

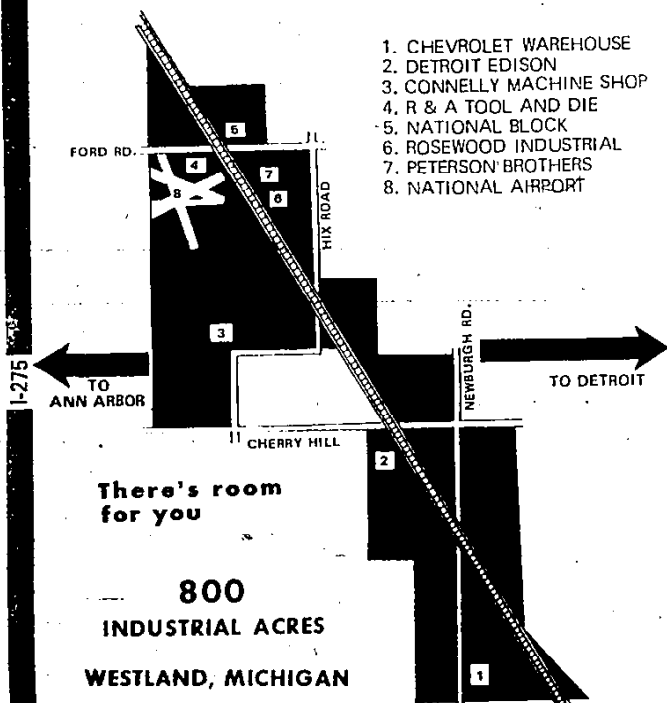
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## Westland Growth Hinges On New Industrial Park

With the start of a new decade, Westland city officials are hoping for a new start toward attracting industrial development in the community.

The city was hopeful a year ago of making a start toward developing some of its 800 acres of land zoned for industrial uses.

A little over a year ago, the city hired James McCartney as its first full time economic development director.

**DURING THAT PERIOD,** Campbell Development Co. and Chevrolet Division of General Motors Corp. announced that it would add another 390,000 square feet of floor space to the Chevy parts warehouse at 1515 S. Newburgh, near Palmer.

The addition to the warehouse more than doubled the size of the facility, which opened in 1968 with 252,000 square feet.

But things have changed, since that optimistic start.

There was a political campaign last fall and City Councilman Eugene McKinney was critical of Mayor Thomas Brown's failure to name a qualified person to head the economic development department, which was formed under an ordinance drafted by a council committee headed by McKinney.

At the time the economic development department was formed, the city had a private, non-profit citizens committee to help promote industrial development in the city.

That committee is now dormant.

The group and McCartney had announced plans last spring to publish a promotional brochure to attract new

plants to Westland but the publication never got off the ground.

When McKinney criticized Brown for not doing anything to attract industry, his comments had a ring of truth to them and the voters decided to make a change in the mayor's office.

**McKINNEY ASSUMED** the duties of the mayor's position in early November and one of the first things he did was not reappoint McCartney as development director.

In addition he has not reappointed a number of members of the citizens advisory commission which was also created under the city council ordinance.

McKinney is looking for an economic development director and is expected to make an announcement on his choice in the near future.

Although there has been no industrial construction of any significance since Chevrolet opened its warehouse two years ago, McKinney hopes to announce soon that a Detroit company, Argo Paint Co., will start work on a \$700,000 plant in the Newburgh-Palmer area.

The key to the city's industrial growth is how the nearly 10 square miles of vacant land in the west half of the community will develop.

If any plants are attracted to Westland, they will be located near the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad track which cuts through the city's southwest section.

Surrounding the railroad line is the Westland Industrial Center, owned by the Campbell Development Co. The Chevy warehouse is located on nearly 20 acres of that center.