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Kent City Council Approves Development Agreements for New Kent YMCA site.

KENT, December 12, 2017 — The YMCA of Greater Seattle is excited about the Kent City Council's full vote today to approve the development and land conveyance agreements associated with this project.

This decision will allow the partnership between the City and the Y to continue progress on the development of a full service Y in Morrill Meadows Park in Kent's East Hill neighborhood. In addition, this agreement will allow for the redevelopment of the park and the building of the Y to happen simultaneously providing new programs and services in summer 2019.

"The Y and the City have been working together for several years to bring important programs and services to this growing community. This is a very important step in ensuring we can deliver on our plans in the timeline we laid out," said YMCA of Greater Seattle's Regional VP Nathan Phillips.

"Kent has too few places where people of all ages, cultures, and backgrounds can come together to be active and healthy, educated, and inspired by one another and we hope that the Y will be one of those places for Kent."

The proposed Kent YMCA building would be a 50,000 square-foot, state-of-the-art facility focusing on health and wellness, community and education. The facility will include an exceptional aquatic center with family and lap swim areas, a gym, and group fitness and cardio spaces. Dedicated community gathering spaces are planned including indoor and outdoor recreation areas surrounded by Morrill Meadows Park and a New American Welcome Center for newcomers to the area. There will also be expansion of child care and enrichment programs for local youth outside of the Y. 22,000 people overall will be provided access to opportunities each year because of this public/private partnership.

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About the YMCA of Greater Seattle

The YMCA of Greater Seattle is the Northwest's leading nonprofit organization strengthening communities through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. Founded in 1876, the Y reaches more than 253,000 people of all backgrounds, abilities and financial circumstances annually through 13 branches, two overnight camps and more than 200 program sites throughout King and south Snohomish counties. It nurtures more than 142,000 kids and teens to develop their gifts and give back to our community and engages nearly 23,000 volunteers who contribute more than 372,000 hours of service each year. Visit seattleyymca.org.