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TOWN OF TONAWANDA

Board approval advances plan for Mudflats site

The Town of Tonawanda is in the home stretch toward developing land along its northern border for a business park.

Monday night, the Town Board agreed to spend up to \$4,500 for an engineering firm's help in finishing the state environmental quality review for the proposed North Youngmann Commerce Center. The 80-acre site is adjacent to the Youngmann Memorial Highway.

Once the environmental review is complete, the town already has money to develop infrastructure and make the property shovel-ready. The site became part of the town's Empire Zone several years ago.

The area is known as the "Mudflats," its topography resulting from the excavation of soil to build the highway. For decades it was host to municipal waste-burning incinerators, which were demolished.

Though wastes generated by nuclear weapons research had been detected there and in the nearby town landfill, the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers last fall cleared the Mudflats for development, saying no action was required to protect public health or the environment.

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