

# Hamilton Health Center

**I**n September 2012, Hamilton Health Center opened its new 117 South 17<sup>th</sup> Street facility in the city of Harrisburg, offering expanded medical services to better serve the community. The project involved renovations and adaptive reuse of an 88,000-square-foot building, formerly a state-owned print shop and warehouse. An adjacent four-acre portion of the former Allison Hill Automotive property was also redeveloped and is now used for vehicular traffic and parking space for the center.

The center was developed on a brownfield site in Harrisburg's South Allison Hill district. The Department of Environmental Protection has been a supportive partner in the redevelopment of the former Allison Hill Automotive property. When investigative work began in 2004, the site consisted of abandoned buildings in various states of disrepair, as well as vacant land overgrown with vegetation. The site has undergone environmental remediation through the Land Recycling Program (Act 2) as a part of the development of the health center, including excavation activity, removal of soils and capping with an asphalt surface.

The completed project has created a medical mall—giving residents access to a wide range of services under one roof, including adult medicine, pediatrics, women's health and dental services. The center also provides room for the Women, Infant and Children Supplemental Feeding Program (WIC), behavioral health services and special services for individuals with HIV/AIDS. A full-service pharmacy operated by The Medicine Shoppe as well as laboratory services provided by Quest Diagnostics are located at the center.

The Hamilton Health Center is located in an environmental justice area, providing essential services to a poor and underserved community. This project will fulfill its potential to bring new jobs and improve the lives of people throughout the community it serves. In addition, the successful completion of the Hamilton Health Center will be a catalyst for growth and economic activity of the South Allison Hill area of the city.

The project was designed by AUM Architecture with services by Wohlsen Construction and environmental consulting by Skelly and Loy. Funding of this \$17 million project was provided by the Pennsylvania departments of Environmental Protection and Community and Economic Development, as well as Dauphin County Gaming Commission and the Harrisburg Redevelopment Authority. New market tax credits, bank financing and other commitments provided the majority of the funding. Hamilton Health Center is launching a capital campaign to complete the project with additional improvements to its building space.



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