

First Buildings Go Up In Jane Lew Industrial Park

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Just a few months ago, the hillside along the interstate in Jane Lew was covered with woods. But now, thanks to the oil and gas boom across the state, the town has a second [industrial park](#). While there may be bigger places for companies to build, developer Craig Phillips said this is the place where many want to locate.

"Every time you spoke with someone trying to develop along the interstate, it was Jane Lew, Jane Lew, everybody wanted to get as close to Jane Lew as they could. When Doug Parsons called me about this property a couple years ago, it just seemed to be a good fit and a good investment, and here we are," said Phillips.

It's a big change for the small town that only a few years ago was a bedroom community for Clarksburg and Weston. But now Lewis County Commissioner Pat Boyle said he expects the new-found growth to continue for the area.

"As you've seen, the town's continued to grow, and the area around Jane Lew's continued to grow. I think we're going to see much more growth as time goes on. In our lifetime we hope to see much more growth, and I think economically we will," said Boyle.

One of the clearest signs of that growth is the two new buildings that have already popped up on the top of the hill, where Phillips said Access Midstream will put a new facility. It will be the first of what Phillips expects to be many new buildings in the park.

"We hope to have it completed by January first or thereabouts, and of course we're under roof, we're working on the interior of the building as we speak as well as utilities and so on and so forth. It's went very well so far, and we're probably fifty percent through the project," Phillips said.

The new park isn't the only source of growth for the county. Boyle expects that continued work on Corridor H will also help bring more money to the area.