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## **WATERTOWN HUMANE SOCIETY ANNOUNCES GROUND BREAKING FOR NEW SHELTER**

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WATERTOWN, WI – The Watertown Humane Society is excited to announce that it has officially broken ground on its highly anticipated \$2.5 million shelter renovation and expansion project. This transformative effort marks a major step forward in strengthening the organization’s ability to serve pets, pet owners, and the broader community.

The renovation will bring several significant improvements to the facility, including:

- An expanded low-cost spay/neuter clinic featuring separate recovery rooms for dogs and cats, improving efficiency and patient comfort.
- A larger free community pet food pantry to better support families in need and help keep pets in loving homes.
- A new indoor dog park, offering a safe, weather-proof space for enrichment, training, and community programming.
- New and improved dog kennels designed for comfort, cleanliness, and reduced stress for animals in care.

“These important improvements will not only better serve our community and the animals we take care of,” said Executive Director Heather Van Dam, “but will also provide a much cleaner and safer work environment for our staff and volunteers.”

The project is expected to take approximately a year and a half to complete. During the renovation period, shelter operations will temporarily relocate to 418 Milford St., Watertown, ensuring continuity of care for animals and continued support for pet owners.

The Watertown Humane Society extends its gratitude to the community, donors, and partners who have helped make this renovation possible. The organization looks forward to opening a modernized, more accessible, and more efficient shelter that will benefit the region for years to come.

For updates on the renovation project and information about services during the temporary relocation, please visit the Watertown Humane Society’s website or contact the shelter directly.

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