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New Jobs Coming to Martindale-Brightwood Neighborhood

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An area that ten years ago was a landfill is now responsible for bringing hundreds of jobs to a local neighborhood.

Indianapolis mayor Bart Peterson joined business leaders, neighborhood residents and state officials Thursday in breaking ground on the newest business to join Keystone Enterprise Park on the city's near north east side.



Hoosier Gasket's decision to relocate its headquarters and manufacturing operations and build a new facility in the park created 75 new jobs and investing more than \$8 million.

"Today's announcement showcases the tremendous progress of Keystone Enterprise Park and our effort to bring new jobs and major investment to a neighborhood that had seen neither in decades," Mayor Peterson said. "We are attracting businesses, including Horning Roofing and Hoosier Gasket, that are committed to reaching out and providing job opportunities to near-by residents. That is how this park will have its biggest impact on the everyday lives of people."



Roosevelt Harper

Neighborhood resident Roosevelt Harper says his new job brought stability to his life.

"I stepped into a situation where they've given me an opportunity for further growth being that they're moving into their new facility. I think they're making my transition from what I do pretty reasonable and I'm just happy to be part of that team," said Harper.

Also on Thursday, officials marked the opening of the Horning Roof and Sheet Metal Company which moved its operations to the enterprise park, adding 50 new jobs.

Since the city broke ground on the park in 2002, it has attracted six new businesses and brought more than 400 jobs to the neighborhood. All but 12 of the 62 acres are under contract.



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