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Site to add FHFCU HQ

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CORNING - As construction continues on a \$30 million, three-and-four story residential building, the city Planning Commission received an application to build a headquarters and retail branch of First Heritage Federal Credit Union on the remaining open parcel at the former Corning Hospital site.

"Having a financial institution on Denison Parkway would complement the existing development," said City Manager Mark Ryckman. "It's exciting to see new life on the former hospital site."

Purcell Construction will be spearheading the design build team, partnering and Holt Architects of Ithaca, which will provide architectural services. The headquarters and retail branch, expected to be completed in the spring of 2020, will be the third major building to be constructed at the site.

David Riedman, President of Riedman Companies, said when combined with the existing CCC Health Education Complex and the construction of the first of two planned residential buildings the site will become a vibrant mixed-use development.

Thomas Pisano, President of First Heritage Federal Credit Union, said First Heritage is excited about this opportunity to pursue a corporate headquarters and retail branch.

Ryckman said when the construction of the \$30 million residential building is completed a second residential apartment building may be built at the old Corning Hospital site facing East First Street.



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"The residential building project is a one in a generation opportunity to improve the city," said Mayor Bill Boland.

Officials said the reuse of the old Corning Hospital site includes multiple phases, the first of which was the design and construction of the Corning Community College Health Education Complex completed in August 2017.

The next phase is the recent start of construction of the first of two planned residential buildings, officials said. A 96-unit apartment building will be constructed on the corner of Denison and Chemung Street.

The construction, which started in the fall of 2018, is expected to take about 12-months to complete, according to G. Thomas Tranter Jr., Corning Enterprises President.

The apartments will feature studios, one bedroom and two bedroom apartments with private outdoor living areas from each living room and will be ready for occupancy in fall of 2019, officials said. Luxury community amenities will include a clubroom, business cafe and coffee bar, movie theatre, dog park, outdoor grilling and fire pit area and bicycle storage.