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Kent County Breaks Ground on North Campus *New Facility Will Enhance Access to County Services*

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (October 13, 2021) – Kent County ceremonially broke ground today on the North County Campus located at 4191 17 Mile Road in Cedar Springs.

On Jan. 23, 2020, the Kent County Board of Commissioners initially voted to approve \$12.5 million for the development of this campus along with [two other capital improvement projects](#). An additional \$630,000 was appropriated on Aug. 26, 2021, to address the increased cost of construction. Funding for this project was allocated from the County’s Capital Improvement Program Fund, which was established to reduce the size of debt associated with large capital projects.

“It is essential that we address the needs of our growing community,” said Kent County Board of Commissioners Chair Mandy Bolter. “This facility will offer more efficient and accessible services to northern Kent County residents and alleviate the need for them to go downtown Grand Rapids for some vital in-person services.”

The 30,000 square foot campus, which is scheduled for completion in April 2023, will include a North Sub-Station for the Sheriff’s Office, Health Department clinic, and ‘hoteling’ space for other County services.

“This facility is a great opportunity for the County to increase access to services, improve response times by the Sheriff’s Office, and create a more functional environment for our employees,” concluded Bolter. “We are completing this project without the need to issue bonds, which is a testament to the Board’s commitment to wisely invest taxpayer dollars.”

Sitework and structural foundation are currently underway, but a pause in construction will take place until the spring due to global steel and other material shortages.

Kent County has contracted with DLZ Michigan Inc. for architecture and engineering and Owen-Ames-Kimball Co. for construction. Facility renderings can be found [here](#).

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