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Groundbreaking Ceremony for Community Center North Marks Exciting Milestone in Fuquay-Varina's Recreational Vision

Today, the Town of Fuquay-Varina hosted a groundbreaking ceremony for the highly anticipated Community Center North, marking the commencement of construction on the facility.

Community Center North is set to offer a wealth of amenities. Upon completion in early 2025, this state-of-the-art facility will have three gymnasiums striped for basketball, volleyball and pickleball, an elevated indoor walking track, multi-purpose classrooms, fitness areas, a teaching kitchen, two racquetball courts, and a dedicated active adult wing. The multigenerational facility will cater to the diverse needs of the community, fostering health, wellness, education, and social engagement.

Planning for this visionary project began in March 2021, when the town hired HH Architecture to design the two-story, 76,950-square-foot facility. In collaboration with the town, the firm helped facilitate a very robust community outreach program where citizens had several opportunities to provide input, ensuring the facility design truly reflected the aspirations of the community.

The collaboration effort between town officials, HH Architecture, and engaged citizens led to widespread approval for the design of Community Center North.

In 2021, Fuquay-Varina residents showed further support for the Community Center North project by passing an \$18.5 Parks & Recreation Bond. "The overwhelming support of the 2021 Bond Referendum is a clear message that Fuquay-Varina believes in investing in our town's future. It's a symbol of our shared commitment to providing a space that will benefit every one of us—a place where we can gather, learn, grow, and thrive together," said Mayor Blake Massengill.

Community Center North is located at Hilltop Needmore Town Park and Preserve, a 143-acre property given to the Town in 2019 by Wake County. Wake County Commissioner Matt Calabria spoke at the ceremony, saying, "It's about partnerships. It's about the county, town, citizens, and advisory boards all working together to raise a park. In the future, it's not only going to be a set of amenities but also to be a hub of community. With a school close by and

surrounded by the park, the Community Center North is perfectly located and is a tremendous addition to Fuquay-Varina.”

Edifice General Contractors, a regional construction company headquartered in Charlotte, will bring this project to life over the next 15 months. With more than 160 full-time employees, they bring a wealth of project and construction management to ensure the project is successful.

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Photo: Director of Operations Jenessa Van Deen, HH Architecture, Parks & Recreation Director Jonathan Cox, Commissioner Marilyn Gardner, Commissioner Larry Smith, Commissioner Bill Harris, Mayor Blake Massengill, Commissioner Bryan Haynes, Wake County Commissioner Matt Calabria, Town Manager Adam Mitchell, Assistant Town Manager Jim Seymour, Assistant Town Manager Mark Matthews



Rendering of Community Center North