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Quonset Mission

The Quonset Development Corporation (QDC) is a real estate development and management company organized as a subsidiary of the Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation.

QDC develops and manages the Quonset Business Park in accordance with the QDC Master Plan and in the best interests of the citizens of Rhode Island to attract and retain successful businesses that provide high quality jobs.

Legislators Take a Fresh Look at Quonset

And Like What They See

State Representatives John McCauley (D-Providence) and Peter Palumbo (D-Cranston) were joined recently on a tour of Quonset by state Senator Paul Moura (D-East Providence) hosted by QDC's Chief Operating Officer Steve King. The three legislators came away impressed, and mildly surprised, at the progress in the park, [said all three in a joint statement](#).

"Many people don't realize that Quonset is home to 158 businesses and that 8,200 people work there," said Rep. Palumbo. "There is over \$320 million in private investment now being planned."

Rep. McCauley added "People ask me what is happening at Quonset. The answer is: a great deal - with much more on the way."

"Clearly, there is momentum at Quonset," Sen. Moura added.

The legislators' tour received [coverage in Sunday's Providence Journal](#).

Media Highlights Progress at Quonset, Next Steps



The North-East Independent recently published an [in-depth story](#) about growing investment at Quonset and continued progress in infrastructure improvements. According to the paper, Quonset "has quietly burgeoned into an economic engine that could play a large part in fueling the state's economy into the future." One element of those infrastructure improvements, the demolition of the last of the old Navy barracks, received widespread media coverage, including this [story in Saturday's Providence Journal](#).

QDC and NK Chamber Renew, Strengthen Ties

QDC's Steve King has joined the Board of Directors of the [North Kingstown Chamber of Commerce](#), renewing ties between the local group and the business park.

"The Chamber has been a big supporter of our efforts over the years," said King. "I'm looking forward to finding more ways that we can collaborate."

"Over the years the general managers of Quonset have served on the Chamber board and we welcome this connection once again," said Chamber Executive Director Karla Driscoll.

The Chamber also recently hosted the first in a series of 'Leadership Luncheons' with business owners and officers of Quonset-based businesses.

Gateway Gets the OK from QDC Board



The Gateway project received its final OK from the QDC Board of Directors at its December 10th board meeting, and preliminary site work is underway. The approved designs are for office buildings along Post Road, an open air center with community space and offices above retail shops and for the Kohl's Store.

The designs, which are fashioned in a New England village style are the result of extensive collaboration between QDC, New Boston Development Partners, the State Wide Planning Council, and representatives from the Town of North Kingstown.