



Economic Outlook

Donna Texas is a community located in deep South Texas-Rio Grande Valley less than twenty minutes from McAllen. Donna is home to 25,500 inhabitants, and is also known as "THE HEART OF THE VALLEY". Donna is home to the first American Legion Hall in the world and to family-friendly activities such as The Donna Corn Maze and Cinco Hermanos Vazquez Circus in seasonal periods.

RETAIL SECTOR:

The Economic Outlook is bright and prospering. The City of Donna hired Fort Worth based Buxton to develop a targeted retail recruitment and business retention strategy. With the momentum of an 180,000+ square foot Walmart Supercenter being constructed, much positive growth is anticipated. The store will be surrounded by 9 pad-sites along Interstate 2 and FM 493 with an entrance on Mile 8.5. Walmart is scheduled to open in the first quarter of 2015. Another commercial subdivision along FM 493 is also being constructed with the anchor establishment being an assisted living facility.

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held on July 14th for the new CVS pharmacy on the corner of Interstate 2 and Main Street. The 13,225 square foot CVS Pharmacy, also offers an adjacent lot available for sale.

INDUSTRIAL/MANUFACTURING SECTOR:

Parmount Citrus, the largest grower, shipper, packer and marketer of fresh citrus in the U.S., has recently acquired a 6 acre tract to expand its warehousing and distribution center in Donna.

Dargel Boats, established in 1937, headquartered in Donna, is the oldest boat manufacturer in Texas. Dargel manufactures a line of boats designed specifically for shallow waters like the Laguna Madre.

Donna Economic Development Corporation (DEDC) owns a 22 acre industrial park ready with infrastructure in place for any warehousing or manufacturing facility.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE:

The Donna Texas/Rio Bravo Tamaulipas, Mexico International Bridge is venturing into a partnership with a private developer. As the privately owned vehicle traffic continues to grow, Administration is working closely with local and federal government to expand the port to provide for processing of industrial and commercial traffic.

RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION:

Not only is the commercial district growing, currently Donna has 4 new residential subdivisions with 242 lots available for sale.

TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR:

Texas Department of Transportation will be investing \$13.6 million on a road reconstruction project on South FM 493 from Champion Street to US 281 Military. This will allow for a more efficient flow of traffic from the International Bridge to the City and Interstate 2. Acquiring of right-of-way has also begun on the International Bridge Trade Corridor (IBTC) linking port of entry to Interstate 2 as well as hearings for portions of SH 68 which links to IBTC and onto I69 near Edinburg Airport.

The future looks promising for the city of Donna. The City Council and Administration are eager to welcome new business and help retain and grow the existing businesses.

Please feel free to contact the Donna Economic Development Corporation at 956-373-6939 or email mlopez@cityofdonna.org