

Lafayette named North American City of the Future International recognition for quality of life

Foreign Direct Investment magazine (fDi), a London-based publication, named Lafayette in its North American Cities of the Future issue (April/May 2007). Lafayette made the Top 5 list for Best Quality of Life for small cities with populations between 100,000 - 500,000.

fDi researchers took more than six months to select the shortlists of cities of all sizes with the best strategies and resources for economic development. As part of the selection process, nine judges reviewed nominations from 108 cities on more than 60 criteria designed to assess cities' potential to attract business investment projects.

Judging criteria for Best Quality of Life were:

- Best housing areas
- Average residential property purchase price
- Average residential rental costs
- Public and private healthcare facilities
- Leading schools
- Leading international schools
- Cultural and environmental heritage
- Incidents of crime per thousand people

Along with Lafayette, the other cities in the top 5 are: Albany, NY; Waterloo, Ontario; Huntsville, AL; and Windsor, Ontario.

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