

Comporium Communications gives \$75,000 to Kershaw Industrial Park

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KERSHAW - Kershaw Town Council recognized Comporium Communications on Monday for its contribution of \$75,000 toward improvements at the new Kershaw Industrial Park.

The funding is tagged to help cover sewer line construction, according to Comporium's Tommy Dabney, vice president of operations for the Lancaster County area.

Comporium is claiming a credit against state license fees in exchange for amounts paid to provide infrastructure for economic-development projects.

Kershaw Town Administrator Tony Starnes said he sought assistance from Comporium after noticing the company had contributed to the new industrial park near Heath Springs.

"So I asked Mr. Dabney if he thought Comporium might be able to help us out, too," Starnes said. "With a small town like ours, anything helps."

Starnes is seeking other funding to develop the park, located on 117 acres on S.C. 601 several miles northeast of downtown. The park already has an entrance and has water and sewer services available.

Starnes said he now plans to work with Lancaster County Economic Development Corp. to put signage up at the property.

Kershaw Mayor David Blackwell applauds Comporium for its help.

"Cooperation like this between local government and the private sector is a positive signal to prospects that the southern portion of Lancaster County is also a great place to consider locating their business," Blackwell said.

Glenn McFadden, Comporium's executive vice-president of operations, joined Dabney to present a symbolic giant check to Town Council on Monday.

"We first took advantage of the state-tax codes to benefit local economic development a couple of years ago with a project in Rock Hill," McFadden said. "Since then, we have done several others. We wholeheartedly support economic development in Lancaster County and the communities in which we provide either cable TV or telecommunications services."

Comporium is the cable-television operator for the Kershaw area since it bought the system from Charter Communications several years ago.

The Comporium group of companies provides a full spectrum of telecommunications and related services in York and Lancaster counties.