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We're Digging In To Get The Job Done

Activity is ramping up as Monroe Clinic continues construction on the Northwest Addition. As this multi-year project progresses, we'll share some fun facts and stories. Right now, there's a lot of digging (and mud) as excavation continues:

- Earthmoving equipment uncovered a surprise—there was a farm on the land. We found an old well, pieces of barn and farming equipment. Does anyone know the farm's history? Let us know at monroeclinic.org/contact-us/
- All the rock and stone we're digging up is being crushed on site and used as fill.
- Contaminated soil is being carefully removed and disposed of properly.

Setting the Foundation

Work on setting footings and building the foundation continues. Plumbers are installing the deep sanitary and sewer lines. Expect to see a line of cement trucks along Fourth Street soon:

- The first slab, for the lowest-level floor, will be poured starting in early April.
- It will take eight concrete pours of 8,000 square feet to complete. In total, that's more than a football field of concrete, weighing more than 1,000 tons! That's the equivalent of seven adult blue whales.
- Mother Nature plays a big role. Cold temperatures and high humidity increase the time it takes concrete to set. And if it rains, we can't pour. The space is too big to tent.
- Weather permitting, concrete pours will happen on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from around 7 am until noon.
- Construction activity will stop around 5 pm to minimize disruptions for our neighbors and allow workers to get home to their families.

Reaching for the Sky

If you've been by the construction site, you've seen the tall concrete structures. They're the elevator shafts and stairwells that will connect the Northwest Addition's four floors.

- The two stairwells are complete. There's more than a mile of rebar in each one.
- The two elevator shafts now reach the second floor. Two more floors to go!

To learn more, visit monroeclinic.org and click on the expansion button. Have a question about this project? Drop it in our question box in the clinic lobby or ask online at monroeclinic.org/contact-us/