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## Work starts on business park in Antrim Township that is to create jobs for 2,000

By JIM HOOK Senior writer

ANTRIM TOWNSHIP -- A developer is moving ahead with plans to build a business park next door to the Norfolk Southern rail/truck terminal near Interstate 81's Exit 3 in Antrim Township.

"We officially started work on the roads today," said Pat Coggins, vice president of development for Baltimore-based developer Atapco Properties. "In the next couple of days we'll put construction entrances in and start to move some dirt."

Antrim Commons Business Park is expected to attract businesses employing 2,000 people. Parks of similar size take five to seven years to build out, Coggins said.

"It all depends on how fast the market recovers," he said. "A year ago the world was basically ending, and now we're back in the market. There is a pulse. There are deals out there. We want them to get a look at our project."

A \$1 million state incentive is expected to leverage a \$5.4 million investment from the developer, according to the Pennsylvania Department of Economic and Community Development. The state money will reimburse the developer for the debt service associated with the construction of Antrim Commons Drive and Armada Drive, sewer lines and water lines.

Antrim Commons Drive will connect to U.S. 11 near the southbound entrance ramp to Interstate 81. Armada Drive will link to Commerce Avenue in front of the Food Lion Distribution Center.

The network of roads will eventually reach Norfolk Southern's Franklin County Regional Intermodal Facility, according to

David Sciamanna, president of the Greater Chambersburg Chamber of Commerce.

"It is all integral to the success of the intermodal facility," he said.

Norfolk Southern is to begin constructing the rail/truck yard later this year and finish in September 2012.

The neighboring 200-acre business park will offer as much as 2 million square feet of industrial and distribution space, and as much as 300,000 square feet of commercial and retail space.

"There are a number of deals in the Route 81 corridor between Winchester (Va.) and Lehigh Valley looking for land," Coggins said.

"We have reason to believe this is going to make things happen," Antrim Township Zoning Officer Sylvia House said.

The park could receive a maximum of \$1 million from the state infrastructure and facilities improvement program -- \$100,000 a year for 10 years. The park had applied for \$4 million, but the program had too many applicants for too little money. The state split \$23 million among seven applicants.

Sciamanna said the park could lose a portion of the grant if it fails to install the infrastructure or to come up with the promised jobs.

The Franklin County Industrial Development Authority acted as a conduit for the state grant.

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