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The Northwest Addition Is Going Green

If you've seen the Northwest Addition lately, you may have wondered why the exterior is a littler brighter than you might expect. Crews are installing a fluorescent green vapor barrier over the concrete to prevent moisture from penetrating into floors and walls.

But there's a lot more going on as well. Here are some other recent developments:

- The concrete pours were finished just before August, so we've said goodbye to the concrete trucks that lined Fourth Street since April. In total, nearly 13,000 cubic yards of concrete were poured.
- Workers are installing exterior studs. You'll see window openings and other features as the building starts to take shape.
- Exterior brickwork has already begun. To stay on schedule, workers from J.P. Cullen & Sons, Inc., will need to lay 285,000 bricks before Thanksgiving.
- Work is starting inside, too. CG Schmidt is laying out partitions along corridors.
- Construction to connect the clinic building to the Northwest Addition will begin mid-August. The most challenging task? Relocating 32 employees with minimal disruption.

Our project by the numbers

Building a 225,000 square foot building is a major undertaking. We're working hard to ensure that the project benefits the communities we serve:

- Through June 30, the project has pumped more than \$1.9 million into the local economy. The total includes more than \$500,000 in wages and housing for workers and nearly \$1.4 million for supplies, services and equipment purchased from local businesses.
- We've recycled approximately 87 percent of our construction waste. More than 407 cubic yards of concrete, metal and wood have been recycled so far. To give you an idea of the volume, a cubic yard equals 202 gallons. Imagine filling a container with about 82,000 gallons of milk. If you have kids at home, that might last you a week or two.

To learn more, visit monroeclinic.org and click on the expansion button. Make sure to check out the construction webcam for a live view of what's happening.