

After record economic development, Huntley eyes hotel in 2015

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[HUNTLEY](#) – After seeing record economic development in 2014, Huntley officials will look to secure a hotel in 2015, as they continue to try and draw a diverse mix of businesses along Route 47.

Village Manager Dave Johnson told the Northwest Herald that his staff will analyze potential locations and actively market a hotel in 2015. A quality hotel could spur additional commercial investment and encourage businesses to locate in Huntley, he said.

No hotels or motels are currently located within the village.

“We know we have to get to a point where we establish a critical mass to be able to support facilities, restaurants, hotels,” Johnson said. “But we also believe not having those facilities may be holding us back.”

Officials are looking for ways to build off the record \$188 million commercial and residential developers poured into Huntley in 2014.

Throughout the year, village officials saw Centegra Health System start building its \$233 million Huntley hospital, the maker of Weber Grills expand its Huntley facilities and four new restaurants and businesses open along Route 47.

Although their sights are set on a hotel, officials are aware that market conditions, land availability and developer interest all influence how quickly the village could see a project completed, Johnson said.

“It’s a challenging initiative. We certainly don’t have anything in the works that make us believe something is going to happen tomorrow,” Johnson said. “But we do believe a hotel is an important part of keeping the momentum going.”