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01.20.2011 | Campus and Community, President The University of Dayton's board of trustees has paved the way for the construction of a \$25 million apartment-style residential development along a block of Brown Street.

In addition, the final phase of an estimated \$3 million renovation of the second floor of the College Park Center for classrooms and faculty offices for the visual arts department as well as a new art gallery is under way. Construction is expected to begin in February, with occupancy in August.

"The University of Dayton continues to build for the future," said Daniel J. Curran, president of the University of Dayton. "These projects are part of our strategic plan to create and sustain a strong learning-living atmosphere on campus and recruit students across the nation and the globe who value a Catholic, Marianist education."

The University of Dayton is working to redevelop six acres at the corner of Caldwell and Brown streets for apartments for 427 upperclassmen and some international students. Design concepts show a townhouse-style façade with the same amenities and architectural features common to houses in the adjacent student neighborhood -- arches, overhangs, gables and dormers. A spacious courtyard connects the five buildings.

The project site includes the former Frank Z Chevrolet dealership, which Miller-Valentine Group owns, and the University's former Caldwell Street Center. Researchers in the Caldwell Street Center have moved to the 1700 South Patterson Building, and the Career Placement Center has set up its operations in the former Alumni House on L Street.

In October, the state of Ohio awarded the city of Dayton \$750,000 in Clean Ohio Assistance Funds to remove the former car dealership, remediate the land and prepare it for redevelopment.

Construction may begin as early as spring, depending upon construction bid approvals. University officials expect to finance the construction through bonds. Miller-Valentine Group is the contractor for the project.

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