

Sam DeShazior, Akron's deputy mayor of economic development. # The acreage, south of Evans Avenue, is not equipped with utilities such as gas, water electric and fiber optics, DeShazior said. Bordered by railroad tracks and, at one time, a portion of the Pennsylvania and Ohio Canal, the land was never developed, he said. # Properties in Akron's economic development parks that are pre-equipped with utilities generally cost about \$25,000 per acre, he said. # " As their advanced-materials center grows they can stretch out into other industries, " DeShazior said. " We are positioning them to be able to choose Akron to do that. " # Silicones are used in industries ranging from automotive and chemical to cosmetics and health care. Shin-Etsu produces more than 5,000 different silicone products, the company reported in a news release. # Shin-Etsu Silicones of America has an option to expand on more than 40 acres south of Evans Avenue in Akron. City of Akron # Shin-Etsu has steadily expanded its Akron production capability since 1995, with the Evans Avenue campus now housing six sites, said Shin-Etsu General Manager Jason Guseman. # The company recently completed a \$40 million expansion and has another \$40 million expansion underway, Guseman said. Each new product line launched under the expansions brings more technician-level jobs to the area, he said. # " Jobs are coming along slowly as each product line comes up and running, " he said. # The company focuses its resources on one major project at a time, to get a better idea of what's next, he said. # The company has no specific plans for what would be developed on the 40 acres if it moves forward with the purchase