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Auburn's Kitty Hawk Business Park to be site of new trucking center

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AUBURN, ME The city council has approved an enhanced infrastructure development agreement with Hartt Transportation Systems, Inc. to enable Hartt's development affiliate to move ahead with the development of the Kitty Hawk Business Park, near Exit 75 of the Maine Turnpike (I-95). The business park covers 32 acres and provides 8 new business development lots.

Hartt anticipates that it will develop a \$3.8 million trucking facility, including a 30,000 s/f terminal building and commercial truck wash for its own use at the site on the north side of the access road, off Kittyhawk Ave. The remaining lots offer visual exposure on I-95 and are located about a 3 minute drive from Exit 75. These sites are well suited for hotel, office, transportation and light manufacturing uses.

The agreement will allow the city to formalize a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) plan in support of the proposed infrastructure improvements on site and along Kittyhawk Ave. Under the agreement, anticipated infrastructure costs of \$1.2 million will be recovered via from the city of Auburn by Hartt's development affiliate over a 20-year period based on the anticipated increment in property tax assessed values.

Rob Baldacci and Tony Armstrong of the Baldacci Real Estate Group advised Hartt Transportation on the TIF project and are the brokers for the project. Hart Transportation Systems, Inc. is based in Bangor, Maine and operates over 400 tractors and 2000 dry shipping vans.

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