

Milwaukee County Executive Crowley: Highlights construction progress on affordable housing and senior center at historic site in South Milwaukee

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SOUTH MILWAUKEE - Yesterday, County Executive David Crowley shared a construction update as he and other partners toured the site of former Bucyrus-Erie in South Milwaukee, which is being redeveloped into 134 housing units with 76 of them being affordable. It will also be home to a new Kelly Senior Center with occupancy in early 2027. The project, located at 1100 Milwaukee Avenue in South Milwaukee, is being developed by Scott Crawford, Inc.

"I'm pleased to see this major redevelopment project taking shape, which is creating new construction jobs, expanding housing options for working families, and fostering a healthier, stronger Milwaukee County," **said County Executive Crowley.** "This investment will help further our vision of developing safe, quality, and affordable housing and bring a new senior center to this area of the south side that will serve older adults in the years ahead. Looking ahead, I will continue building bridges and partnerships, so every resident and family can access the housing and wraparound services they need."

Milwaukee County has invested \$3 million toward this mixed-use redevelopment project that will offer affordable housing options for low-income residents and a new Kelly Senior Center opening in 2027. Milwaukee County's investment includes \$2.5 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds and \$500,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. This development is historic in that it will

be a signature piece of a downtown revitalization plan for South Milwaukee, and follows a national trend of transforming office buildings into housing units, featuring a mix of market rate and affordable units. The overall project is a \$50 million mixed-use redevelopment being developed by Scott Crawford, Inc. to repurpose three former Bucyrus-Erie office buildings and construct a new building.

“The redevelopment of the Bucyrus-Erie campus is bringing new life to South Milwaukee and is contributing to our downtown renaissance,” **said South Milwaukee Mayor James Shelenske**. “We are grateful for our partners and would like to thank County Executive Crowley, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors, James Mathy, Tim Sullivan, Que El-Amin and the Scott Crawford team for their collaboration and thoughtful investment to best serve the needs of our community.”

“Scott Crawford, Inc. is grateful to be a part of this historic project and working with such a dedicated group of public officials,” **Que El-Amin, President, Scott Crawford, Inc.**

“One of our primary goals is to ensure residents have access to affordable housing. Housing is fundamental to achieving better health, education, and economic outcomes, particularly at a time when Milwaukee County residents face significant challenges related to housing access and affordability,” **said James Mathy, Housing Services Administrator, Department of Health and Human Services**. “This project is an exceptional example of what can be done when the public and private sector partners work to address community needs.”

At County Executive Crowley’s direction, the Department of Health and Human Services Housing Services has funded the largest number of affordable housing projects in Milwaukee County history. Since taking office, Crowley’s administration has delivered over \$49 million in funding for affordable housing projects across the community, particularly in Milwaukee County suburbs where racial disparities in housing access and homeownership opportunities continue preventing many residents from living in the neighborhood of their choice.