



TOWN of Bethlehem *Economic Developments*

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"The Town will grow in a manner that maintains and enhances its preeminent residential and semi-rural character through the attraction of high quality, clean, commercial development to carefully planned and strategically located sites. Residential neighborhoods in the Town will be enhanced by proximity to open space, pedestrian oriented facilities, high quality employment opportunities and neighborhood scale commercial services."

BIDA Vision Statement

SABIC INNOVATIVE PLASTICS: SELKIRK PLANT

Next to the CSX rail yard in Selkirk is the former GE Plastics plant now owned by Saudi Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC) and re-named SABIC Innovative Plastics. SABIC, based in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, with U.S. headquarters in Houston, is one of the largest petrochemical companies in the world with products that include chemicals, fertilizers, plastics and metals.

The Selkirk Plant, constructed in 1966, employs about 480 employees. The GE Plastics Division had sales of \$6.65 billion in 2006. The Selkirk Plant manufactures high-end plastics and resins including Noryl, Noryl CTX, Cycloy and Lexan. One of the plant's competitive advantages is that it can quickly manufacture plastics with matching custom colors through its ColorXpress Services. The Selkirk plant is expected to have the additional advantages that SABIC will provide a reliable supply of lower cost benzene and other petrochemical raw materials for the manufacturing process and will invest in expansion of the plastics business.

SABIC is another hidden jewel in the necklace of industries surrounding the rail yard. One can easily imagine that the rail yard could become an even more impressive necklace of industrial jewels if the rail yard becomes more accessible to the New York State Thruway and the interstate system, as planned.

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