

YMCA ON SCHEDULE FOR SUMMER OPENING

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Photo provided Crews from CCI work on the foundation of the pool structure at the future Stateline YMCA site in the Ironworks campus in Beloit. The building is set to open in August.

BELOIT — The Stateline YMCA renovation plan is on track for a summer opening, with work happening at the Ironworks campus facility nearly around the clock.

Construction crews from CCI hope to complete work on all concrete aspects this month, while adding rough framing and drywalling before the end of May. The masonry firewall will also be completed this month, officials said.

A timeline listed on the Ys website shows a completion date of August 18. The expansive overhaul was originally slated to open in the spring, but was pushed back by site preparation work and logistical slowdowns. Earlier this spring, the facility hosted an open house, attended by multiple local and state public officials including Gov. Scott Walker.

Slowdowns in construction stemmed from pool excavation, which uncovered old foundations buried 35 feet underground, and was 17 feet deep, according to a CCI news release. Additional pool supports will be added to combat adverse soil conditions. Planners added more than 1,800-feet of concrete beams to stabilize the

structure. The project was also stymied by warmer winter weather, with water levels higher than average at the site.

Construction on the second level of the facility has yet to get underway.

The projected timeline includes:

- June: Crews will finish all framing and drywall work. Painting will soon follow all drywall additions. Sports floors and the indoor track will be installed.
- July: Mill work will wrap up, with pool equipment and installation getting underway. Commissioning and plaster work will be followed by all equipment being added to the facility.
- August: All carpentry will be finished, including hardware and doors. Equipment will be set up and security systems will be installed.

The Stateline YMCA is being relocated to the historic Ironworks complex after local businesswoman Diane Hendricks donated the property to the YMCA late last year. Hendricks donated an 80,000 square foot building in the southern portion of the Ironworks complex, which formerly housed the Beloit Corporation.

The \$11 million facility will offer a water park with slides, a separate lap pool, a full day care center, four new multipurpose rooms, an indoor track and a fitness center three times the size of the one at the YMCAs current facility. Beloit's current YMCA serves around 16,000 individuals, and officials are hoping for a 20 percent increase in membership totals.