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Fairfield County Port Authority Helps Variety Floors Expand

Carroll, Ohio – Variety Floors has purchased a three- quarter acre site located on Helena Drive from the Fairfield County Port Authority as part of the business's expansion project.

The property was owned by the Fairfield County Commissioners and attached to the Fairfield County Board of Developmental Disabilities' property on Coonpath Rd. Both the Commissioners and the Board of Developmental Disabilities deemed the land excess property. Last week, the Commissioners transferred the land to the Fairfield County Port Authority for economic development purposes. It was sold to Variety Floors for the appraised value of \$55,000 as well as all fees associated with the sale.

"I'm thrilled that the Port Authority could participate in this project. The business is expanding and there are new property tax revenues coming to the county, township and school district. It is a win for everyone involved," said Brian Householder, Secretary-Treasurer of the Fairfield County Port Authority.

Doug Kunselman, owner of Variety Floors, said that he will construct a new building on the property to be used for storage as well as an outlet store for cash and carry flooring.

"We're excited to offer that kind of flooring to people in our community. There's nothing like it in Fairfield County," said Kunselman. "I'm appreciative for the Port Authority to give us an opportunity to make this happen."

Rick Szabrak, Executive Director of the Port Authority, said this is the first project the Port has been involved in and shows the value the Port has as an economic development tool.

"Unused property could be a missed opportunity," said Szabrak. "The Port Authority provides the opportunity for excess property to go to a business for immediate use instead of an investor who may wait years to develop the land."







Left: Doug Kunselman, Owner of Variety Floors, Right: Rick Szabrak, Fairfield County Economic Development Director.