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First Companies to Build New Office for Dermatology Associates of West Michigan

Project is the sixth medical professional building on East Paris to be constructed by First Companies, with a seventh in early planning

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First Companies, Inc. announced today the company was selected by Dermatology Associates of West Michigan (DAWM) to build their new location at 1740 East Paris Avenue. The 48,000 square foot facility is expected to be completed by summer of 2020 and will meet the growing needs of local patients in this highly-desirable, convenient location. The practice will move from their current location at 655 Kenmoor SE.

In addition to the DAWM project, First Companies is also announcing the company has facilitated the purchase of 5 acres at 2500 East Paris to construct a seventh multi-tenant building. This is in response to the continued demand for medical and professional offices along the East Paris Medical Corridor. The new project is expected to break ground in spring of 2020.

“We selected the East Paris location with the intent to maximize patient convenience to major roadways and other medical specialists. We are excited to partner with First Companies in building a new space that will improve the efficiency of our care, while also providing a welcoming environment for our patients.” –Dermatology Associates of West Michigan owners’ group.

The new DAWM project follows the completion of award-winning New Vista, a Class-A multi-tenant building located at 2155 East Paris. Anchor tenant for New Vista was The Bengtson Center for Plastic Surgery. Since the beginning of the year, First Companies has also completed build-outs for West Michigan Pediatric Dental Specialists and QT Breast Health. Mercy Health Concierge Medicine and Lovell Hand Surgeons will be opening this fall, bringing the building to full occupancy. New Vista is the fifth project constructed by First Companies in the area.

“There’s a reason this area is in high demand. With the strong demographics and presence of a wide variety of healthcare services, medical professionals are seeking locations along East Paris

to relocate, expand, or start new practices,” said Steve DeLanoy, Senior Real Estate Advisor with First Companies.

The architect and designer for DAWM is Byce & Associates, with financing provided by Independent Bank.



The future home of Dermatology Associates of West Michigan

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About First Companies

First Companies, Inc. offers commercial real estate, construction and property management services in Michigan and surrounding areas. For over 50 years, the company has built a reputation for creating exceptional physical spaces where businesses and medical practices thrive – offering vast expertise from locating and developing land, and facilitating the sale or lease of properties, to all aspects of construction, and providing ongoing property management and maintenance for building owners. First Companies is unique in its multi-disciplinary approach and frequently participates as an investor in new projects, pulling together different investment groups depending on the short- and longer-term needs of the customer. The company is well-known for its ethics, integrity and creative problem solving, with highly-experienced professionals on staff in each business area – all under one roof.

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