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BUSINESS CLEANS UP FORMER CAR LOT

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MANSFIELD – While work is under way to develop a master plan for renovation of the downtown and Miracle Mile areas of Mansfield, one business already is continuing to fix up its little corner of the world.

K.E. McCartney & Associates, Inc. (KEM) – engineers, planners and surveyors – has invested about \$500,000 to clean up the former Ingram Oldsmobile used-car lot at 52 North Diamond St.

“We’ve made a significant statement of confidence in this area of the city,” said Brian P. McCartney, company president.

Today, workers are busy painting the exterior and doing other work on a nearby building that formerly housed Children of Light Ministries. KEM uses that location for some offices, storage and garage.

“We’ve grown.” McCartney said.

The company has added eight highly skilled personnel in recent years and plans to continue its growth. It employs 28 people and has an office in Elyria.

The company is a full-service civil engineering and surveying firm, which was founded in Lexington in 1978. In the beginning, the emphasis was on site development, transportation, planning and design; construction management and inspection; water/wastewater collection and treatment; storm-water management; and subdivision planning.

KEM broadened the scope of its services in September 2000 to include all aspects of right-of-way acquisition services. KEM now offers right-of-way planning, negotiation, appraisal, appraisal review, title search and closing services.

Brian McCartney became president of the company in early 1994 after the death of his father, Kenneth E. McCartney; who founded the company.

KEM moved to the former Ingram site in 1994, renovating that site into a state-of-the-art office complex.

“We do a lot of business with the courthouse and this gives up a more efficient operation,” McCartney said.