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COUNTY BREAKS GROUND ON NEW SHARED SERVICES FACILITY
Project Moves Essential Buildings Out of Flood Plain, Consolidates Services

FULTONVILLE--- Montgomery County Executive Matthew L. Ossenfort announced today that construction has commenced on the site of the new Shared Services Facility at the Glen Canal View Business Park on Route 5S. The project will move the county's Department of Public Works and Business Development Center out of a flood plain.

"We are excited to finally break ground on this project," Ossenfort said. "Moving essential buildings out of the flood plain has been one of our main priorities and I commend Ken, Eric and the County Legislature for helping bring this project to fruition."



Officials broke ground today at the site of the future *Shared Services Facility at the Glen Canal View Business Park on Route 5S.*

DPW and the Business Development Center received significant flood damage during past storms, costing the county over \$300,000 in repairs and protective measures. Relocation will diminish the need to move and relocate equipment due to impending storms. Consolidating satellite DPW offices outside of the flood plain will also allow the department to increase their efficiency of emergency service operations during storm events.

This project is being funded, in part, by a \$2 million grant from DEC's Climate Smart Communities Grant Program through the Environmental Protection Fund. This state grant program was established in 2016 to provide 50/50 matching grants to cities, towns, villages, and counties and New York City for eligible climate mitigation and adaptation projects. The program offers free technical assistance and grants, as well as rebates for electric vehicle purchases. For more information, go to: https://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/administration_pdf/cscgrantsgeneral.pdf.

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos said, “As New York municipalities impacted by severe storms and flooding adapt to the increased frequency of extreme weather events caused by climate change, DEC stands ready to assist their efforts to build back stronger, safer, and more resilient. Today, I applaud the construction of the Montgomery County Shared Services Facility Relocation project, a smart and sensible action that will protect vital equipment and increase the efficiency of emergency services during storm events.”

“A lot of effort went into securing the \$2 million grant through the DEC which aided in pushing this project forward,” Business Development Center CEO Ken Rose said. “We are looking forward to moving into a safer and more efficient facility at the Glen Canal View Business Park.”

“Between the condition of our current building and the potential for future flooding, moving our facilities to the new location is the most viable option,” DPW Commissioner Eric Mead said.

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County Executive Matthew L. Ossenfort speaks before the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Shared Services Facility at the Glen Canal View Business Park on Route 5S this afternoon.