

## **NEWARK'S HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER RECEIVES ADDITIONAL GRANT FUNDS**

*Governor's Office Announces \$2 Million in Additional Funds for this Strategic Community Health Project*

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Governor Kathy Hochul and the Finger Lakes Regional Economic Development Council announced today that the Newark Regional Health and Wellness Center will receive an additional \$2 million in grant funding. The Center, a regional health asset, was also recently identified in the Strategic Investment Plan for the \$10 million Downtown Revitalization Initiative award, secured by the Village earlier this year.

The Newark Regional Health and Wellness Center will be a state-of-the-art community health and fitness facility; which will also serve as a gathering space for the community, and athletic competition venue for the entire region. The Center represents a transformational adaptive re-use project; transitioning the former IEC Electronics site from a longstanding industrial facility to a vibrant development along the Erie Canal.

The Governor recently announced the project's approval as part of the Downtown Revitalization Initiative; awarding over \$3 million in DRI funds. This most recent award, part of the State's Restore New York program, adds \$2 million in funding to the effort. The project is a public-private partnership between the Village, Capstone Development, and an array of community partners. Wayne County's sponsorship of the Restore NY application was critical to accessing additional funds.

Governor Hochul noted, "I know the impact that funding for these local improvements will have in the Village of Newark, allowing visitors and residents alike to better access recreational opportunities, public spaces, and other amenities."

Senator Pam Helming remarked, "Health and wellness opportunities help foster strong communities and today's announcement is a shining example of public-private partnerships working collaboratively to invest in this region. I applaud the hard work that contributed to the success in obtaining this additional funding and look forward to visiting the facility upon its completion."

Assemblyman Brian Manktelow said, "Congratulations to the Village of Newark for receiving additional grant funds for their Regional Health and Wellness Center. This state-of-the-art facility will serve both the body and mind of the residents of Newark and the surrounding areas. I applaud the forward thinking of Mayor Taylor for creating a community center that will stand for generations and help the Village of Newark flourish for generations to come."

Mayor Jonathan Taylor stated, "Providing modern spaces for community members and student athletes to train and compete has been central to our economic development strategy. The State's continued support of this project will assist us in fast tracking its development, and revitalizing the vital Erie Canal corridor in the heart of downtown Newark. Special thanks are owed to Governor

Hochul for her commitment to upstate, and to Wayne County leadership for their sponsorship of the project application.”

Brian Pincelli, Director of Economic Development and Planning for Wayne County, added, “We are very happy to be able to support this project. These investments, along with the recently announced DRI awards, will be transformational for the Village and have a significant impact across the County.”

Project design will commence in the near term, as funding details are finalized with New York State.

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