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## **Senator Sawyer Announces Development Grant for the City of Hudson**

*Funds would create 300 new jobs over three years*

*Columbus-* State Senator Tom Sawyer (D-Akron) announced today that the State Controlling Board approved the release of \$710,000 in Roadwork Development grants to the city of Hudson for a project that will create a new road to connect Seasons Road with Route 8 near the Seasons Road Commerce Center.

“The Seasons Road Commerce Center continues to live up to expectations as a magnet of new development,” said Senator Sawyer. “This is an opportunity for the city of Hudson to emerge as a leader in eco-friendly construction practices.”

The addition to Seasons Road will increase the acreage and accessibility to the Commerce Center, Ohio’s first eco-industrial park, making it a prime location for businesses who want to employ green construction practices.

One of the first tenants of the park will use a process that will recycle plastics and convert them to oil; while, a second tenant will remove 730,000 tons of municipal solid waste from a landfill and generate 33 million gallons of ethanol.

Both tenants are expected to jointly create 300 new, full-time jobs within three years. The grant assistance represents 32 percent of the total project cost. The city of Hudson has committed to provide the balance of the project cost.

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.