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Sussex Development Corp. to build new headquarters

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Sussex Development Corp. plans to build a new Class A office building for its headquarters in Lynnhaven.

The Virginia Beach commercial and industrial development and construction company is now at 1604 Hilltop West. The new, two-story office building, expected to be 10,000 square feet and cost roughly \$2.08 million, will be located at 109 S. Lynnhaven Road.

"Construction started Aug. 12," said Danielle Hangen, a project engineer with the company. "We're looking at nine months-ish to completion."

The company has about 24 employees and plans to hire an additional six people as a result of the move with average salaries of \$62,000 a year, according to a city issued news release.

Company president Harry Davis III was unavailable for comment last week. In the new release, he was quoted saying the company has outgrown its 3,000-square-foot space, having had tremendous success in Virginia Beach.

"Our headquarters will be an example of the city's new building guidelines for strategic growth areas, and we've been pleased to play a role in bringing this first building to Lynnhaven."

The building, to be named the Widgeon Professional Center, will be the first Class A office building constructed under the Lynnhaven SGA master plan, which was adopted by city council on April 24, 2012.

The plan specifies where building heights must remain two to three stories and where four- to five-story buildings can be built. The plan also says that all commercial developments should pri-

oritize the street experience, provide shaded circulation and small setbacks, create large sidewalks for pedestrians, have outdoor seating, and provide lighting, signage and landscaping that is reflective of the addresses.

Based on the number of jobs created and capital investment, the Virginia Beach Development Authority has said it will give Sussex Development Corp. a \$60,000 grant through its Economic Development Investment Program.

Company projects include health care centers, recreational facilities, office buildings, banking facilities, warehouses, hotels and schools. Locally, the company has worked on the Virginia Beach Convention Center, First Colonial Professional Center, TowneBank branches, Hilltop East Shopping Center, Sentara Virginia Beach General Hospital and the YMCA of South Hampton Roads. ■

The Widgeon Professional Center, shown in rendering, will be a two-story structure at 109 S. Lynnhaven Road with about 10,000 square feet and will cost about \$2.08 million to construct.

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