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Putnam County Economic Development Activity Report

July-December 2025

Pursuant to the provisions of the Economic Development Agreement made and entered into between the Putnam County Board of County Commissioners and the Putnam County Chamber of Commerce.

I. New & Existing Business Development:

- We are currently working with **9** clients interested in either attraction/relocation or expanding existing operations in Putnam County. Of the **9** clients, **3** are confidential attraction leads from Florida Commerce/JAXUSA, **5** are organic Attraction Leads and **1** is a local Existing Industry considering Expanding Operations.
- These represent collectively **682** new jobs, **150+** retained jobs, and over **\$1 Billion** in capital investment to the county if they come to fruition.
- Reviewed **14** additional RFPs; however, Putnam County was ineligible because the requests required existing buildings or sites we could not accommodate due to factors such as lack of available space or insufficient infrastructure.
- We have completed **32** retention and expansion visits year-to-date. One of these engagements is expected to result in an expansion project, and we are actively supporting the company through the next steps.
- In 2025 we had **6** projects announced or actively under construction.

➤ 2025 Announced Projects

- Georgia Pacific - \$83,000,000 Capital Investment, 20 New Jobs
- Lagasse Motorsports Complex - \$300,000,000 Capital Investment, <100 New Jobs
- Tri-Circle Pavers - \$12,000,000 Capital Investment, 10-20 New Jobs
- FPL Battery Storage Plant - \$200,000,000 Capital Investment, 2-3 New Jobs
- Sternon Industries - \$39,000,000 Capital Investment, 80 New Jobs

➤ Projects Under Construction

- Georgia Pacific
- CertainTeed (completed)
- FPL Battery Storage

II. Related Agencies:

- Maintained working relationships with Florida Commerce, JAXUSA Partnership, FPL, Clay Electric, NFEDP, FEDC, SEDC, IEDC, CSX, TECO Gas and other economic development agencies.
- Represented Putnam County at Rural Counties Day, Area Development Women in Economic Development Conference, FEDC Annual Conference, IEDC Leadership Summit, SelectUSA, SEDC American Site Selection Summit, FPL Illumination, Florida Governor's Conference, Florida Chamber Transportation Summit, and Florida Chamber Future Summit, and FREDA Rural Summit.
- Represented Putnam County at JAXUSA Regional Partner & Business Development Committee meetings.
- Continue to work with SBDC representative on local business/entrepreneurial assistance.

III. Other Activities:

- In December, we hosted the final PCEDC Quarterly Investor Luncheon of 2025, welcoming record attendance of 88 participants.
- Hosted Elevate Putnam Investor Advisory Council Meetings in February, April & June.
- Continue to meet with the City of Palatka in support of water/wastewater infrastructure solutions.
- Delivered the inaugural Workforce Development Summit in November, drawing more than 60 participants.
- Continued leading the Putnam Chamber Workforce Development Task Force meetings, uniting all local education and training partners, CareerSource, and key employers in Putnam County.
- Maintained website for economic development and the PCEDC. The site contains content to attract site selectors and prospective businesses looking to relocate. The site can be found here: www.putnamcountyfleconomicdevelopment.com
- Attended the Women in Economic Development Conference, Chicago, IL.
- Attended Florida Rural Economic Development Conference, Ocala, FL.
- Attended the Florida Transportation and Infrastructure Solution Summit, Orlando, FL.