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Mecklenburg County leads all counties in nonresidential construction

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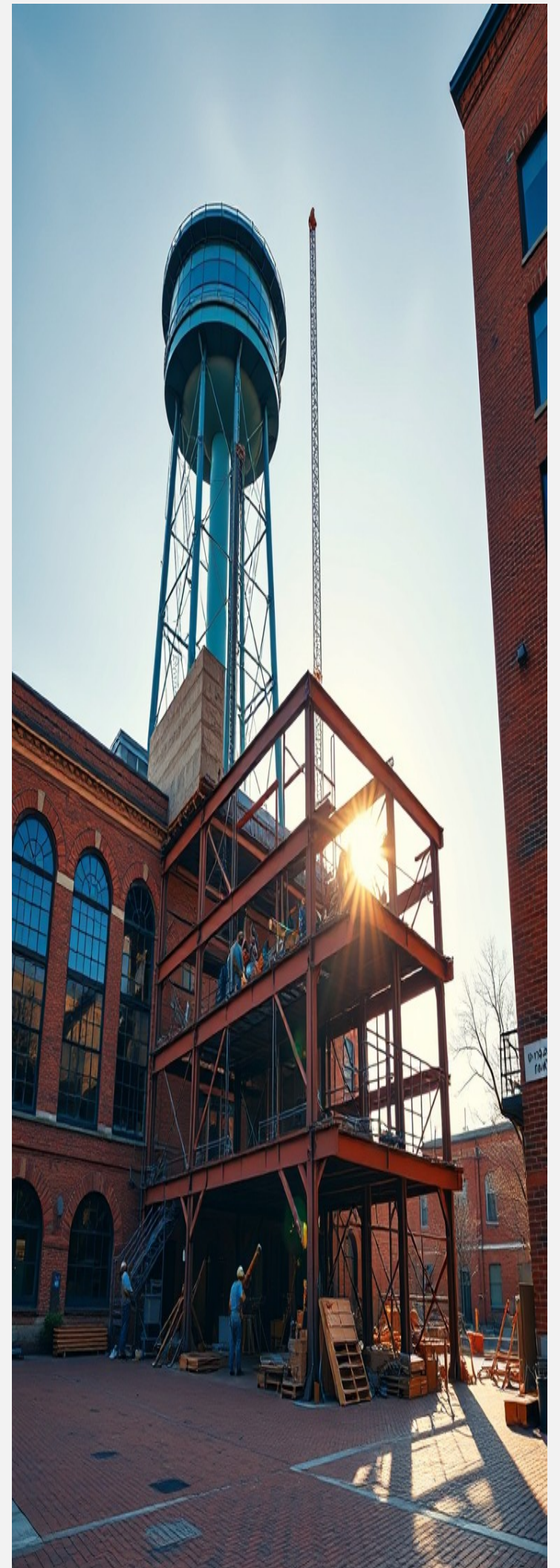
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Commercial Builders (2022)

Mecklenburg County leads North Carolina's 14 counties in nonresidential building construction activity.

With 189 commercial builders operating in 2022, Mecklenburg County is not just a leader — it is the only county in the state with over 100 such firms. This concentration reflects deep institutional capacity, not isolated projects. The clustering suggests a self-reinforcing ecosystem where demand, supply chains, and labor pools are tightly integrated.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, County Business Patterns 2022, NAICS 2362 (Nonresidential building construction) · ALEX Intelligence computation
<https://alex-companies.com/data/2026-10-07-charlotte-ind-2362-county>



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Construction Density as Economic Moat

For investors and developers, this means Mecklenburg County is not just a market — it is a platform. The concentration of builders lowers entry barriers for new firms and increases predictability for capital deployment.

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The Invisible Engine of Demand

This suggests that Mecklenburg County is not just a beneficiary of regional growth — it is the primary engine. The real estate market here is not a passive indicator; it is an active driver of economic transformation.



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