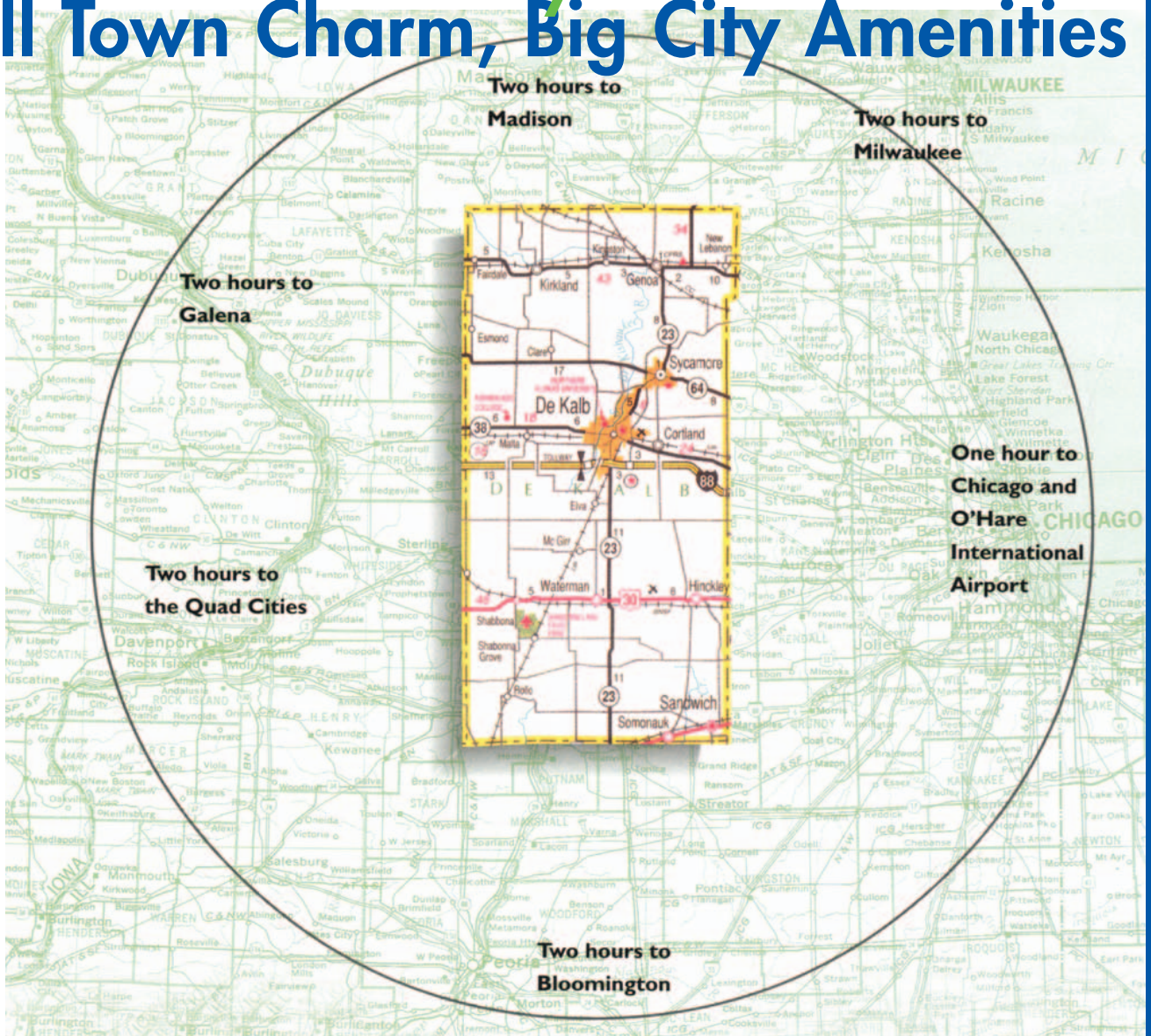


Strategically located in Chicago's fast-growing western suburbs, DeKalb County combines a highly skilled work force and superb market access with affordable homes, top-rated schools, and friendly communities. As a result, it is one of the most attractive places to live and do business in Illinois.



DeKalb County: Small Town Charm, Big City Amenities



DeKalb County's got it: **productivity**

3M Corporation

Sycamore Prairie
Business Park

Plano Molding
Company

Park 88

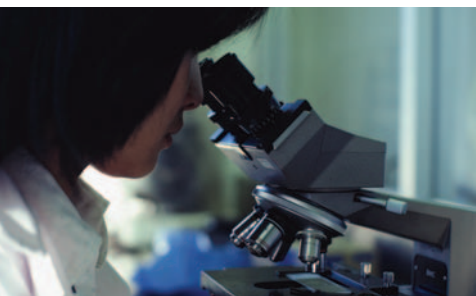
IDEAL INDUSTRIES

Johnson Controls

Target

Nestlé

Panduit



DeKalb County: The Place to Do Business

From international corporations to local businesses, DeKalb County employers draw their strength from the area's dependable work force, business-friendly communities, and easy access to transportation, communication, and utilities.

Businesses in DeKalb County have convenient access to:

- A growing, diverse, highly skilled, and well-educated work force
- Professional and vocational education opportunities
- Job recruitment and training assistance
- A variety of available business and industrial parks
- A tranquil labor/management climate
- Major highways, interstates, railroads, and commercial airports
- Excellent utility and municipal services
- A centrally located municipal airport

DeKalb County's got it: **quality** of life

Cortland
DeKalb
Genoa
Hinckley
Kirkland
Kingston
Lee
Malta
Maple Park
Sandwich
Somonauk
Sycamore
Waterman



DeKalb County: Quality of Life, Second to None

DeKalb County is home to more than a dozen municipalities that pride themselves on being well-planned, friendly communities.

Residents of DeKalb County can count on:

- A variety of housing choices available in every price range, and safe, quiet neighborhoods
- Convenient shopping and dining
- Excellent school districts and abundant recreation opportunities
- Exceptional health care and social services
- Reliable police, fire, and ambulance services
- Open-minded government
- Churches of various denominations

DeKalb County's got it: **opportunity**

Quality Education

Outstanding
Schools

Lifelong Learning

Vocational Training

Exceptional
Teaching

Personal
Development



DeKalb County: Outstanding Opportunities

Northern Illinois University, located in the City of DeKalb and near the center of the county, boasts an enrollment of nearly 26,000 students and participates in NCAA Division 1-A athletics. The NIU faculty includes outstanding teachers, scholars, and researchers with national and international reputations. The university has attained national and international prominence for its programs in accountancy, anthropology, computer science, education, engineering, information technology, physics, public administration, and the visual and performing arts.

Kishwaukee and Waubensee Community Colleges provide quality education and service for the people and businesses of their respective districts. Many courses of study provide an easy transition to senior colleges and universities, while others prepare students to enter or advance in technical and other occupational fields. Non-credit personal interest courses, trips, seminars, and continuing education offerings are also available.

DeKalb County boasts:

- Nine school districts, more than three dozen schools, two community colleges, and a comprehensive research university
- Low student-teacher ratios
- Premier vocational training and continuing professional education opportunities
- Outstanding day-care and preschool programs in every community
- Community education programs including crafts, hobbies, culinary arts, and personal interest and development

DeKalb County's got **it**: **availability**

Recreation & Entertainment Offerings Abound



Residents of DeKalb County enjoy:

- Recreational and athletic programs for all ages at local parks and forest preserves
- Boating, sailing, fishing, hiking, and picnicking at Shabbona State Park, Illinois' first and only lake designated just for fishing
- Performances by leading artists, as well as music, dance, and theatre
- Abundant dining and shopping
- Fairs and festivals, including the Sandwich Fair, DeKalb's Corn Fest, and Sycamore's famous Pumpkin Festival