



Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit Selects Construction Manager for New Shelter

DEARBORN. April 18, 2017—The Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit (FAMD) today announced that Phoenix Contractors of Ypsilanti has been selected to help build its new Animal Adoption & Education Center.

The new shelter will be located at the former Amtrak station in Dearborn at 16121 Michigan Avenue. The land was donated to FAMD by the City of Dearborn.

The AAEC will be a new, state-of-the-art animal shelter that provides homeless animals a refuge in an environmentally-friendly facility. It will replace the current shelter at 2661 Greenfield Road, which is more than 30 years old, overcrowded and no longer suitable for the animals or the people who care for them.

Phoenix Contractors, Inc. is a full-service commercial contractor with 34 years of experience. The company has recently built the Washtenaw Veterinary Hospital, the Humane Society of Huron Valley, Yankee Air Museum, Zingerman's expansion and TechTown in Detroit. Their experience includes retail, animal facilities, hospitality, automotive, and multi-family residential buildings and light industrial, healthcare, recreational, religious, senior living, and other commercial and institutional projects.

Neumann/Smith, one of Michigan's most prominent architectural firms, is responsible for the design, with partner Ghafari Associates leading engineering and Taktix Solutions coordinating project management. Construction will begin on the new shelter in Summer 2017.

The AAEC is slated to be built in two phases:

- Phase One: 10,000 square feet, to include all dog and cat housing, expanded adoption services, and some storage space
- Phase Two: 6,000 square feet, to include animal intake/evaluation space, medical facilities and administrative space

“We can’t wait to get started on our new home this Summer,” said Elaine Greene, executive director, FAMD. “Our animals, staff, volunteer and community deserve a place that is inviting and provides a healthier environment. We’re grateful to the many donors who have helped us begin construction but we know we still have to raise four million more dollars to finish both phases of the project.”

To donate to the new Dearborn Shelter capital campaign, visit www.metrodetroitanimals.org.

FAMD was recently named Small Business of the Year by the Dearborn Area Chamber of Commerce.

About FAMD

After 22 years of nurturing more than 47,300 animals, the Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit has embarked on public phase of their “Our Animals Need A Home” capital campaign to construct a new Animal Adoption & Education Center at the site of the former Dearborn Amtrak station on Michigan Avenue. Construction begins this summer. For more information about FAMD, visit metrodetroitanimals.org

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