

■ WILMINGTON COLLEGE SPORTS SCIENCE CENTER

15th Congressional District

Sports Science Center Brings Jobs, Athletic Training and Medical Services Facility to Clinton County

A new, 49,000 sq. ft. complex on the Wilmington College campus is bringing jobs, an athletic training program and medical services to a non-metro Clinton County community. Finance Fund provided \$10 million in New Markets Tax Credit financing to Wilmington College for the construction and development of an orthopedic and sports medicine facility to be known as Wilmington College Sports Science Center.

The Wilmington area is in desperate need of revitalization, with 22 percent of residents living in poverty and an unemployment rate that is double the national rate. This type of all-inclusive medical and educational facility is unique to Clinton County and will meet numerous community needs.

Patients can receive clinical care, imaging services, physical therapy and sports training all within a single complex offering a nationally prominent orthopedic practice, outpatient physical therapy clinics and regional health care. There are 12 patient examination rooms, an X-ray room equipped with the latest digital technology, exam/cast room, open rehabilitation area, student health clinic and a doctor's office. Middle school and high school athletes can receive low cost and free physicals. The facility will also house the College's athletic training programs.

In addition to approximately 80 construction jobs, the facility will create 37 permanent full-time positions for professions such as physical therapists, orthopedic surgeons, medical assistants, nurses, physician assistants, physical therapy assistants, certified athletic trainers, college faculty members, MRI, CT and X-ray technologists, facility manager and office personnel.

The facility's construction enables Wilmington College to grow and expand their athletic training program. It opens the door for a physical therapy facility on campus that ultimately will support a doctorate of physical therapy degree program. In addition, this facility will host community health conferences, workshops and seminars on athletic training and physical therapy for area athletes and the community at large, including local and adjacent high schools.



FINANCE FUND INVESTMENT IMPACT:

- 37 permanent full-time jobs created; 7 permanent full-time jobs retained
- Approximately 80 construction jobs
- 49,000 square foot medical and educational facility



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