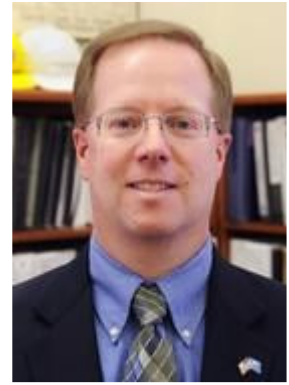


Our WMCA Program for 2.15.23 was on Frederick's Economic Development

The speaker was Richard Griffin, Director, Frederick Department of Economic Development.



You had a chance to hear about interesting new plans for Frederick business development and ones you would like to see in Frederick – possibly here in the north part of Frederick City.

Richard has been the director of Economic Development for the City of Frederick since 2002. He is an accomplished urban planner and economic developer with 22 years of experience.

Richard works to bring in new businesses to Frederick. It requires him to engage with companies regionally and internationally. He is an advocate for the 3,500 businesses and 49,000 employees who call Frederick home. He focuses on retaining them and helping them expand.

Remember that the more businesses we have, the larger our tax base which can lead to lower individual taxes and more importantly a tax base that can provide more services that we may require.

Frederick is a unique community with an enviable quality of life. Once a business executive visits Frederick, he states our chances of landing that company and keeping it here is high.

During Richard's tenure in Frederick he has overseen public and private revitalization efforts including the design and development of the award-winning urban Carroll Creek Park and developments delivering jobs and improving the tax base in downtown and commercial corridors. Additionally, he has worked with many businesses to locate and expand in Frederick including AstraZeneca, Flying Dog Brewery, Fort Detrick, National Laboratory for Cancer Research, Wells Fargo, Wegmans and many others. All companies play a part in the Frederick economic ecosystem.

The program was virtual. Click on the link below to enjoy the presentation

<https://youtu.be/cbGFYv-PpgE>

This was the normal January program that had to be shifted to February.