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Exciting News: Construction begins at TheDCH

\$3.5 million green renovations and expansion includes green roof infinity garden, expanded program space, and energy efficient improvements

Demolition of the lower level green house to make way for additional program space started today at the Delaware Center for Horticulture!

Be sure to look for [pictures on Facebook](#), and [mark your calendars now for an important event](#): on September 17, 2014, TheDCH welcomes news media and the public to a Golden Shovel Ceremony. The event will celebrate green renovations and expansion happening at our Trolley Square headquarters. The construction project aims to equip the organization to improve and expand its greening programs that serve diverse urban and suburban populations in Delaware.



An invitation-only Founder's event will follow the ceremony to honor the organization's first leaders and the Capital Campaign's generous major donors who have made the improvements possible.

Here's a recap of recent activities:

- On June 16, the **Board of Directors voted** to move forward with Phase 1 of the construction project, which includes expanded workspace, replacing mechanical equipment with high efficiency units, new roofing with improved insulation, a green roof infinity garden, an energy efficient glass atrium roof, and a renovated courtyard. The \$1.8 million Phase 1 work is expected to continue through November 2014.
- With the Board June 16 decision, the staff has been busy packing and **moving to temporary onsite work spaces** in preparation for construction.
- The Board decision also prompted **pre-construction activities**, including: moving cables, erecting safety barriers around the lower level work zone, outfitting temporary workstations with modular units donated by WSFS and re-purposed office casework, and decommissioning three HVAC units for energy savings during construction.

Fund raising efforts are also under way for a second phase, which includes a multi-use "dirty classroom" and building endowment fund. The total Capital Campaign goal for both phases and the endowment is \$3.5 million.

Construction tours and interviews scheduled at your convenience.

The Delaware Center for Horticulture cultivates a greener community; inspiring appreciation and improvement of our environment through horticulture, education and conservation. We create neighborhoods that are healthier, more attractive and ecologically sustainable. Our work includes community gardens, public landscapes, road-side beautification, tree programs, educational programs and community and membership events. The DCH is the only nonprofit membership organization that mobilizes and inspires community greening statewide in urban and suburban environments.