

Revised plan for Beech Acres site leaves a ghost on Anderson Twp. ballot

New high school, mixed-use development in works

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ANDERSON TOWNSHIP, Ohio -- When Anderson Township voters go to the polls Tuesday, they'll see a ghost on their ballots — not a ghost candidate but a ghost issue. Issue 18 would have funded the township's park district's purchase of 36 acres from Beech Acres Parenting Center (<https://beechacres.org>), a nonprofit organization that has been based in Anderson since 1949.

Anderson Township Park District (<http://andersonparks.com>), which has had its eye on the campus at 6881 Beechmont Ave. for two decades, wants to expand its 15,000 square-foot Beech Acres Park RecPlex (<http://andersonparks.com/ParkRexPlexinfo.html>), now leased from Beech Acres.

On Oct. 13, though, the park district canceled the levy effort as pressure grew those who want a new high school built on the soon-to-be-former Beech Acres' campus and the old Anderson High School site converted to mixed commercial use, including apartments, offices and shops.

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