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Hall of Fame Village secures \$70M in financing

Peachtree Group to invest in water park and hotel

Kelly Byer

Canton Repository
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CANTON – The Hall of Fame Village has secured \$70 million in new

financing from the Peachtree Group to support construction of the water park and on-site hotel.

The Peachtree Group, an investment and hotel management firm headquartered in Atlanta, is providing Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) financing — a 26-year, fixed-rate loan that will be repaid through a special property tax assessment instead of traditional monthly payments.

Charles Talbert, vice president of corporate communications for the Peachtree Group, said the C-PACE financing will go toward energy-efficient building elements, such as windows, HVAC systems, water heating, plumbing fixtures, lighting and mechanical systems.

"As developers navigate tighter credit conditions and rising

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Minerva and Magnolia lend charm to film

Ed Balint Canton Repository | USA TODAY NETWORK

A director hollered out instructions on the set of "A Christmas Drawn Together," a movie being filmed in Stark and Carroll counties.

"Two minutes," she said as a female lead sat patiently while her tresses of blond hair were curled.

Alex Hyde-White, a lead actor in the romantic holiday movie, reviewed his part before rolling up the script and shoving it in his back pocket.

The impending scene was being filmed at the Heartland on Heritage wedding venue in the

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A film crew works on a scene at Heartland on Heritage in the Magnolia area. The independent movie, "A Christmas Drawn Together," also has been filming in Carrollton and downtown Minerva.

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Note to readers

Due to the upcoming Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday, there will be no mail delivery on Monday, Jan. 19. Instead of receiving your Jan. 19 paper on Monday, you'll receive it in the mail on Tuesday, Jan. 20.

Communities challenge FirstEnergy

Patrick Williams

Akron Beacon Journal
USA TODAY NETWORK

Government officials from Barberton and other Northeast Ohio communities are challenging FirstEnergy Corp.'s request with state regulators to grant it more time to respond to power outages and to permit more outages per year.

For its Ohio Edison territory, Akron-based FirstEnergy wants to increase its average response time to outages by about three-and-a-half minutes, from 114.37 to 117.88 minutes, according to the utility's 2024 request with

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