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## **Construction Breaks Ground on Downtown Beloit Stadium** *Final renderings released as development begins*

**BELOIT, WISC. (June 15, 2020)** – The Riverbend Stadium Authority today announced construction on the downtown Beloit stadium has commenced and final <u>renderings</u> for the riverside ballpark have been released to the public.

Groundbreaking begins as all agreements, including Ground Lease with the City of Beloit, site plan, and architectural approval have been executed and finalized. The stadium is targeted for completion on June 14, 2021.

Located on seven total acres between the Rock River and Beloit Transfer Facility near the Beloit City Hall building, and just north of Shirland Avenue, the 3,800 capacity venue will serve as a community facility focused on providing youth, educational and cultural events, in addition to its plans to host Beloit's minor league baseball team.

"Breaking ground marks an important and much anticipated milestone for the Riverbend Stadium Authority, Gateway Professional Baseball, and all stakeholders involved in bringing this incredible stadium and community amenity to Beloit," said Jim Packard, Riverbend Stadium Authority President. "We are pleased with the City of Beloit's approval of the ground lease and development agreement, and we look forward to this next phase of the project."

The state-of-the-art stadium, designed by Jones Petrie Rafinski, will feature a grandstand with administrative offices and player facilities, concessions and restrooms, and a 300+ capacity 'stadium club' that can be used year-round. The main concourse will wrap 360 degrees around the field and features a main entry gate at center field. Outdoor group areas will be located in left field and right field with a kid's playground and inflatable area planned for the outfield concourse.

Additionally, the stadium will include facilities and an artificial turf field that allow flexibility to host other non-baseball events in the community. New surface parking lots will be provided to the north and south of the stadium.

"This unique stadium concept will be an asset for all Beloit residents to enjoy different cultural and athletic events," said Beloit City Manager Lori Curtis Luther. "We look forward to seeing the economic growth this stadium will spur in the downtown area and beyond. This privately funded partnership will create a beautiful facility for our community."

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