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# 2009 EDA Annual Report

## *Introduction....*

This Annual Report is designed to showcase many of the commercial and industrial businesses that have located in Hugo during 2009. The goal of the Hugo Economic Development Authority (EDA) is to create a thriving community with diverse jobs and tax base, brought about by specific emphasis on business retention, business expansion, and business attraction. Hugo's business community is rapidly expanding due to strong residential growth and an attractive business environment.

## *2009 EDA Goals...*

1. Create Business Retention and Expansion Subcommittee of the EDA
  - Work with U of M, St. Thomas, or others on BR&E research program
  - Continue collaboration with HBA
  - Continue participation in events. (groundbreaking, ribbon-cutting ceremonies)
2. Continue working on downtown redevelopment projects
  - Certify the TIF District
  - Coordinate public infrastructure
3. Establish quality commercial development
  - Focus on gateways
  - Coordinate site planning for 165<sup>th</sup> & 61
  - Begin area plan for 170<sup>th</sup> & 61
  - Create design guidelines
  - Review development policies and incentives within the approval process
4. Continue implementation of the EDA marketing plan
  - Updating City website
  - Continuation of the City's cable access show

## *Commercial and Industrial Construction...*

The valuation of the commercial and industrial construction in Hugo exceeded 1.9 million dollars in 2009. The City of Hugo and the EDA welcome all of the new businesses to Hugo and are excited about the new jobs and services they provide to the community. In this Annual Report the EDA has highlighted the new businesses that have located in Hugo and the Business Retention and Expansion Program that will be completed in the Spring of 2010.

## *P.A.W.S. Pet Hospital Locates in Hugo - 4644 Victor Path....*

P.A.W.S. Pet Hospital is a 3,595 square foot building located off of County Road 14 on Victor Path in Victor Gardens Commons. Pet Hospital is a full service veterinary hospital delivering high quality care for pets. P.A.W.S. stands for Progressive Animal Wellness Services. The owners have been active in the community in their short time here in Hugo and have visited the EDA with new ideas on how to market local businesses. Dr. Michelle Beck opened the doors to the public in January 2010. There is a fenced in area on the north side of the buildings that dogs will be able to play in during a stay at the hospital. Please visit the new facility.



## *Several New Businesses Locate in Victor Garden Retail Centers...*

Fairview Clinic, Fairview Pharmacy, Northern Lights Pediatric and Institute for Athletic Medicine located in Hugo at 14712 Victor Hugo Boulevard. The businesses share space within the entire building and has the first Hugo pharmacy. **Kids Abilities**, a child physical therapy center, located in Hugo at 14663 Mercantile Drive. They moved into the space that was formally the Fairview Clinic. **Lorenz Dance, Energy Pilates, and Verizon Wireless** located in Hugo at 14643 Mercantile Drive. **Papa Murphy's** located in Hugo at 14775 Victor Hugo Boulevard in the Festival Foods retail area. The City of Hugo welcomes the new businesses to the community!

## *The City of Hugo Starts a Business Retention and Expansion Program...*

The City of Hugo implemented a Business Retention and Expansion (BR&E) Program. The objective is to demonstrate community support for local businesses. The University of Minnesota Extension Center has implemented the program in 60 communities across Minnesota. The program benefits the community by providing resources to businesses for solving immediate problems and establishes and implements a community strategic plan for economic development. The main goal of the program is to build and maintain strong relationships between the City and the businesses in Hugo. Over the last few months the leadership team and task force members conducted business visits to survey their input on the community and local economy. The leadership team and task force members are a compilation of community leaders, economic developers, educators, and business owners. So far, 38 businesses have been visited and surveyed, and each has received help locating business resources they requested. In the beginning of March 2010 the U of M Extension staff will present the full report of the survey results and the implementation strategies identified. For more information on the Business Retention and Expansion Program visit the City Website at [www.hugo.mn.us](http://www.hugo.mn.us) or contact Rachel Simone, Associate Planner, at (651) 762-6304 or [rsimone@ci.hugo.mn.us](mailto:rsimone@ci.hugo.mn.us)