

Construction to begin in August on new medical office building in Chesapeake

Construction is set to begin in August on a new medical office building at the former site of a garden center in Chesapeake.

Family Medicine Healthcare, a privately owned, independent family practice operating in the Portsmouth, Western Branch, Chesapeake and North Suffolk areas of Hampton Roads since 2004, recently purchased the three-acre site on Portsmouth Boulevard in the Western Branch area for \$1.7 million.

According to S.L. Nusbaum Realty Co., the site was previously occupied for 25 years by McDonald Garden Center, which closed in 2017 due to changing shopping habits and competition from big box stores.

Tommy Drew, vice president, S.L. Nusbaum Realty Co., handled the sales transaction.

Plans for the site include a one-story, medical office building designed by architect Randolph T. Hicks.

The building will have parking, a covered porte-cochere and building canopy at the entrance and multifunctional exam and procedure rooms.

There is also room on the site for an additional 10,000-square-foot future expansion and courtyard. The building is scheduled to be completed by June 2019.

Sussex Development will provide contracting services on the project. Kimley-Horn will handle the civil engineering while Lynch

Mykins and P, M & E by Pace Collaborative will do the structural engineering.

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