

WHY PLANT CITY?



THE HEART OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

Plant City is a medium-sized community that offers a diverse, friendly and welcoming environment with the regional assets of a large metropolitan city. With Tampa just 25 minutes West and Orlando one hour East, Plant City is truly in the heart of it all.

Our community prides itself on its rich agricultural roots, the core industry for many years. But it is also home to a thriving manufacturing sector and is widely recognized as a distribution and logistics hub. We are home to fortune 500 companies and small, family-run businesses alike, each finding the right ingredients for success.



LOCATION

Situated along Interstate 4, Plant City gives consumers and businesses a unique edge on the competition. Our strategic location offers businesses easy access to cargo facilities at both Tampa and Orlando International airports as well as Port Tampa Bay. There is also direct access to CSX freight lines, making it easy to transport goods seamlessly.



-  **ROAD**
 - Interstate 4 (6 exits)
 - Interstate 75 (12 miles)
 - Interstate 275 (20 miles)
-  **AIR**
 - Plant City Airport
 - Lakeland Linder Airport
 - Tampa International Airport
 - Orlando International Airport
-  **SEA**
 - Port Tampa Bay
 - Port Canaveral
-  **RAIL**
 - Close Proximity to CSX Intermodal Logistics Center
 - Access to "S" and "A" lines

Innovation that happens in Plant City resonates around the world, and the catalyst is the great environment we have here. Employees see themselves as family, and that says a lot about the people in the city and the surrounding community.

RYAN SULLIVAN

EXECUTIVE GENERAL MANAGER, SOUTHERN DIVISION
JAMES HARDIE BUILDING PRODUCTS

BUSINESS CLIMATE

Plant City offers the lowest property taxes in Hillsborough County and some of the lowest impact fees in Central Florida for new development. This, combined with Florida’s consistent ranking by Forbes as one of the “Best States for Business,” makes doing business in Plant City appealing.



The EDC is a one-stop-shop for companies considering locating or expanding their operations in Plant City, FL. State and local economic development incentive programs are available to qualifying companies.

PLAN REVIEW TIMETABLE

- Multi-Family/Commercial 5-10 Days**
- Single Family & Duplex 1-5 Days**
- Additions, Renovations & Remodeling 1-5 Days**
- Sub-Permits, Electrical, Roofing, Plumbing, Mechanical, Driveways, Fences, Etc.....1 Day**

ROOM TO GROW

We have room to grow within our city limits. Over **3,000 ACRES** are available for new development with sufficient infrastructure and excess capacity for utilities. In 2016, our community announced construction plans for **THREE NEW BUSINESS** parks representing 150 acres and over **2 MILLION SQUARE FEET** of new state-of-the-art speculative warehouse space.



TARGET INDUSTRIES

As the Winter Strawberry Capital of the world, Plant City has built an international reputation as an ideal destination for agricultural business and food production facilities. Because of the city’s central location and the city’s investment in transportation infrastructure, businesses are able to get their goods to market via air, land and sea quickly and efficiently.

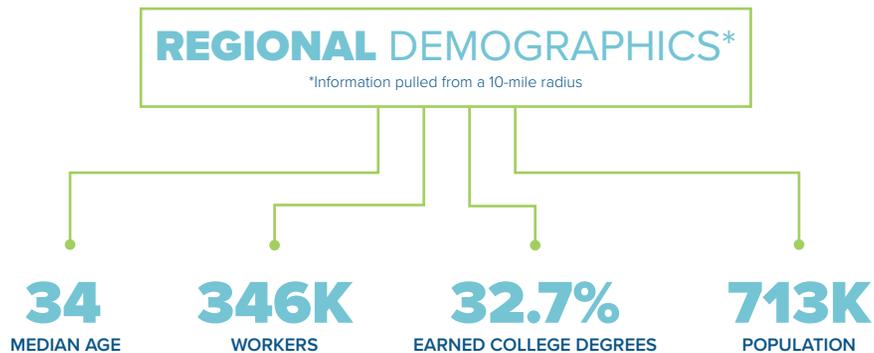
The Plant City Economic Development Corporation focuses on four major industries.



WORKFORCE

A talented and readily available talent pool is a critical advantage in the success of any business. With a regional workforce of over 346,000 and a median age of 34, Plant City is committed to delivering the best.

The city is an easy commute for residents of Tampa, Lakeland and Orlando, making it possible to supply a highly diversified student and workforce population. Plant City's easy access to top-rated colleges, universities and specialized technical training centers ensure that local businesses and their employees succeed.



REGIONAL COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

- Hillsborough Community College
- University of Florida/IFAS
- University of South Florida
- University of Tampa
- Florida Southern College
- Florida Polytechnic University

WORKFORCE TRAINING PARTNERS

- Entrepreneur Collaborative Center/SBDC
- CareerSource Tampa Bay

QUALITY OF LIFE

Delightful art scenes, endless outdoor entertainment, rich history and a vibrant culture, Plant City offers something for everyone. Each year, the renowned Strawberry Festival draws thousands of residents and visitors to enjoy headline musical performances and to celebrate our city's rich agricultural past. During the week, you may even catch a food truck rally in Plant City's historic downtown area, highlighting some of the region's finest fare. Looking to take in sports? Central Florida's wide-range of professional sports teams offer exciting matches at extraordinary venues.



SPORTS



THEME PARKS



BEACHES

Access to world-class Central Florida attractions and theme parks as well as Florida's pristine beaches is only an hour away. The quality of life here is uniquely Plant City, making our community a wonderful place to live, work and raise a family.

Being centrally located in Central Florida and Plant City specifically, we can reach upwards of 20 million people and guarantee next day service, anywhere in the state. A guarantee that gives us an advantage over the competition.

LARRY JIMENEZ, JR.
VICE PRESIDENT BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT
STAR DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS



OUR MISSION

The Plant City Economic Development Corporation is a public-private partnership focused on growing our community, offering opportunities for new and existing businesses that exceed expectations, and creating success in families.