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The Chairman's Report

DR. C.H. BRADDY

Development Authority of Clayton County

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DATA ENGINES
ARRIVE IN CLAYTON"**

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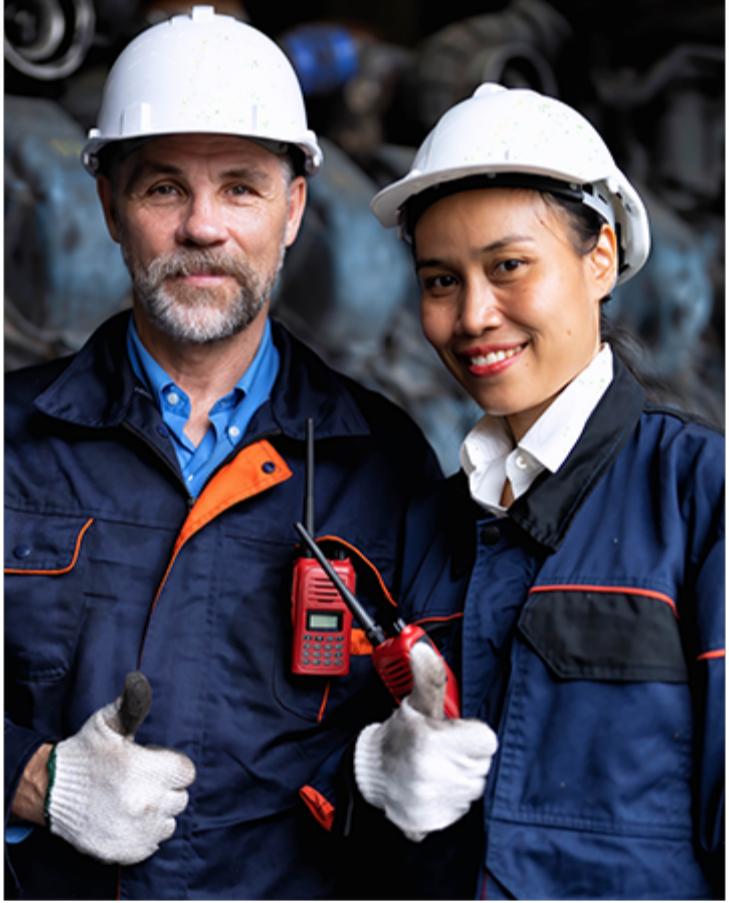
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Inside the DACC Newsletter

The Development Authority of Clayton County's Newsletter keeps readers informed and inspired with the latest updates on local business growth, investment, and community impact. Each issue highlights how Clayton County is moving forward, from major development projects and local business success stories to valuable insights into the county's evolving economic landscape. Designed for investors, partners, and residents alike, the newsletter strengthens transparency, celebrates progress, and fosters connection across industries, ensuring everyone stays informed about the people and projects shaping Clayton's bright future.



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From the Desk of Dr. C.H. Braddy, Chair, DACC

“As we propel Clayton County into the next era of growth, we are tirelessly focused on building infrastructure, nurturing talent and securing investment that creates both opportunity and quality of life for our community. The recent data center commitment is a landmark, yet our vision is broader; we are unlocking jobs, elevating neighborhoods and making Clayton the destination of choice for global industry and hometown success. We invite every partner, business owner, developer, educator, community leader to join this journey.”



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“Next-Gen Data Engines Arrive in Clayton”

A \$959 M data-center commitment puts Clayton at the heart of digital infrastructure.

The DACC recently green lit a massive investment by a subsidiary of TA Realty; a \$959 million data center development planned along East Tanners Church Road in Clayton County. This positions the county as a major player in metro Atlanta’s booming digital infrastructure market. While details of the tax incentive package remain under wraps, the project underscores DACC’s strategic focus on high capacity infrastructure, global connectivity and job creation in advanced industries.





TOTO Expands U.S. Operations in Clayton County

TOTO Opens \$224 Million Manufacturing Facility in Clayton County

TOTO, the world's leading plumbing manufacturer, has opened a \$224 million state-of-the-art manufacturing facility in Morrow, Georgia, marking a significant investment in Clayton County's growing industrial landscape. The new plant expands TOTO's North American operations by shifting production from Asia to the U.S., strengthening supply chain resilience, sustainability, and local job creation. The Development Authority of Clayton County joined company executives and community leaders for the official ribbon cutting ceremony, celebrating a milestone that reinforces the county's position as a hub for advanced manufacturing and international investment.

Leadership In the Making

New Chief of Work Force Force Development

The Development Authority of Clayton County proudly welcomes Dr. Johnson as the new Chief of Workforce Development and Training.

With more than 20 years of experience in public administration, workforce development, and child welfare, Dr. Johnson brings a proven record of leadership, innovation, and service. She will lead efforts to strengthen local talent pipelines, expand workforce opportunities, and align community development strategies that drive sustainable economic growth across Clayton County.

Throughout her distinguished career, Dr. Johnson has shown an unwavering commitment to improving the well-being of vulnerable populations while building strong public-private partnerships to implement impactful programs. Her expertise spans program design, organizational leadership, and community engagement, making her a key addition to the Authority's executive team.

Before joining the Development Authority, Dr. Johnson served for 15 years with the Georgia Department of Family and Children Services, most recently as Senior Director for Child Welfare. In that role, she oversaw multiple divisions, including the Office of Provider Management, Caregiver Recruitment and Retention, and Complex Care, managing a nearly \$1 billion budget and ensuring compliance with state and federal standards.

Dr. Johnson holds both Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Social Work and a Ph.D. in Public Administration. A proud South Carolina native, she resides in Georgia with her husband of 27 years. Dr. Johnson is active in community service, serves on her church's leadership team. Please join us in congratulating and welcoming Dr. Johnson as she steps into this pivotal leadership role helping to shape the future of Clayton County's workforce and economic prosperity.



Birthing Clayton County Careers



Clayton County hosted a career fair at Virginia Burton Gray Recreation Center, connecting job-seekers to nearly 200 openings across key county departments. Conducting on-the-spot interviews, and giving access to real pathways to employment. This career fair aided in the fight of U.S. job shortages while empowering local talent.



Welcoming Board Member: Ramona Bivins

The Development Authority of Clayton County is proud to welcome Ms. Ramona Bivins, a distinguished financial leader with more than twenty-five years of experience in governmental accounting, budgeting, and public finance. Ms. Bivins currently serves as the Chief Financial Officer for Clayton County Public Schools, where she oversees a \$1.2 billion budget and leads the Division of Business Services.

Her extensive background includes serving as CFO for both Clayton and Douglas Counties, Director of Budget for Atlanta Public Schools, and holding key financial roles within the State of Georgia and school systems in Texas and Tennessee. Ms. Bivins holds a Bachelor's in Business Management, an MBA with a concentration in Public Administration, and is pursuing an EdD in Leadership and Learning in Organizations at Vanderbilt University. She is also a graduate of multiple leadership and public finance programs, including Leadership Clayton.

Beyond her professional achievements, Ms. Bivins is an active member and leader within numerous civic and professional organizations, including the Georgia Public Pension Trustees, Government Finance Officers Association, and Women of Clayton County. Her depth of expertise and commitment to public service make her an invaluable addition to the DACC Board.

Welcoming One of DACC's Newest Board Members: Rosannette Kirby

The Development Authority of Clayton County proudly welcomes Rosannette Kirby, one of its newest board members, a highly accomplished public relations professional, entrepreneur, and community leader. As a Council Member for the City of Lovejoy, she is widely recognized for her ability to build strong relationships, lead creative campaigns, and develop strategic initiatives that elevate community visibility.

Her long standing commitment to education has shaped much of her service, with a personal mission to expand academic and cultural opportunities for youth in the communities she supports; including Lovejoy, Georgia, and Antigua and Barbuda.

Atlanta, and several student associations, she continues to champion programs that inspire discipline, leadership, and long-term growth among young people. Her passion for service and her dedication to empowering future generations make her a powerful addition to the Development Authority of Clayton County's leadership team.



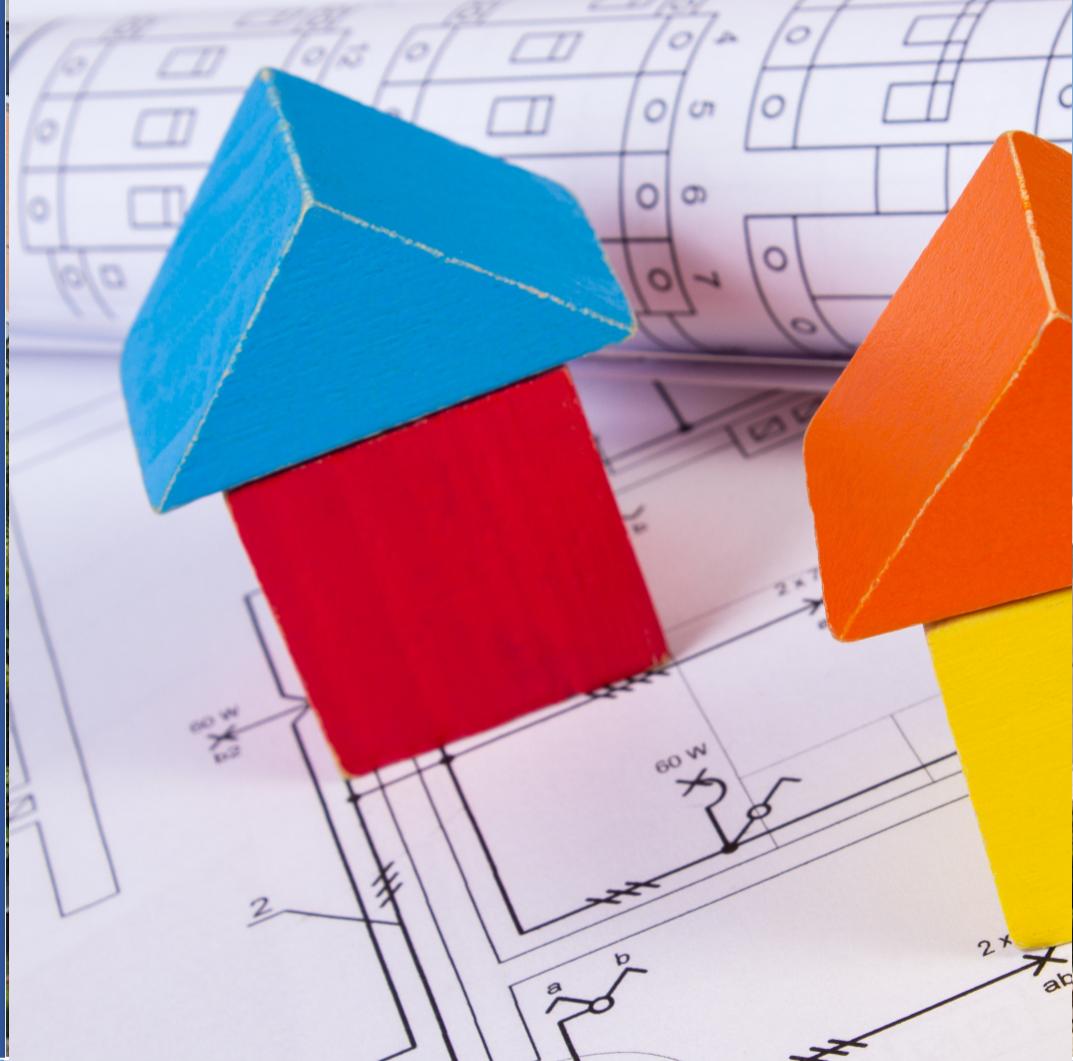
Business & Community Updates

Development Highlights



The County obtained a Community Development Assistance Program (CDAP) grant for a housing assessment and strategy, signaling integrated community and economic development planning.

A new data sharing partnership between the County and Clayton State University will boost analytics for workforce and economic-growth efforts. Clayton County Government



DACC's Tier 1 incentives and professional business orientation continue to draw interest from logistics, manufacturing, film and advanced-tech sectors.



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Fueling the Next Generation of Entrepreneurs

Investing \$500K in Clayton County's Future

The Development Authority of Clayton County is launching a \$500,000 initiative to fuel small businesses and empower youth entrepreneurs. In partnership with the Clayton County Public Schools, the program aims to equip youth and local businesses with the tools, mentorship, and support needed to drive economic growth. With a vision to impact 500 businesses, this effort strengthens operations, fosters innovation, and builds a thriving entrepreneurial culture, laying the foundation for a resilient, opportunity rich Clayton County economy.

Building the Future:

\$246 Million North Clayton High Project Breaks Ground

Clayton County Public Schools has begun construction on a new \$246 million North Clayton High School, a bold investment linking education and economic growth. Funded by SPLOST, the project is set to open in July 2027, replacing the county's 60 year old campus with a modern hub for learning, athletics, and community health.

The new facility will feature a nine-hole golf course, indoor soccer and track complex, 5K cross country course, and a public health clinic, amenities that blend academics, wellness, and workforce readiness. Beyond transforming student experiences, the project is expected to create jobs, attract local investment, and showcase Clayton County's commitment to preparing the next generation for success.



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Celebrating Excellence: Keith Horton Named One of Atlanta's Most Admired CEOs

The Development Authority of Clayton County congratulates Dr. Keith Horton, President and CEO of Christian City, on being recognized as one of the Atlanta Business Chronicle's 2025 Most Admired CEOs. This distinguished honor highlights leaders who demonstrate exceptional innovation, strong organizational performance, and a deep commitment to community impact.



Dr. Horton's recognition reflects his transformative leadership at Christian City, where he has advanced affordable housing, expanded family support services, and strengthened long-term sustainability. Under his guidance, the organization has grown its campus footprint, established a \$20 million endowment, and successfully launched an \$18 million capital campaign. His achievements not only elevate Christian City's mission but also contribute to the broader growth and well-being of the metro Atlanta community. Congratulations to Dr. Horton on this well-deserved honor.

SODACC 2026: Clayton County's Next Era Begins

Clayton County is moving into a new chapter, and the 2nd Annual State of the Development Authority is where that progress takes center stage. This event brings together leaders and innovators to reveal the projects, partnerships, and opportunities shaping our economic future. Join us for an inside look at the momentum driving Clayton County forward.



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Momentum 500 is driving real opportunity for small businesses and aspiring entrepreneurs in Clayton County. If you're ready to grow, scale, or bring your vision to life, now is the time to step forward. Apply today and become part of the movement shaping Clayton's economic future.

Take the next step toward growth and opportunity by submitting your application through the website.

Join a community of forward thinking entrepreneurs committed to building sustainable success and contributing to Clayton County's evolving economic landscape.

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