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The Davey Tree Expert Company Grows in Kent
Largest Ohio employee-owned company continues to thrive

CLEVELAND, Ohio, May 19, 2020 – The Davey Tree Expert Company, a fast-growing company that provides tree, utility, lawn care and environmental consulting services throughout the U.S. and Canada, plans to grow its headquarters in Kent, Ohio, adding 70 new jobs. The company also will add a 38,000-square-foot addition to its corporate campus located at 1500 N Mantua Street in Kent.

Davey decision-makers cited the quality workforce of Northeast Ohio as a primary reason for their decision to expand in Kent. Northeast Ohio boasts more than 141,000 workers in the \$24 billion professional services/headquarters sector.

“Davey Tree has been proud to call Kent home for more than 140 years,” said Pat Covey, chairman, president and CEO of Davey Tree. “Over the years, we have made a deliberate choice to not only maintain, but to significantly grow our presence here in Kent, and it’s because we value the collaboration and partnerships within our community. Our employee-owners are very committed to Kent, and we are deeply imbedded in this community. Whether it’s participating in volunteer programs, serving on community boards, or living in Kent’s neighborhoods, we are all in.”

An economic development team including the city of Kent, Portage Development Board, JobsOhio and Team NEO has been working with Davey Tree, the largest Ohio employee-owned company, to ensure its successful expansion in Kent, where its headquarters has been located since 1880. The city of Kent also provided incentives and JobsOhio provided a grant to support the expansion in Kent instead of a location outside Ohio.

Members of the cross-organizational team shared their insights:

“As a lifelong resident, I truly appreciate Davey Tree's presence in the city of Kent, where this company continues to thrive. As mayor and a representative of our city council, I share our enthusiasm and support for Davey’s past, present and future investments in our community. We are so pleased that this sustainable, environmentally minded company has committed to Kent as the home of its corporate office and operations.”

- Jerry Fiala, Mayor, City of Kent

“Davey Tree's legacy in Kent stretches back over 100 years. As they've grown their business into a global leader in tree care and environmental services, we're delighted that they continue to see Kent as the place they want to call home for decades to come. This investment announcement comes at a time of unprecedented uncertainty, and we're grateful for Davey Tree's renewed commitment to Northeast Ohio.”

- Dave Ruller, City Manager, City of Kent

“We are delighted to be working with our partners to support this expansion in Kent. As Davey Tree evaluated their location options for growing their business, we were confident that Northeast Ohio was their best choice. This region offers strength in our workforce, our business environment, and the resources Davey and other businesses need to continue growing into the future.”

- Brad Ehrhart, President, Portage Development Board

“Davey Tree has been, and continues to be, an economic engine for Kent: This company has seen growth since opening its doors here 140 years ago. We look forward to working with our local partners and JobsOhio to ensure Davey has the steadfast support it needs to continue succeeding here in Northeast Ohio, and throughout its national and international markets.”

- Bill Koehler, CEO, Team NEO

About The Davey Tree Expert Company

The [Davey Tree Expert Company](#) provides research-driven tree services, grounds maintenance and environmental solutions for [residential](#), [utility](#), [commercial](#) and [environmental](#) partners across North America. As one of the largest [employee-owned](#) companies in the U.S., Davey has been dedicated to creating and delivering sustainable solutions for 140 years. Become part of the Davey legacy and [apply today](#).

About Team NEO

Team NEO is a private, nonprofit economic development organization accelerating business growth and job creation throughout the 18 counties of Northeast Ohio. As the designated JobsOhio Network Partner, we align and amplify local economic development efforts in Northeast Ohio's 18-county region; we conduct research and data analysis to inform local conversations and influence solutions; we market Northeast Ohio as a region; and we work to increase access to jobs, education and training for the region's 4.3 million people. For more information, visit teamneo.org.

About JobsOhio

JobsOhio is a private nonprofit economic development corporation designed to drive job creation and new capital investment in Ohio through business attraction, retention and expansion. The organization also works to seed talent production in its targeted industries and to attract talent to Ohio through [Find Your Ohio](#). JobsOhio works with six regional partners across Ohio: [Dayton Development Coalition](#), [Ohio Southeast](#), [One Columbus](#), [REDI Cincinnati](#), [Regional Growth Partnership](#) and [Team NEO](#). Learn more at www.jobsohio.com. Follow us on [LinkedIn](#), [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

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