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VAN WERT CELEBRATES GROUNDBREAKING OF NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AND HAMPTON INN

VAN WERT, Ohio (July 22, 2026) — Community leaders, developers and local partners gathered Wednesday morning to celebrate the groundbreaking of two significant projects that will expand housing and lodging opportunities in Van Wert as the community continues to experience unprecedented economic growth.

The morning began with a groundbreaking ceremony for The Landing at Dickenson Farms, a new apartment and townhome development located just off Van Wert Decatur Road. The project will add more than 80 much-needed housing options for current and future residents while supporting the workforce needs of Van Wert County's growing business community.

Immediately following, local officials celebrated the groundbreaking of a new Hampton Inn located behind First Federal on N. Washington Street. The 87-room hotel will expand overnight accommodations for business travelers, contractors, visitors and families traveling to Van Wert. It will also feature eight suites and accommodations for Niswonger Performing Arts Center performers and their teams.

Together, the developments represent continued private investment in the community and demonstrate confidence in Van Wert's long-term growth.

"These projects are a direct reflection of the momentum we're seeing in Van Wert," said Brent Stevens, Executive Director of the Van Wert Area Economic Development Corporation. "Major investments like the QTS data center have helped position our community for continued growth by attracting additional private investment. As construction begins and new employers continue to invest here, we're seeing increased interest in housing, hotels and other amenities that support both our workforce and our quality of life. These are exactly the kinds of developments that help ensure Van Wert is ready for the opportunities ahead."

Both projects are expected to strengthen Van Wert's ability to accommodate continued economic expansion while enhancing the community for residents, employers and visitors alike.

The Van Wert Area Economic Development Corporation extends its appreciation to the developers, investors, community partners and local leaders whose collaboration helped move both projects from vision to reality.

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