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Alexander County gets first Certified Site

Alexander County now has its first certified site following an October 25th announcement from the North Carolina Department of Commerce.

The Certified Site Program is a program that pre-qualifies industrial sites insuring that the site is ready to support industrial development. The sites undergo a stringent site package preparation process and must also get approval from the N.C. Certified Sites Steering Committee.

The Alexander Industrial Park contains approximately 180 acres and is currently home to Paragon Films and Liberty Reload Services. As required by the certified sites program, the park is served with water, wastewater, electric, and natural gas services. In addition, numerous other studies have been conducted assuring that the park is ready for industrial development. The site is located off of NC Hwy. 90 and is within one mile of U.S. Hwy. 64. Interstate 40 and Interstate 77 are within a 20 minute drive.

In preparing the certified sites application, Alexander County received a \$41,000 grant from the Future Forward organization, and the application was prepared by McGill Associates.

