



# Construction progresses on new \$22 million recreation center on Des Moines' northside

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**DES MOINES, Iowa** — The Reichardt Community Recreation Center's construction on Des Moines' north side is advancing well, according to City Park Planner Aaron Graves.

"It's going fantastic," Graves said Aaron Graves.

Graves expressed enthusiasm about the progress since ground was broken last October.

The 36,000-square-foot project began with a \$22 million vision, which has since evolved into a collaborative initiative heavily influenced by community feedback.

"The more community input that we can get, the better the building and the amenities that are going to serve the surrounding community as well as Des Moines in general," Graves said.

Among the anticipated amenities are a gym, workout area, kitchen and an indoor pool.

"It will be our first indoor pool, so we are super excited about that. And the other really exciting thing: we don't have an indoor walking track at any of our other community recreation centers," said Janis Steele, the city's recreation manager.

The planned opening date remains in the Spring of 2026.