



Economic Development Strategic Plan - RCM2342AS Task 4 Report – Appendices

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Appendix Table 4.1 - Comparison of Economic Balance Ratios								
	Cape Coral (Lee County)	Ft. Lauderdale (Broward County)	Orlando (Orange County)	Palm Bay (Brevard County)	Pompano Beach (Broward County)	Port St. Lucie (St. Lucie County)	West Palm (Palm Beach County)	State of Florida
2019 GDP \$ million	\$33,089.3	\$111,228.6	\$101,440.6	\$26,348.4	\$111,228.6	\$9,712.9	\$87,095.1	\$1,079,271.0
2022 GDP \$ million	\$37,490.0	\$124,843.5	\$115,012.9	\$30,082.1	\$124,843.5	\$11,200.1	\$100,113.8	\$1,218,430.2
2019 Pop. (County or State)	770,577	1,952,778	1,393,452	601,942	1,952,778	328,297	1,496,770	21,477,737
2022 Pop. (County or State)	822,453	1,947,026	1,452,726	630,693	1,947,026	358,704	1,518,477	22,244,823
2019 GDP Per Capita (County or State)	\$42,941	\$56,959	\$72,798	\$43,772	\$56,959	\$29,586	\$58,189	\$50,251
2022 GDP Per Capita (County or State)	\$45,583	\$64,120	\$79,170	\$47,697	\$64,120	\$31,224	\$65,930	\$54,774
Per Capita GDP Annual Growth 2019-2022 (County or State)	2.01%	4.03%	2.84%	2.90%	4.03%	1.81%	4.25%	2.91%
2019 Pop. (City or State)	194,504	182,432	287,435	115,560	112,122	201,858	111,952	21,477,737
2022 Pop. (City or State)	216,984	183,156	316,086	129,246	112,308	231,804	120,922	22,244,823
Pop. Growth Annual Growth Rate 2019-2022 (City or State)	3.71%	0.13%	3.22%	3.80%	0.06%	4.72%	2.60%	1.18%
Economic Balance Ratio	0.54	30.48	0.88	0.76	72.85	0.38	1.63	2.48

Fast Track Permitting

Loudon County, VA¹

Fast Track is available for targeted industries including information communication technology, federal government contracting agencies, aerospace and airport supportive businesses, and projects supporting those industry groups. Other commercial projects meeting the criteria may also be considered.

- **Dedicated Project Manager:** A project manager from Economic Development will be assigned as a main contact and will facilitate movement through the county development process.
- **Top of the List:** County reviewing agencies will move the project to the head of review lines for the entire development review process
- **Special Review Team:** Representatives from county review agencies will be identified by the Department of Economic Development project manager and work as a team to ensure consistency and good communication, from project start to completion.
- **Aggressive Timelines:** The county project manager works with the applicant to establish a review process that meets agreed upon timelines.

Montgomery County, MD²

The Commercial Fast Track permit process is a quicker plan review service for small-scale interior alterations of existing commercial buildings. While standard commercial building permit applications can take four weeks to complete the first set of reviews, a complete and compliant Commercial Fast Track permit application will receive comments, or be ready for permit issuance, within 3 business days from initial intake or processing of the permit application.

If the plans submitted meet the Commercial Fast Track guidelines, and are compliant with all applicable codes, you will be able to obtain an approval. If the plans cannot be approved completely, they will be returned to the applicant with partial approvals and, if applicable, notes

¹ Loudon County, VA; <https://biz.loudoun.gov/fast-track-process/#:~:text=The%20Fast%2DTrack%20Commercial%20Incentive,a%20central%20point%20of%20contact.>

² Montgomery County, MD; <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/Process/combuild/commercial-fasttrack.html>

on what needs to be corrected via our ePlans system. (Note: construction is not permitted to begin until all reviews are approved the permit has been issued.)

Commercial Fast Track permits use the same fee schedule as standard commercial interior alteration building permits and are based on the value of construction for the project. There is no additional fee to use the Commercial Fast Track process. Further, there is no construction cost documentation required for review of the valuation, as would be for a standard interior alteration commercial building permit.

The applicant should provide an estimate of the value of the project which includes labor and materials for all disciplines – including mechanical, electrical, and plumbing work. Construction cost documentation is not required for the project valuation, as would be for a standard interior alteration commercial building permit. There is an initial filing fee at plan submittal, and this filing fee will be deducted from the final permit fee which is collected just prior to permit issuance.

The Commercial Fast Track permit process is available for projects involving small-scale interior alterations of existing commercial buildings. Projects in the following IBC use groups qualify for the Commercial Fast Track permit process, except as noted:

Business Occupancies (IBC “B” Use)

Exceptions: Alterations on more than one floor.

Medical facilities or offices, to include dental, psychiatric, nursing, obstetrical, or surgical care. Dry cleaning facilities.

Business occupancies that are part of a mixed use space (IBC non-separated mixed use).

Mercantile Occupancies (IBC “M” Use)

Exceptions: Alterations on more than one floor.

Mercantile occupancies that are part of a mixed use space (IBC non-separated mixed use).

Fire Damage Repair (All IBC Use Groups, up to 25% of the value of the structure)

Exceptions: Projects that involve the repair of fire damaged structural components

Projects that alter the structure from its original pre-fire condition.

Empire State Economic Development, NY – Shovel-Ready Grant Program³

Under New York’s FAST NY Shovel-Ready Grant Program, Empire State Development will provide up to \$200 million in grants to prepare and develop sites statewide to jumpstart New York’s shovel-readiness and increase its attractiveness to large employers, including high-tech manufacturing, particularly semiconductor manufacturing, interstate distribution and logistics businesses. The program will help diversify New York State’s economy while propelling new investments for businesses, communities and job creation.

Track A - FAST NY Shovel-Ready Certification

This no-cost designation by ESD for site-marketing purposes establishes that the applicant has worked proactively with New York State (the “State”) to address all major permitting issues prior to a business expressing interest in the location.

Track B - FAST NY Pre-Development Grants

Working capital grants of up to \$500,000 per site will be awarded to fund the cost of necessary pre-development site planning and reviews for future shovel-ready sites.

Grants will fund necessary costs to assist grantees in completing pre-development activities, such as those required for FAST NY Shovel-Ready Certification.

Track C - FAST NY Infrastructure Improvements

Capital grants will be awarded to improve the shovel-readiness of existing, mature sites by funding infrastructure improvements such as water, sewer, transportation, electricity, gas and other capital-eligible site improvement costs.

Competitive grant awards will be available to sites that have substantially met the requirements of FAST NY Shovel-Ready certification.

Collier County, FL⁴

The Collier County Fast Track Program is an expedited review program to encourage and support economic development by streamlining the development process, providing process certainty,

³ Empire State Shovel-Ready Program; <https://esd.ny.gov/fast-ny>

⁴ <https://www.collieredo.org/fast-track-program>

reducing approval times, and providing a central point of contact. Approved fast track projects receive priority review.

Collier County's Target Industries

By helping companies from the economy's targeted industries grow, the Office of Business & Economic Development is diversifying the county's economy and believe we offer these industries a competitive advantage.

- Corporate Headquarters
- Cleantech
- Manufacturing
- Life Sciences
- Defense & Homeland Security
- Aviation & Aerospace
- Information Technology
- Financial & Professional Services

Qualifying Application Types

Qualifying applications are development orders or permits, that include, but are not limited to:

- Rezone petitions, including those for planned unit developments and amendments.
- Construction plans and final subdivision plats and amendments
- Site development plans and amendments
- Building permits, including corresponding zoning, engineering, environmental, transportation, and fire code reviews