



## City of Barberton

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### City of Barberton Receives Multiple Sources of Funding For Various Projects

**Barberton, OH** (March 11, 2024) –Mayor William Judge County Executive Ilene Shapiro and are delighted to announce that the Ohio Department of Transportation has allocated \$500,000 to the Wooster Road West Reconstruction Project in the City of Barberton. The project, proposed by the County’s Transportation Improvement District under Executive Shapiro's leadership, has received this significant funding boost. This financial support will facilitate essential infrastructure enhancements along the Wooster Road West Commercial Corridor, benefiting local businesses such as PPG, JR Wheel, General Plastex, and BWXT. The comprehensive roadway reconstruction will encompass widened sidewalks, drainage enhancements, the rehabilitation of two bridges, and will play a pivotal role in retaining over 1000 jobs within the community.

In addition to the Wooster Road West project, Summit County Executive Ilene Shapiro is excited to announce that the County has been granted \$350,000 by the Ohio Department of Transportation for the Newell Street Industrial Park project in the City of Barberton. This project was chosen as one of ten recipients from Transportation Improvement Districts (TID) statewide. The grant will play a crucial role in funding infrastructure enhancements aimed at facilitating access to the site and initiating the redevelopment of the former brownfield into a multi-user industrial park. Specifically, the grant funds will be utilized to enhance signalization along Newell Street and Norton Avenue, augment Newell Street capacities, and construct left turn lanes on Norton Avenue. This investment marks a significant step forward in revitalizing the area and fostering economic growth within the community.

The City of Barberton has also received \$1,000,000 in funding for the Lake Anna Park Revitalization Project. The funding for the Lake Anna Park Revitalization Project was secured through the passage of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024, which Rep. Emilia Sykes (OH-13) supported. This legislation encompasses a comprehensive package of six domestic funding bills aimed at providing assistance to families and communities nationwide. The investments outlined in the bill are designed to alleviate the financial burdens faced by families, generate and maintain well-compensated employment opportunities, and provide assistance to individuals in need. This support underscores a commitment to bolstering communities and fostering economic stability across the United States.

"This funding is a crucial means for us to reinvest in our community, stimulate economic development initiatives, bolster infrastructure improvements, and offer Barberton greater opportunities to flourish," stated Mayor William B. Judge. "We are grateful for being granted this funding to propel our efforts in Barberton forward, and eagerly anticipate the positive transformations it will facilitate."

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