

Plans to Advance Economic Development in Kent County Underway

» The first order of business for Linda Parkowski will be developing a strategic blueprint for economic development in Kent County, Delaware. In early July, Mrs. Parkowski took the helm as Executive Director of the Kent Economic Partnership (KEP), a Public-Private Partnership between Kent County Levy Court, County municipalities, and a consortium of Kent County business leaders, known as The Greater Kent Committee. With a wealth of experience as Acting Director and State Tourism Director from the Delaware Economic

Development Office, Mrs. Parkowski's has ablest experience to transition into her new role.

Rockport Analytics, commissioned by The Greater Kent Committee, was retained to review the current economic climate in Kent County and to identify potentials for economic growth. Data resulting from this study will be used to advance the Kent County economic development plan forward. It



is anticipated that the study will be completed by fall, 2018.

Aimed to stimulate economic development in Kent County, The KEP promotes strategic economic growth by attracting new businesses and industries into the area

while at the same time, retain existing businesses and providing resources to enable development to advance the overall welfare of the County.