



News Release

Genesee County Economic Development Center

1 Mill Street ♦ Batavia, NY 14020

Phone: 585/343-4866 ♦ Fax: 585/343-0848 ♦ e-mail: gcedc@gcedc.com

Date: **March 9, 2009**

For Further Information Contact:

Chad Zambito, VP of Marketing and Communications

585-343-4866 Ext 17

Batavia Micropolitan Named Tops in the Nation Again

Batavia, NY... Genesee County and the Batavia Micropolitan Area has been named one of the country's 10 fastest growing regions by *Site Selection Magazine* for a fifth consecutive year. A Micropolitan Area is a census definition that describes a city of less than 50,000 people that serves as the seat of a larger geographical area like Genesee County. There are roughly 600 Micropolitans nationwide.

The Batavia Micropolitan was first recognized in 2004 and ranked 7th in the nation. In 2005, the region was named the 3rd fastest growing Micropolitan in the nation and the number 1 location in the Northeast. Batavia made the list again in 2006 and 2007. In 2008 the Batavia Micropolitan ranked fourth nationwide.

Statesville-Mooresville, North Carolina was tops in the category, participating in 17 qualifying projects. Daphne-Fairhope, Alaska tied with Tupelo, Mississippi for second with both completing 12 projects. Batavia participated in 11 qualifying projects tying with Ottawa-Streator, Illinois for fourth. The results were published in *Site Selection's* March issue.

“Despite a changing economic and political climate in the state and nationwide, we were able to participate in 11 qualifying projects and again earn honors as a Top Micropolitan.” said CEO Steve Hyde. “It’s an accomplishment we are

extremely proud of and over the years the recognition has brought us national exposure and helped us increase our project volume. It is an honor that we share with the entire community, including our local and regional partners and elected officials.”

Top U.S. Micropolitans New and Expanded Facilities in 2008		
Rank	Town	Totals
1	Statesville-Mooresville, N.C.	17
T2	Daphne-Fairhope, Ala.	12
T2	Tupelo, Miss.	12
T4	Batavia, N.Y.	11
T4	Ottawa-Streator, Ill.	11
6	Wooster, Ohio	10
T7	Ashtabula, Ohio	9
T7	Lexington-Thomasville, N.C.	9
9	Wapakoneta, Ohio	8
T10	Adrian, Mich.	7
T10	Lincolnton, N.C.	7

(source: Site Selection Magazine)

###