

# Empowering Economic Excellence: Morris County Celebrates 31st Annual Partners in Economic Development Awards

*Honoring Morris County Innovators and Champions of Economic Growth*

MORRISTOWN, NJ, UNITED STATES, April 8, 2024 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Morris County's vibrant economic landscape takes center stage once again as the community prepares to honor its champions of growth and innovation at the 31st Annual Partners in Economic Development Awards. Set against the backdrop of Morris County's thriving business ecosystem, this prestigious event recognizes outstanding efforts and achievements that propel the county's economic vitality forward.

The Partners in Economic Development Awards, now in its 31st year, serve as a testament to the collaborative spirit and entrepreneurial drive that define Morris County. Presented by the Morris County Economic Development Corp. in partnership with the [Morris County Chamber of Commerce](#) and the Morris County Economic Development Alliance, alongside its Tourism Division, this annual celebration showcases the power of synergy in fostering economic prosperity.

"We are immensely grateful for the steadfast support and visionary leadership of our county commissioners and the Morris County Chamber of Commerce board of directors," remarked Meghan Hunscher, CEO & President of the Morris County Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Corp., "Their unwavering commitment has enabled us to cultivate a thriving ecosystem, driving innovation and creating new opportunities for economic growth throughout Morris County."



The poster features the Morris County logo at the top left, followed by the text "31ST ANNUAL PARTNERS IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AWARDS". Below this, the event details are listed: "APRIL 11, 2024, 8 AM - 11 AM, HYATT REGENCY MORRISTOWN". A red button prompts to "Purchase Tickets At Morriscountyedc.org/events". A "SPONSORS" section lists various partners including Fulton Bank, Hyatt Regency, Dewberry, Gensler, Tour Masters, Crothers Consulting, Community Builders, First Bank, MMU, Valley, and SJP Properties. Two portraits are included: Lauren Larusso, NY/NJ World Cup 2026 Host Committee Co-Host City Manager for FIFA World Cup 26, and Thomas Abdallah, Vice President Environmental Services & Chief Environmental Engineer at MTA New York City Transit.

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The event will feature distinguished keynote speakers Lauren LaRusso, Co-Host City Manager for the N.Y./N.J. World Cup Host Committee for the FIFA World Cup 2026, and Thomas Abdallah, Vice President of Environmental Services and Chief Environmental Engineer at MTA New York City Transit. Joining them will be Jeff Vasser, Executive Director of the New Jersey Division of Travel and Tourism (NJTT), offering insights into NJ's role in the upcoming FIFA 2026 World Cup.

“Innovation, Community, and Growth” are the guiding principles of the 2023 Real Estate Awards and Impact Awards, which highlight outstanding achievements in real estate development and community impact initiatives. The awards will recognize exemplary projects such as Deal of the Year: Office, Deal of the Year: Industrial, Business Retention Award, and Business Attraction Award.

Craig Schlosser, CEO & President of the Morris County Economic Development Alliance and Tourism Bureau, emphasized the importance of the awards ceremony in fostering personal and community growth and unity. “This event presents a unique opportunity for stakeholders, businesses, and community members to come together and celebrate our collective achievements,” he stated. “It's a platform for sharing insights, discovering new opportunities, and forging meaningful connections that will shape the future of our economic landscape.”

This year's program will focus on Downtown Development, featuring a panel discussion on leveraging transit proximity to enhance value in office, multifamily, and retail sectors. Industry experts including Antoinette Quagliata from Dewberry, Robert Donnelly Jr. from Cushman & Wakefield, and Ludivine O'Toole from AvalonBay Communities will share insights and best practices for fostering vibrant downtown communities.

Stakeholders, businesses, and community members are invited to join in the celebration of economic excellence and visionary leadership. Tickets and sponsorships are [available for purchase](#) at [morriscountyedc.org/events](http://morriscountyedc.org/events) or [morriscountyalliance.org/events](http://morriscountyalliance.org/events). For more information, please contact the Alliance at 973-210-6078 or the EDC at 973-539-8270.

#### About the Morris County Economic Development Alliance

The Morris County Economic Development Alliance is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization committed to providing market-centric solutions and building strong relationships that drive tourism, community and regionalized economic development through effective private-public partnerships.

#### About the Morris County Economic Development Corp.

The Morris County Economic Development Corp. is a private-public partnership focused on driving economic growth in Morris County. MCEDC is a division of the Morris County Chamber of Commerce, a 501(c)(6) nonprofit.

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