

Luther Forest Technology Campus

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Success Magazine: Why is Luther Forest an ideal location for technological innovation?

Michael Relyea: The Luther Forest Technology Campus was designed—literally from the ground up—to be an ideal site for today's technology leaders. This location was chosen in part for its topography, which is perfect for nanotech manufacturing. The campus has few wetlands and alluvial soil (glacial sand), so there is little stone or bedrock here. This not only allows for less expensive construction, but the soil itself absorbs vibrations, which eliminates a key sitting concern for nanotech manufacturers.

In addition to our natural assets, the infrastructure at the campus is unmatched. Massive new infrastructure systems—roads, water, sewer, and utilities—have been put in place; each system was built to the highest industry standards. The campus is centrally located with easy access to all major shipping routes and we are within a day's shipping time to the majority of North American markets. With its highly skilled workforce and close proximity to R&D assets, like the College of Nanoscale Science and International Sematech, the campus is in the center of a regional ecosystem that is designed for the technology industries.

Each of these assets factored into GlobalFoundries' selection of the Luther Forest Technology Campus as home for

Fab 8 and we are pleased that other global companies are continuing to recognize the rich selection of assets that this region offers.

SM: What is your main objective as president of Luther Forest Technology Campus and how will you achieve this?

MR: My main objective, and the mission of this organization, is to create new jobs and attract new capital investments to Saratoga County and the Capital Region. To achieve this mission, we have built a technology campus that is designed to attract the leaders in the nanotech industries. LFTCEDC is currently finishing the construction of the infrastructure systems at the campus. As the infrastructure is completed, we will shift fully to global marketing and tenant attraction. Our goal is to ensure that the Luther Forest Technology Campus and the Capital Region are recognized around the world as a premier global technology hub. Whenever a nanotech leader—no matter where they are located—begins a new site selection process, we want the Luther Forest Technology Campus to be at the top of their site selection list.

SM: Luther Forest Technology Campus has been a collaborative effort. What groups are involved in the management of the campus?

MR: The Luther Forest Technology Campus is a true public/private partnership.



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Local and state government agencies, economic development and academic organizations, and private companies have worked together to build this campus and transform the Capital Region into a global technology hub. On a daily basis, the Luther Forest Technology Campus Economic Development Corporation (LFTCEDC) manages the development activities at the campus. Saratoga Economic Development Corporation (SEDC), which originally developed and championed the idea for the campus, works closely with LFTCEDC to market the campus and Saratoga County. New York State provides project funding and oversees the infrastructure construction. The towns of Malta and Stillwater are involved in zoning, inspection and municipal planning, and each participates in various infrastructure projects. Local utilities, like National Grid and NYSEG, are involved in the utility expansion projects underway at the campus.

SM: What is your hope for the future of the Capital District and upstate New York in general?

MR: I am a parent and life-long resident of upstate New York. My hope for the future of this region is simple—that my children and all of the people who live here have ample opportunities to learn about and take part in technologies and companies that are changing our world. When the campus development process is complete, the Luther Forest Technology Campus will be home to thousands of high-value jobs for local upstate New York residents.

