

# Governor at Lower Town project groundbreaking

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Courtesy Strathmore Development Co. An architectural rendering of Broadway Village at Lower Town.

One of Ann Arbor's most-anticipated developments, Broadway Village at Lower Town, officially broke ground Thursday afternoon on the north side of the city.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm, Michigan Economic Development CEO James Epolito, and Ann Arbor Mayor Pro-Tem Marcia Higgins were among the dignitaries who took part in the ceremonial shovel turning.

Work by contractor Clark Construction Co. actually began at the \$171 million mixed-use commercial and residential project in November.

The project, on a 7.3-acre site, includes 152,689 square feet of general and medical offices. There is 138,275 square feet for retail, and 185 apartments.

It also will have a 760-car parking structure.

Lower Town is on a brownfield site at Maiden Lane and Broadway.

The development is expected to create 582 jobs.

"I think this project is right in the sweet spot of what we should be doing," Granholm said.

The project has been in planning stages for nearly nine years, and the developers expressed relief it's finally progressing.

"We always knew this project was in the best interest of the city," said Scott Chappelle, president of Strathmore Development Co. in East Lansing.

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