

Gov. Pat McCrory speaks at Jimbo's Jumbos peanut processing facility, Monday. See more photos of the governor's visit online at DailyAdvance.com.

Governor: Jimbo's Jumbos adding 78 new jobs STAFF PHOTO

BY REGGIE PONDER

Paul Britton, the vice president of operations at Jimbo's Jumbos, speaks with Gov. Pat McCrory during the governor's tour of the plant, where McCrory announced 78 new jobs were being added to the peanut processing facility, Monday morning.



Partnership donates land for **Jimbo's Jumbos expansion**

BY REGGIE PONDER Editor

Gov. Pat McCrory in his address at Jimbo's Jumbos Monday said the creation of 78 jobs in an expansion at the peanut processing plant is the result of a strong team of economic development leaders at the state and local level. A key piece of that team,

working mostly behind the scenes, has been the Edenton Chowan Partnership.

As part of the process that has enabled the expansion, the Edenton Chowan Partnership is donating to Jimbos Jumbos an 8.8acre tract on Peanut Drive next to the company's current site.

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Gov. Pat McCrory announced Monday morning at the Jimbo's Jumbos peanut processing facility that the company is creating 78 new jobs in Edenton.

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McCrory said the expansion is driven by worldwide demand for Virginia-type peanuts, which he said he prefers to call "North Carolina peanuts" since many are grown here in northeastern North Carolina.

The governor also cel-

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McCrory: Senate must act soon on incentives

BY REGGIE PONDER Editor

Gov. Pat McCrory said during his visit in Edenton Monday that he needs the state Senate to get on board with his request for economic development incentive funding.

The governor said he is very satisfied with House Bill 117, the economic development incentives measure passed by the state House last week, / and needs the Senate to adopt it without significant revisions within the next two weeks.

"I'm proud of the House," McCrory said during a press conference following a tour



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of the Jimbo's Jumbos peanut processing facility in Edenton.

Part of the governor's visit to Edenton Monday



was to announce an expansion at the peanut plant that will create 78 jobs. McCrory noted that

the expansion is being helped by a grant through the One North Carolina Fund - the state's main economic development program.

House Bill 117 seeks to lure more employers to the state by allowing the state's Job Development Investment Grant Program to hand out an additional \$22.5 million in incentive grants. The grants

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McCrory, Kluttz rally behind historic tax credits



Gov. Pat McCrory and state Cultural Resources Secretary Susan Kluttz ride the trolley the governor's tour of downtown Edenton, Monday.

BY REBECCA BUNCH Staff Writer

Gov. Pat McCrory and Cultural Resources Secretary Susan Kluttz received a warm welcome Monday afternoon as they spoke in favor of restoring the state's historic preservation tax credits.

The tax credits, prior to expiring at the end of 2014, benefited many restoration projects in the community including the Edenton Peanut Mill where McCrory and Kluttz were greeted by town and county officials and other local residents. They were accompanied by Rep. Bob Steinburg, R-Chowan, who has become a strong proponent of restoring the tax credits.

We're talking to the choir here," McCrory said. "Now

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