



Senator Frank LaRose
27th Ohio Senate District

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LAROSE ANNOUNCES FUNDING FOR BARBERTON PROJECT

Site holds the potential for business, job creation

COLUMBUS — State Senator Frank LaRose (R – Copley) has announced that \$289,312 will be made available for an environmental assesment of the former Seiberling Industrial property in the City of Barberton. The project, which will be made available through Clean Ohio Assistance funding, garnered approval from the State Controlling Board on Monday.

Located at 315 15th Street NW in Barberton, the site has been eyed by Buckeye Polymers, Inc. as a potential location for future operations. The plastic pellet manufacturer plans to create 80 new jobs following the redevelopment effort. Additionally, the city and the Barberton Land Improvement Company, LLC have voiced support for the plan.

“A project of this nature will be of great help in revitalizing our community and creating quality jobs for the residents of Barberton,” LaRose said. “I look forward to working with Mayor Judge and city officials in continuing this work and bringing more economic development opportunities to the area.”

Under the plan, the site will undergo a Phase II Environmental Assessment that will include the installation of 144 deep and shallow soil borings, as well as 33 shallow monitoring wells and an asbestos survey.

The funding also earned the support of Ohio Department of Development Director Christiane Schmenk.

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Senator LaRose represents the 27th Senate District which includes part of Summit County. He serves as Chairman of the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review and Vice Chairman of the Senate Highways and Transportation Committee.