



Our mission is to grow local businesses, facilitate expansions, and recruit outside businesses to locate in Eau Claire in order to increase the quality of living, add well-paying jobs and grow the tax base.

Economic News Special Edition So much news we couldn't wait until March!



Eau Claire's Industrial Vacancy Rate Below the National Average

[See the report!](#)

Commonweal Development Corporation partnered with the City of Eau Claire Economic Development Division and Eau Claire Area Economic Development Corporation to provide Industrial Vacancy information in its annual [Real Estate Market Analysis Report](#).

The addition of industrial properties for the first time showed that Eau Claire's industrial market is **well-below the national average for vacancy at 1.85%**. We are excited to be a part of this effort to provide new and comprehensive information on this important sector!

Momentum West Housing Forum Next Week

Are you *an employer* wondering how you can help support housing for your employees?

Are you *a lender, builder, landlord, or otherwise* involved in supporting housing?

Then you won't want to miss this Housing Forum next week, hosted by Momentum West!



[See the agenda here and register today!](#)

Eau Claire Manufacturing is Strong

Recent media coverage highlights the strength of Eau Claire's Manufacturing Sector.

Eau Claire's [Realityworks](#) is having a global impact with their Real Care Babies, as noted in [this WQOW piece](#). The product was recently featured by National Geographic!

Downtown manufacturer [Cascades Tissue Group](#) was featured in [this Leader-Telegram piece](#) discussing any impacts of the Kimberly-Clark Plant Closures. We're proud they are profitably continuing the tradition of paper manufacturing in Downtown Eau Claire!

Congratulations to these and all Eau Claire manufacturers on their success!

Have we seen these numbers before?

January's [Building Permit Summary Report](#) was published this week.

Are we on the verge of another record year???

Probably not, but January was a great start to the year!

TOTAL BUILDING VALUATION:	10,709,858	10,790,718
	Jan 2018	Jan 2017

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