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# Economic development in Amherst is a state of mind.

Understanding the business of economic development is what the AmherstIDA is all about - how actions create reactions when making proposals. What makes a company choose Amherst over Rochester or even Raleigh? It could be any number of reasons: from adequate space to skilled labor, taxes to infrastructure, or climate to cultural events. All are concerns that are taken very seriously by businesses and by our agency. If you are that company looking to expand or relocate, location and benefits are critically important and come with long lasting consequences.

This is where our experience shows and the AmherstIDA excels. Over the last 20 years, the IDA has been responsible for more than 75% of the job growth in the Buffalo/Niagara region through partnerships with government, educational institutions, financial organizations, and developers. We have shown that we can cut through the red tape, and at the same time, conform to the Town Master Plan\* and remain true to our mission\*\*.

The businesses that we helped have brought millions of dollars into town coffers in the form of property tax payments or payments in lieu of property taxes. This, in turn, has resulted in lower school and property taxes for residents. Success can be measured in many ways. Amherst can boast quality-of-life, personal safety, good paying jobs, and an expanded tax base as a result of our sound economic development strategy.

The right frame of mind has benefits. Look around you. Amherst is a good place to live, play, and work. Our only special interest is to keep it this way.

*Resourceful.  
Dedicated.  
Professional.*

