

## Warwick: City on the Move

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Located in the heart of southern New England, the City of Warwick offers unlimited opportunities for new business development and a variety of resources to help your company thrive.

Home to T.F. Green Airport and Rhode Island's intermodal commuter rail station, with easy access to Interstates 95 and 295, Warwick is a convenient location for employees and customers alike, with more than two dozen hotels offering cost-conscious business travelers attractive and affordable lodging options.

We also offer a diverse economy, with a large retail and service sector, a thriving small business community, and a healthy mix of industrial and manufacturing businesses - all of which contribute to a vital commercial base. City Centre Warwick, a multi-modal transit center comprised of 95 acres surrounding the airport and intermodal station, and the adjacent "business innovation district" offers some three million square feet for mixed-use redevelopment, including residential. A recent market segmentation analysis has identified specific opportunities for foreign trade, high-value manufacturing, distribution services, and the health care, educational services, financial, and biotechnology industries (visit www.citycentrewarwick to learn more about this district).

Our community hosts the campuses of the Community College of Rhode Island, the New England Institute of Technology, and Salve Regina University. Johnson & Wales University offers a practicum experience for culinary students at the Warwick Radisson Hotel, and the City is less than a half hour drive from nearly two dozen premiere public and private universities and colleges in Rhode Island ensuring that employers will find a highly-educated, skilled workforce to meet their needs.

Warwick remains a business-friendly community, with staff dedicated to helping new or existing businesses with municipal Planning, Zoning and Building permitting processes. Strong partnerships with organizations like the Central Rhode Island Chamber of Commerce, the U.S. Small Business Administration and the state Department of Labor and Training help us make it more convenient for companies to do business in our city.

Outstanding municipal services, exceptional and diverse educational opportunities, including a strong public school system and several private institutions, 39 miles of coastline, great recreational facilities, and numerous, active non-profit, faith, neighborhood, and other organizations all help to make Warwick a wonderful place to live as well as work.

We welcome you to explore movetowarwickri.com to learn more about our city, browse our listing of available commercial space, and discover how we can help your business - and your employees - call Warwick home.

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