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### **ERIE COUNTY COUNCIL APPROVES PLAN TO DEVELOP FIRST BUSINESS PARK IN 25 YEARS**

**ERIE, PA** – Erie County Council approved Resolution Number 22, 2023 Tuesday night greenlighting a Property Development Agreement between the County of Erie and the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Erie to develop the first Erie County business park in 25 years.

The proposed development is a 194-acre property situated in Fairview and Girard Townships along U.S. Route 20, 154 across from Pleasant Ridge Manor and 40 on the north side of Rt. 20. This development will help solve one of Erie County's biggest challenges, the lack shovel-ready sites. Erie County has very few sites of 50 acres or more and this limited inventory of available sites and quality buildings has caused Erie County to be overlooked.

"This is an exciting day for Erie County," said Erie County Redevelopment Authority CEO Tina Mengine. "Special thanks to County Executive Davis who had the vision and understood the pressing need to fill the gap we have for shovel ready sites. Thanks to council's vote tonight we can quickly begin to get to work on our first new business park in more than two decades," Mengine added.

From the County's perspective, it is a win for the taxpayers and all the citizens of the county. "This business park is big step towards building a foundation for a strong economic future here in Erie County," said Erie County Executive Brent Davis. This will prove to be a game changer for the region, generating business opportunities, jobs, income, etc.," Davis added.

The project will get started thanks to a \$4.5 million dollar ARPA grant provided by the County for infrastructure development. The plan is for the ECRDA to sell acreage at the park to businesses as they develop the park. The net proceeds will be split 50/50 between the ECRDA and the county. There are also plans to build a new walking trail around the business park as well as 162 additional parking spaces for Pleasant Ridge Park.

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