continues to shine through.

Follow MBCIA on all social platforms for updates on current activities, industry updates, and Macon-Bibb County to-dos!

COMMUNITY PARTNERS



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