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**Redford Township Receives \$2 Million Toward Construction of
New Recreation and Wellness Center**

[REDFORD TOWNSHIP, April 17, 2023] – On Wednesday, April 5, 2023, members of the Redford Township Board of Trustees and Township leadership gathered in the Redford Town Hall to receive a \$2 million check presented by Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib towards the new construction of a recreation and wellness center.

The \$2 million award secured by Congresswoman Tlaib is part of the President’s Omnibus Package. The project aims to improve environmental sustainability and provide economic recovery for Redford Township.

About the Facility

The 30,000-square-foot recreation and wellness center will be located at Western Graham Park west of Beech Daly, between Ross Drive and Five Mile on the south edge of the township's downtown development authority district.

The project calls for a recreation and wellness center featuring indoor and outside amenities. A few of the center's indoor features include a recreational area, meeting room spaces, a therapeutic swimming pool, an indoor walking track, and a workout facility. The outdoor features include a fieldhouse with basketball and pickleball courts. When the center opens, the programs now offered through Leisure Services at the Redford Community Center will be held in the new facility.

Planning

Township leaders expect the plan and design phase to be complete within a year. If all goes as planned, the groundbreaking and construction will begin in the spring of 2024, followed by a ribbon-cutting ceremony by the end of 2025.

What this means for Redford Township

“The new wellness and recreation center will be transformative for Redford Township,” Superintendent Webb said. “It will serve the community while supporting the township's comprehensive strategic economic and community development plan to attract more people and businesses to the area. We are very excited about this opportunity to offer this state-of-the-art facility to our residents,” she continued.

Theresa Stokes, Director of Leisure Services, stated, "The new Recreation and Wellness Center is going to be a tremendous asset to the Township and our residents. The addition of the \$2 million grant has given us the opportunity to greatly expand our recreational offerings so residents will be able to recreate in the community they call home."

The Township's Supervisor, Pat McRae, shared his enthusiasm stating, "What excites me is that this facility will be the first recreational building built since the Redford Ice Arena that was built in 1972. This project would not have been possible without our partners. We are able to do this because of the cooperation between Wayne County Executive and County Commission, ARPA, and Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib. The facility will be built for \$19.5 million with no tax rate increases or issuing of bonds."

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