Expansion eyed for Bridgeton's food business park

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BRIDGETON — Expansion at the city’s food business parks is still in the cards, following a recent meeting between Bridgeton officials and others from the Rutgers Food Innovation Center.

Mayor Albert Kelly reported Monday that he met with Rutgers on ideas regarding potential expansion, businesses and funding concepts.

"We’ve got so many different parks that we need to bring the food processors together," Kelly said.

The mayor has noted on previous occasions that the food sector is something the city has on its side when it comes to expanding the local economy.

Aside from the Rutgers center, Bridgeton is also host to WhiteWave, Inc.; Buona Vita, Inc.; Cumberland Freezers; Kintock Food Service Training Program and NJ Ethanol, according to the city website.

Food Business Park South hosts all of the above but Rutgers and WhiteWave, which is located on Rosenhayn Avenue.

According to the city’s website, Food Business Park North “features 12 acres of available ground for a food-related or agri-business that seeks the benefits of co-location with Rutgers.”

The southern site "serves as a perfect location for the small to mid-size company whose site requirements are four acres or less.”

Kelly said Rutgers provided him with information on similar food park projects and innovation centers, including a site in New Brunswick he plans to see for himself.

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