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Shovel Ready Certification

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RIVERVIEW COMMERCE PARK GAINS SHOVEL READY CERTIFICATION New York State Program Helps Make Site Ready for Business

Charles A. Gargano, Chairman of [Empire State Development](#), and Eileen M. Natoli, Director of the [Governor's Office of Regulatory Reform](#), today announced that Erie County's Riverview Commerce Park has been awarded Shovel Ready Site Certification. The commercial park is located on River Road in the Town of Tonawanda. Owned by Broad Elm Management, Inc., it features 94 developable acres. The site is in the Tonawanda Empire Zone.

The New York State Shovel Ready Certification is granted to sites deemed ready for new development and job creation. Sponsors of Shovel Ready sites have worked cooperatively with State and local officials to obtain the necessary permits and approvals for the site to be developed. Before it is certified, a site is reviewed to ensure that it matches the needs of particular industries and commercial interests.

Business leaders and location consultants nationwide recognize the Shovel Ready designation as a mark of excellence. They know these pre-permitted sites will reduce construction costs and development delays, saving them time and money. Riverview Commerce Park is one of 26 sites statewide that have been certified as Shovel Ready.

"Shovel Ready Certification is another example of one of Governor Pataki's pro-job, pro-growth tools," Chairman Gargano said. "This program helps create opportunities for hard working New Yorkers and strengthens New York State's economy by making it easier for businesses to locate and grow in the Empire State."



Director Natoli said, "Governor Pataki's policies of cutting governmental red tape and pre-permitting economic development sites have already helped fuel New York State's economic revitalization. Shovel Ready Certification is another business-friendly, common-sense, job-creating tool that will continue to ensure New York State retains its competitive edge in the global marketplace."

Thomas Montante, President of Broad Elm Management, the developer of Riverview Commerce Park said, "Because Riverview is within the Tonawanda Empire Zone and it has Build Now recognition and is New York State Shovel Ready Certified, it will be a very valuable asset to Western New York and New York State. As a result of the economic benefits provided by the Empire Zone and since it is strategically located close to the Canadian border, the Park will be able to attract businesses from outside of the State and growing businesses from within the State. In addition, 75% of the park will be committed to green space. As evidence of our confidence in the success of this Park, we are pleased to announce the start of construction of a 55,000 square foot flex space building. It is the first of 11 buildings to be constructed within this Park."

New York's Shovel Ready Site Certification program is administered jointly by Empire State Development (ESD) and the Governor's Office of Regulatory Reform (GORR). Participating permitting agencies include the State Departments of Environmental Conservation and Transportation; the State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation; and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Riverview Commerce Park was recently awarded financial and technical assistance through the State's Build Now-NY program to help prepare the site.

Information on Build Now-NY's Shovel Ready Site Certification component can be found at www.ShovelReady-NY.com and at www.nylovesbiz.com.

Riverview Commerce Park was previously awarded financial and technical assistance through Round 2 of the State's Build Now-NY program to help prepare the site.



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