

Rio Communities Economic Development

If you are a new, expanding or relocating business, our Economic Development Consultant and our elected officials are ready to help you become successful and prosperous. From site selection, incentives to attract business funding and management support, our municipality is ready to discuss your needs.

Statewide Economic Development Partnerships

The City of Rio Communities has great relationships and works closely with the Albuquerque Regional Economic Alliance (AREA), the New Mexico Partnership and the State of New Mexico Economic Development Department toward business recruitment of economic-based companies.

Marketing Efforts

The City of Rio Communities has an aggressive marketing and recruiting plan to attract businesses. Through business announcements and press releases to the media and with a stand-alone Economic Development website and social media, the City of Rio Communities is poised for Endless Opportunities!

Economic Development Incentives

The State of New Mexico offers some of the most aggressive economic development incentives in the region to attract businesses. Further, the City of Rio Communities offers LEDA retail incentives in underserved rural areas.

STATE

- Job Training Incentive Program
- High Wage Job Credit
- Industrial Revenue Bonds (IRB)
- Rural Jobs Tax Credit
- Manufacturers Investment Tax Credit
- Local Economic Development Act Funding (LEDA)
- (Gap Funding)

*Experience Our Great
Investment Opportunities!!!*

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"Rio Communities is a rising star in the State of New Mexico. We are a safe, stable and thriving community. Rio Communities is surrounded by prime real estate, making it a desirable location for development. With the support of our progressive governing body, our city is dedicated to ensuring the needs of the community by building a strong foundation for economic success."

*Mayor Josh Ramsell,
City of Rio Communities*

Why Rio Communities?

If you want to start, expand or relocate your business, the City of Rio Communities will help your business succeed and prosper. From site selection to local to local and state economic incentives offered to businesses, Rio Communities is poised for endless opportunities. The City of Rio Communities has plenty of space, much located in an Opportunity Zone. Rio Communities with its progressive government body is business friendly and will sit down with prospective businesses so they can become successful!

Quality of Life

- The City of Rio Communities embraces its history, culture, traditions along with our Spectacular Views!
- We have a safe, growing community with various affordable housing options close to many statewide attractions.
- New Mexico offers a multitude of cultural, historical and outdoor attractions including historic plazas and pueblos, national parks, world-class skiing and the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta.

Proximity to Albuquerque

Rio Communities is located east of I-25, just 30 miles south of the Albuquerque Sunport (airport). The Albuquerque MSA is home to more than 900,000 people.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SECTORS

Rio Communities is proactively recruiting typically below-targeted Economic Development sectors. Our goal is to develop these clusters that align with our community assets and generate high-income, economic base jobs.

LIGHT MANUFACTURING

Rio Communities has an adjacent and existing base of light manufacturing in the Rio Grande Business Park to the south of the city, with rail access to move cargo in and out of the business park, along with available resources, capacity, land, infrastructure, transportation, logistics and workforce training. The Rio Grande Business Park contains more than 200 acres of vacant land and is home to Aristech, Clariant, Air Nov and Mesa Oil.

VALENCIA COUNTY BUSINESS INCUBATOR (VCBI)

Headquartered in the City of Rio Communities, the VCBI is a vital resource for start-up businesses in Valencia County. The VCBI will attract innovative start-up businesses to be located and stay in Valencia County. It offers resources including financial assistance, business space, business mentorship and marketing assistance.

DIGITAL MEDIA

New Mexico is one of the top film and television production centers in the U.S. with the state making digital media development a top priority on campuses including the University of New Mexico Valencia Campus. A lot of movies and television productions are filmed in and around Valencia County.

TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

Rio Communities offers easy access to I-25, the BNSF facility in Belen, the Certified BNSF Rail Park in Los Lunas and the New Mexico Rail Runner. The Rio Grande Business Park south of Rio Communities contains more than 300 acres within an Opportunity Zone. The City of Rio Communities is well positioned to support other companies looking to expand their manufacturing, warehousing, industrial and logistics operations.

EDUCATION

Rio Communities is located near the University of New Mexico (UNM) Valencia County, the new UNM Workforce Campus with a concentration on the trades, the UNM Main Campus (Albuquerque), New Mexico Tech (Socorro), Central New Mexico Community College (CNM-Albuquerque), Los Lunas High School, Belen High School and the School of Dreams Academy (SODA).

RETAIL

The City of Rio Communities is building a thriving retail sector. With an average daily traffic count on Highway 47 of 11,600 vehicles, Highway 309 with 12,800 vehicles and I-25 with 50,000 vehicles, the City of Rio Communities is an emerging location for retailers seeking high visibility. The retail target area in the region is 62,000 including Belen, Socorro and Mountainair. The unincorporated areas of Valencia County is another 82,000 and the City of Rio Communities is 5,700 people.



At a Glance

- Population: 5,700
- Immediate Trade Area: 65,000
- Valencia County Population: 85,000
- Albuquerque MSA: more than 900,000
- Opportunity Zone: Over 90% of the parcels in the municipality
- Land: 3,250 acres with infrastructure
- Traffic Counts: 15,200 Highway 309/Reinken East
- Traffic Counts: 14,100 Highway 47/Manzano South
- Traffic Counts: 4,600 Highway 304/South
- Traffic Counts: 50,000 I-25/daily north and south
- Airport: Albuquerque International Sunport
- Rail Transportation: BNSF Central New Mexico Park in Los Lunas and BNSF Depot in Belen
- Rio Grande Business Park: 311 acres just south of Rio Communities with rail access
- Commuter Rail: New Mexico Rail Runner Express to Albuquerque and Santa Fe
- Education: UNM Valencia Campus, UNM Workforce Campus — Los Lunas, UNM Main Campus — Albuquerque, New Mexico Tech — Socorro and CNM — Albuquerque.

The City of Rio Communities works hard to help residents and business owners achieve success!