

Leadership South Shore Economic Development Day - January 2019



Economic Development

A Tour of the South Shore

On January 29, 2019, Leadership South Shore held its third Economic Development tour of the region. During the day the 2018-19 Cohort had the opportunity to sit with an elected official, hear from local commercial developers and to tour a local manufacturing plant, all with the intent of learning more about the economic drivers on the South Shore.

Quincy's Mayor Koch has been in office for 32 years, has a staff of 2500, and is in the midst of several redevelopment projects in Quincy yet, he still took the time to meet with the business leaders that make up Leadership South Shore's cohort. Addressing everything from the renovation of Quincy's MBTA stations and the building of the Generals Bridge, to an update on the status of Quincy College and dealing with the frustrations of what he calls the fourth branch of government, bureaucracy; the Mayor was transparent and engaging.

After 2 hours with the Mayor, the bus that had transported the cohort to City Hall, picked up the group to continue their tour. Joining them on the bus, was South Shore Chamber CEO and President, Peter Forman. While travelling from Quincy to Kingston, Peter shared with the group the Chamber's vision for regional economic development. The Chamber is encouraging the building of more and affordable housing. With more housing availability the region can attract more young residents. This younger workforce will in turn encourage more businesses to open up shop in the region.

At the group's next two stops they were able to see some of this vision being launched. Both the visit to the Kingston Collection, with an address by mall GM, David Gilmore and to Cordage Park where Joe Jannetty, Principal of Janco Development spoke, the cohort witnessed plans to add residential components to both developments.

The last stop of this very informative, jam packed day was a tour of SRC Medical conducted by Jeff Tinkham, son of the company Owner, Roy Tinkham. Suiing up in white clean suits, the group was able to tour the plant floor and see first hand, the molding of plastics for the pharma industry.

"Leadership South Shore was established to develop, connect and inspire a diverse group of experienced and emerging leaders in order to increase civic engagement, build vibrant communities and strengthen the region." Keep an eye out for how the Class of 2019 incorporates what they've learned into how they lead.

