INNOVATIVE & OPEN FOR BUSINESS

The Canton Land Use Office and the Canton Economic Development Agency (EDA) are eager to assist businesses interested in Canton. Whether you’re moving into an existing facility or proposing new construction or redevelopment, we’ll walk you through the review process, make sure you get the information you need, and respond quickly to questions or concerns. We take an active role in supporting existing business and attracting new business to Canton.

To encourage redevelopment of the historic Collins Company Factory Complex, Canton has put Connecticut’s newly revised Tax Increment Financing (TIF) program to work. A framework for a TIF district has been designed that provides for reimbursements of increased tax revenues resulting from site work which increases the value of the property.

To make it easier for businesses to grow in Canton, the Town has implemented a Business Development Tax Incentive program. Applicants may receive an abatement for a percentage of their tax obligation for up to five years. To simplify the approval process for smaller businesses, a Town vote is not required for requests that total less than $100,000. These are reviewed and approved by the Board of Selectmen.
Collinsville is a popular tourist destination for recreation, live entertainment, dining and shopping. Through the use of state grants, Canton is implementing a multiphase project to enhance vehicle and pedestrian flow, enabling businesses to realize the benefits of increased pedestrian traffic.

Canton has streamlined the process for reviewing business development proposals. In 2014 the Town approved a Plan of Conservation and Development that identifies potential locations for business development. We have also consolidated Planning and Zoning regulatory bodies to expedite approvals.

Tens of thousands of cars use Route 44 through Canton daily, and properties are available to capitalize on this significant consumer base. The Town recently commissioned a study to explore utility options for developers and land owners to maximize the value of undeveloped and underdeveloped properties on this well travelled road.