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Global Cooling, Le-Ax express support for recycling center land purchase

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A letter of intent is being drafted between the Athens County Port Authority and the Athens-Hocking Recycling Centers Inc. for the recycling center to purchase just over 3 acres at Theisen Industrial Park on Poston Road.

The industrial park is owned by the Port Authority. AHRC currently has a materials recovery facility at the industrial park and a composting operation. The 3-acre tract the recycling center is looking to purchase is adjacent to the property the center already owns at the industrial park. Athens-Hocking Recycling will pay \$25,040 for the parcel.

Previously, members of the Port Authority wanted to get input from other occupants of the industrial park, namely Global Cooling and Le-Ax Water District. Last month, both entities submitted letters of support for the recycling center purchasing the land.

“The mission of the AHRC is well aligned with our objective to sell the world the most sustainable life sciences research freezer,” wrote Global Cooling President and CEO Neill Lane. “The proximity of the recycling center will also support Global Cooling’s zero waste initiative.”

John Simpson, general manager for Le-Ax, wrote that he and engineer Travis Anderson were invited to tour Athens-Hocking Recycling’s facility and hear of its plans for the additional 3 acres.

“At this time I see no negative impact on our ability to continue to produce and provide a safe and high-quality water supply from the plans presented by (AHRC Executive Director Bruce Underwood) for this 3-acre tract,” Simpson wrote.

During Wednesday's Port Authority meeting, a list of covenants was discussed for all tenants of the industrial park. The Port Authority agreed to allow 60 days for Athens-Hocking Recycling Centers to review the new covenants before the purchase is finalized. The topic will be readdressed during the Port Authority's June board meeting.

As previously reported, the new tract of land will be used to expand composting and possibly to house a waste wood grinder and a shredder.

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