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## Kent County Business Tour

**Kent County, DE** – The Kent Economic Partnership proudly welcomed an assembly of guests, including Legislators, community leaders, and business figures, to the Kent County Business Tour. Among the attendees were, Senators Trey Pardee and Eric Buckson, and Representatives Bill Bush and Lyndon Yearick, along with members of congressional staff.

This tour encompassed a blend of Kent County's thriving business landscape and its promising industrial hubs, offering a glimpse into the region's forthcoming business growth and development. The spotlight was firmly on two remarkable enterprises: the legacy company, ILC Dover, renowned for its groundbreaking NASA space suit manufacturing, and the brand new, Delmarva Corrugated Packaging, North America's premier independent corrugated box plant.

The tour also ventured into the heart of Kent County's industrial future, encompassing sites such as Harrington Industrial Park, the transformative former Reichold site on Fork Branch Road that is now owned by Stoltzfus LLC, Central Delaware Business Park, Garrison Oak Business Park, and the future Dover Logistics Site on Lafferty Lane. Both Harrington Industrial Park and the former Reichold Site have recently secured the Site Readiness grant, poised to launch extensive site preparations and expedite the provision of essential utilities to cater to the needs of businesses. These Site Readiness Grant Funds have jumpstarted the improvements to these sites, allowing them to attract future growth to the area.

The Garrison Oak Business Park and Central Delaware Business Park emerged as hotbeds of interest for an array of developers and enterprises, promising a vibrant economic horizon for the region. The Garrison Oak Business Park has successfully closed deals or secured contracts for six out of the ten available lots, while the remaining four lots continue to generate significant interest. Meanwhile, over at the Central Delaware Business Park, only seven sites remain available, and they are actively drawing attention from both developers and businesses alike.

It has been two years since the last Kent County Business tour and attendees were impressed by the remarkable progress achieved by Central Delaware. This tour left no doubt about Central Delaware's ability to foster a robust, thriving business environment for years to come.

The Kent Economic Partnership is the Economic Development Agency for Kent County, focusing on business attraction and retention programs, and promoting better employment opportunities for Central Delaware residents. In support of economic development that creates and sustains a diverse business climate in Central Delaware, the Kent Economic Partnership is joined by municipal governments and the private sector to create a unified voice for the County.

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