



# MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

# News Release

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## **Next steps in Wheaton Revitalization Progress: Second construction crane coming, digging to ‘hit bottom,’ demolition of former services center just ahead**

*Installation of crane for building construction on January 27-28 will not require road closure, allowing traffic flow as Triangle District businesses remain open*

Several major steps of progress in the revitalization of Downtown Wheaton are set to take place over the next few weeks—steps that will change the appearance of the Wheaton Triangle Business District as the three-year project continues to be on schedule for completion in 2020—and continues to be on budget.

On Saturday and Sunday, January 27 and 28, a second construction crane will be installed at the site of the future 14-story Montgomery County Government office building. The “south tower crane” was put in place on the weekend of January 13-14. The north tower crane, which will stand 405 feet tall, will be erected this weekend.

To avoid major impacts to traffic and to minimize the overall impact to the immediate area, the west side of Parking Lot 13 (which is adjacent to construction site) will be temporarily closed from 6 a.m. on Friday, January 26, through 6 p.m. on Sunday, January 28, to allow for the delivery and erection of the north tower crane.

Using the parking lot space for staging will allow nearby Grandview Avenue to remain open during this period. This will enable traffic to flow around the more than 90 businesses in the Triangle Business District.

Over the next three years, the Wheaton Revitalization Project will be transforming Wheaton’s central business district with mixed-use, transit-oriented development. In addition to the 14-story government office building, the project will provide about 400 below ground parking spaces, retail and residential space and a new town square. The most significant area impacted during construction is the Wheaton Triangle area between Veirs Mill Road and Georgia Avenue. The local roads of the Triangle area include Grandview Avenue, Reddie Drive and Triangle Lane.

Construction got underway in June 2017. With each significant step, some aspects of the area are occasionally impacted.

Another major step in the project’s process is also scheduled for later this week as the deep excavation for the building foundation reaches bottom. The final needed amounts of soil are being removed from the construction hole that will be approximately 55 deep.

Within the next week, work is expected to begin to demolish the former Mid-County Regional Services Center Building on the Reddie Drive side of the project. The building was vacated in September. That location will become a town square providing space for public use and entertainment purposes.

A camera has been installed to view construction on the site and can be accessed via the project's website at: [wheatonproject.com](http://wheatonproject.com).

Additional street lighting has been added along Reddie Drive and Triangle Lane as a measure of safety during the diminished daylight hours of winter.

The Wheaton Revitalization Project will create a more walkable, pedestrian friendly community with access to public open space. The project aims to increase use of the Wheaton Metro Station, reduce traffic congestion, increase employment opportunities and services in the area as well as introduce outdoor entertainment opportunities on the new town square.

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