

A Boost for City Business Park

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The gleaming MountainOne Financial Partners building at the corner of East Street and Silver Lake Boulevard has brightened up that part of the city. Ideally it will herald better things to come for the William Stanley Business Park.

MountainOne officially dedicated its new \$2 million building at the business park with a public ceremony on Monday. The 10-year-old North Adams-based financial services company outgrew its offices and will share the building with three of its five business partners. The extensive use of glass, which makes up 40 percent of the exterior, gives the structure a sleekly modern look, and it was built with green energy principles in mind, as recycled materials were used in the concrete foundation, steel building beams and the aluminum in the windows.

Progress has come slowly at the rehabilitated former General Electric site for a variety of reasons, among them a sluggish economy. The opening of the MountainOne building provides a jolt of good publicity to the park, which hasn't lost any of its considerable potential for boosting Pittsfield's economy.