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**SUBJECT: CITY OF FOREST PARK AND A PROMINENT FOREST PARK
BUSINESS EACH RECEIVE PRESTIGIOUS AWARDS FROM
HCDC**

The City of Forest Park's Economic Development Director and a prominent Forest Park business, Magna Machine Company, were each presented with prestigious awards for outstanding achievements at the 2019 HCDC Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon, held on Friday, January 11th, at the Cooper Creek Event Center. HCDC is a certified development company that manages a comprehensive and award-winning economic development program for Hamilton County.

At the awards banquet, Economic Development Director, Paul Brehm received the "Distinguished Service" award for his work on several HCDC committees for the past five years (2013 – 2018). "It was an honor to serve on the board of directors and executive committee for this fine organization," said Brehm. "HCDC is a valuable partner for communities throughout the region and a tremendous resource for businesses throughout Hamilton County."

Magna Machine Company President Scott Kramer accepted the Ronald Schallick Economic Development Award for his company's impressive \$3.7 million redevelopment project at the former North Pointe Shopping Center in Forest Park. Slated to be completed later this year, this project transforms what had been an underperforming shopping center into an extension of the company's advanced manufacturing operation. Magna will convert the building into office and production space, keeping 140 jobs in the community as a result.

These awards demonstrate Forest Park's continued commitment to current and future economic development projects. The City is truly "Positioned for Progress".