



Mission:

To Provide **Places of Incubation** for the **Entrepreneurial Spirit**

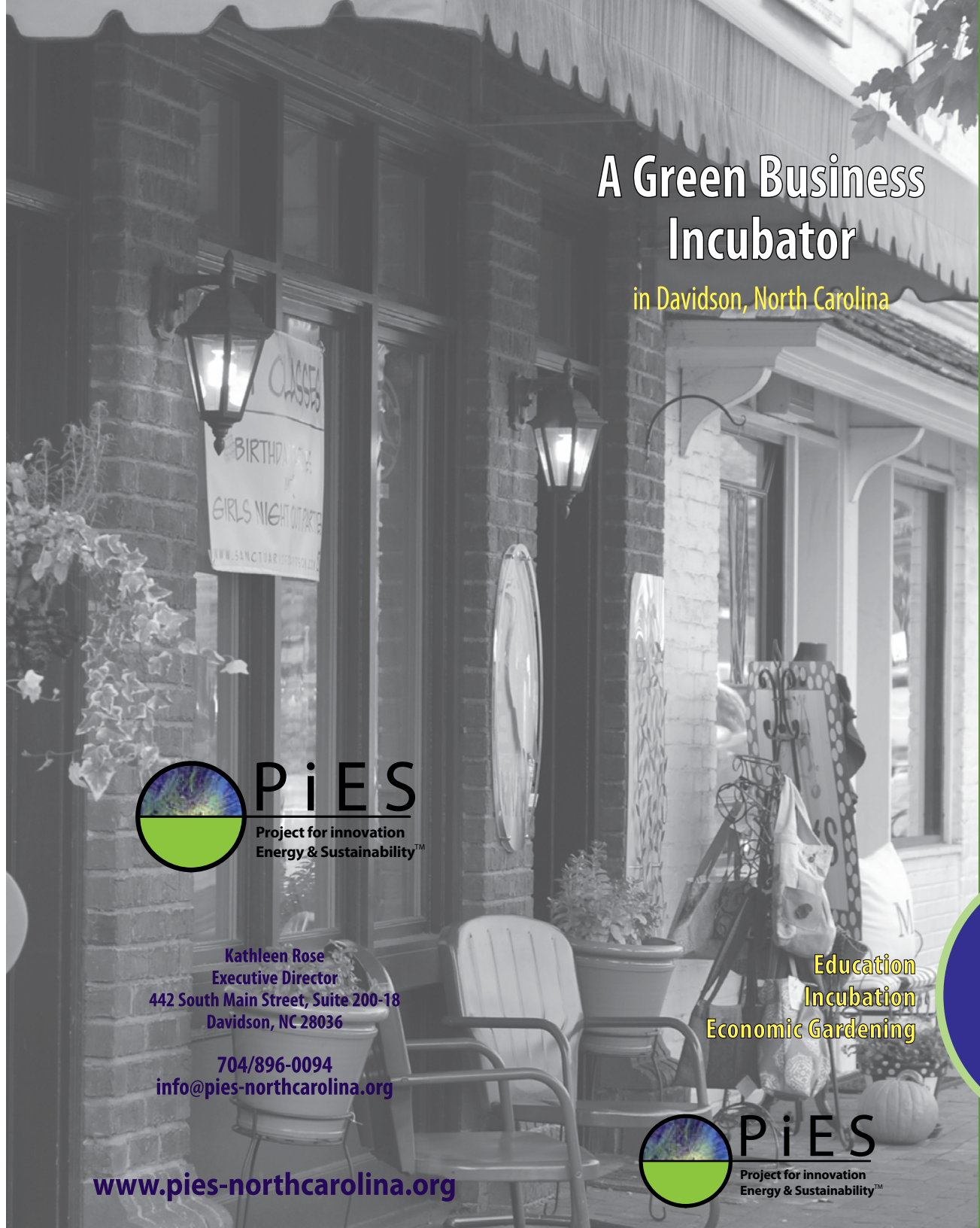
The Project for Innovation, Energy and Sustainability (PiES) is an incubator, in partnership with the Town of Davidson and other local organizations, designed to help start-up and early stage green businesses by assisting them through the various stages of development.

PiES provides support with business growth and development, as well as assistance with technical business and funding operations. The emphasis on energy and sustainability, combined with collaborative partnerships, makes PiES a unique and community-focused business incubator.

Becoming a member of PiES provides new green businesses the tools to target and tackle sustainability initiatives including the Triple Bottom Line: *People, Planet and Profit.*

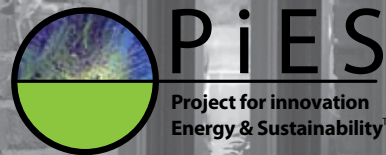


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Education
Incubation
Economic Gardening



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The Three Key Elements of PiES:



EDUCATION - *Leading by Example*

- Serve as an educational model for sustainable business practices
- Provide seminars on building science, energy efficiency and Energy Star and/or LEED certification
- Mentor communities and companies in implementing sustainability initiatives
- Integrate economic sustainability and job creation within the local community

BUSINESS INCUBATION - *Multi-Stage Resources*

- Provide multiple entry points to start-up and early-stage innovative companies
- Accelerate successful start-up by providing an array of targeted resources and services
- Offer appropriate low cost rental space and flexible leases
- Assist in facilitation of funding opportunities necessary for company growth

ECONOMIC GARDENING - *Keeping it Local*

- Create job opportunities within the community where they take root and grow
- Recycle existing infrastructure and commercial building through redevelopment and reuse
- Stabilize commercial/residential occupancy and value/tax revenue
- Create greater wealth in community by distributing resources locally

BALLE Network

PiES is a member of the BALLE Network, the Business Alliance for Local Living Economies. BALLE is America's fastest growing network of sustainable businesses comprised of over 80 community networks like PiES) representing more than 22,000 locally-owned, independent business members. BALLE's mission is to catalyze, strengthen and connect networks of locally owned, independent businesses dedicated to building "local living economies."



PiES assists localities by building *Public/Private Partnerships between community, property owners and green businesses.*

PiES is a critical link between *innovation, job creation and community — providing education and business resources for economic sustainability.*



To learn how PiES can help your business and/or your community, contact Kathleen Rose:
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