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Fairport receives Restore New York grant for development projects

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Fairport, N.Y. — The Empire State Development Corporation has awarded a \$156,700 grant to be used for improvements in the village of Fairport as part of Gov. Andrew Cuomo's Restore New York initiative.

Announced on Thursday, Aug. 18, the funding will be used for two development projects.

The funding will first be used in asbestos removal, demolition of vacant buildings and soil remediation on Parker Street. The Fairport Industrial Development Agency (IDA) has already started the project by demolishing two former DPW garages and removing 2,000 tons of soil that was contaminated by petroleum products on the 1.6-acre site.

"It was very costly to clean up the site, and this money helps us with that project," said IDA Director Kal Wysokowski. "It's huge."

The IDA is shifting the remainder of the project — developing the same property to house 35 residential units and a retail/commercial building — to private developer Anco Builders, set to be underway later this year.

"It's great timing for us," said Village Administrator Ken Moore. "Since the IDA's work is done, the progress complements the upcoming private development."

In addition to the Park Street improvements, the grant will also help fund \$229,172 in repairs and improvements to the Erie Canal, including design and construction of a public promenade, canal breakwall, pavilion, signage, lighting and site amenities such as a new gazebo, boat tie-ups, and a new pump-out station.

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