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Senator Sawyer Announces State Funds for Kent State *Funds will allow university to purchase land for campus development*

Columbus- State Senator Tom Sawyer announced that the State Controlling Board approved the release of \$390,000 for Kent State University to purchase three properties as a part of the Kent Gateway project.

“This long sought, city-university project will help generate an investment commitment of nearly \$100 million and lead to an estimated 600 -1,000 jobs in Kent over time,” said Senator Sawyer.

The Kent Gateway project includes the expansion of the university through an Esplanade, a walk-way extending through campus. Expanding the Esplanade will allow students and other pedestrians to have safer access to campus and to the city of Kent.

The three properties that KSU will purchase are rentals, located strategically to extend into the Esplanade. Two are income generating properties and the third is a vacant parcel of land located in the Multi Family Residential District within the city of Kent. The properties are valued as such:

- Liss Property, 330 Erie Street: \$180,000
- Heimna Property, 204 S Willow Street: \$200,000
- Dubois Property, Vacant Land, Erie Street: \$10,000

“This project will further elevate the already vibrant quality of life in Kent that flows from living in the midst of a world-class university,” said Senator Sawyer.

Senator Sawyer serves as the only Senate Democrat on the Controlling Board.

The Controlling Board provides legislative oversight over certain capital and operating expenditures by state agencies and has approval authority over various other state fiscal activities.