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Artwork and professional building bring welcome changes to Clover Island

Kennewick, Wash. —More than 100 citizens gathered to help the Port of Kennewick dedicate the first art installation on Clover Island in historic downtown Kennewick. Immediately following the artwork dedication event, the crowd moved to the west end of the island to celebrate the opening of the Port's new professional office building at 104 Clover Island Drive.

The artwork is titled, "Catch the Wind" by artist Ivan McLean; and is the first of several installations envisioned as part of the Port's Clover Island Master Plan. The land has been in the Port of Kennewick's property portfolio since 1942. The Port built the new building to accommodate the Clover Island Yacht Club which will lease approximately 6,000 square feet on the ground floor. The second floor was designed as professional office suites to attract new business and create jobs which will support the urban renewal of historic downtown.

The building overlooks the Columbia River and the Clover Island Yacht Club Marina, and is located within historic downtown Kennewick on Clover Island. In addition, the building offers spectacular views of the blue and cable bridges and is adjacent to the Sacagawea Heritage Trail--a 23-mile regional waterfront pedestrian and bicycle path.

According to Port Executive Director, Tim Arntzen, the artwork and building represent an economic development partnership. Stated Arntzen, "Our investment in public art is about creating a sense of place and a desirable location for business expansion. The Yacht Club embraced the Port's vision and agreed to partner with the Port to bring urban renewal to historic downtown. They worked with us to renegotiate their lease and agreed to give up their old building; which the Port razed to make way for a new, modern facility with a shared parking area, and improved shoreline access for the public."

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The Port of Kennewick is a municipal corporation serving District taxpayers in Kennewick, Richland, West Richland, Benton City, and portions of unincorporated Benton County. The Port's mission is to develop those assets which create sustainable family wage jobs, user friendly transportation systems, and quality of life enhancements for visitors and residents of the Port district.