

Businesses Choose to Locate in the City of Isanti

The City of Isanti has worked diligently to fill vacant buildings created by the economic downturn. In 2010 the City had eleven vacant buildings in its business/industrial park and a closed local hardware store. Nine buildings; estimating over 79,000 square feet of building area in the industrial park have been purchased and occupied in the City of Isanti from

January 2010 to the present. Companies such as Conveyor's Direct, MCR, Waterworks Manufacturing and Marla Properties have recently moved to Isanti from outside communities. To date, there is only approximately 20,000 square feet of vacant industrial space available for purchase or lease. The City worked with and supported local entrepreneurs to re-open Urban's Hardware Hank in 2011. Also, in 2011, construction was completed on a 20 unit, 12,000 square foot senior memory care facility (Prairie Senior Cottage of Isanti) and an 8,250 square foot childcare facility (Krayola Kids Childcare Center) to help satisfy local demand. Building relationships with area realtors and existing businesses has enabled Isanti to recruit from other communities and to continue to grow.

Isanti has a dynamic mix of companies in its industrial park. Advanced Telemetry Systems is a worldwide leader in the manufacturing of tracking devices for animals. Precision machining businesses such as Granger Machine, Benny Machine, X Caliper Engineering and Manufactured Component Resources form a solid hub of precision machining expertise. Metal Coatings, Diamond Welding, Freeport Finishing, American Manufacturing, Conveyors Direct and Waterworks Manufacturing solidify the manufacturing base with expertise in welding, manufacturing and finishing of products. Isanti is also home to Evercat Fuels which is a pioneer for the clean production of biodiesel fuel using the patented Mcgyan © process. Isanti has a United Parcel Service facility and the United State Post Office located in town to accommodate all shipping needs. Business diversity and planning has Isanti positioned to be a manufacturing hub

just north of the Twin City Metro Area for years to come.

City Staff is confident that when the 20,000 square feet of available building space is filled, development and demand for, the “Minnesota Shovel Ready Certified Lots” in the Isanti Centennial Complex will increase. Shovel Ready Certified lots have City sewer, water and storm sewer to each site. Connexus Energy has recently installed electric upgrades to the industrial park and fiber optic connections are in the ground. Isanti is positioned to handle growth, and with land prices at \$1.00, it is pretty hard to beat. City staff recently conducted a study evaluating the property tax impacts for the City of Isanti compared to other northern Metro cities. Property taxes for a new 25,000 square foot building in the City of Isanti are on average 41% less than the north Metro. For existing buildings, taxes are 55% less, which makes locating to the City of Isanti and to the GPS region a solid business decision.

For more information on City of Isanti opportunities please contact Economic Development Director Sean Sullivan at zsullivan@cityofisanti.us or 763.807.4339. For other opportunities in the GPS 45:93 region please contact Tom Willett at info@gps4593.com or 763.691.8585.