

# Office of Economic Development

The Office of Economic Development for the City of Newton and the County of Jasper was authorized by a cooperative agreement between the Jasper County Board and the Newton City Council. The Office became official with a December 2003 starting date.

Located at 1002 S. Van Buren in Newton, Ken Larimore serves as Coordinator for the Office and its' programs. The Office phone is 618/783-3409.

While there are three specific strategies being used by the Office to encourage economic development, all three can be generalized by saying that they involved "spreading the word" in regards to the benefits and incentives for locating in Newton and Jasper County.

With two completely developed Industrial Parks (one being an Ameren Insite location), and both included in the Enterprise Zone as well as significant local benefits, this area certainly has something to offer. Even with these incentives, perhaps the greatest incentive of all is the fantastic workforce that is available. Designated as a "Labor Surplus Area", Newton and Jasper County can boast of

potential employees that would make any industry proud and successful.

Please feel encouraged to contact Ken Larimore at the office to set up an appointment.

## National Trail Ag Coalition

The National Trail Ag coalition, an Illinois non-profit organization with offices in Newton, is a cooperative effort to encourage the production of value-added agricultural products. With membership in six counties, National Trail's goal is to enhance profitability for producers and create economic opportunities in communities throughout the region. Membership is comprised of farmers, business people, government agencies and officials, professionals, landowners and others with a vested interest in agriculture and the economic health of our rural lifestyle and communities. Participating representatives reside in Clark, Clay, Crawford, Effingham, Fayette and Jasper Counties. Persons wishing more information may call (618) 783-3697 or e-mail [ntac@psbnewton.com](mailto:ntac@psbnewton.com).

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