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## **Certificate of Need Application Approved for New St. James Mercy Hospital**

**Hornell, NY** – St. James Mercy Hospital has received notification from the New York State Department of Health that its Certificate of Need (CON) application related to the planned new hospital construction and electronic medical records implementation has been approved. Designs for the exterior elevations of the new Hospital (attached) are also available now for the first time.

"We are thrilled to have reached this important milestone," said St. James Mercy Hospital President & CEO Jennifer Sullivan. "We've been waiting a long time for this day to come, and now that it's here, we expect things will begin happening very quickly."

Some of the next steps for the Hospital include:

- A more complete schedule for the project will be developed and shared with the public.
- A groundbreaking event will be scheduled.

The Hospital learned last year that it had been granted \$55 million by the state to support the construction of a new hospital building and the implementation of a new electronic

medical records system. Since then, officials have worked to secure a site and plan the use of the space in more detail. All Hospital operations will relocate to the new site, located on Seneca Road in the former Kmart/Wegmans plaza. The new Hospital is currently slated to open in early 2019. The existing structure will be renovated and used as a Medical Office Building, housing outpatient and administrative services.

St. James Mercy Hospital was founded in 1890 and now provides a full range of inpatient and outpatient services, including emergency, acute medical and surgical, imaging, and laboratory. Specialty services include orthopedics, general surgery, physical therapy, Express Care, mammography, digital imaging, a Coumadin clinic, cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation, and a personal emergency response system called MercyLine. The Hospital works on an ongoing basis to build collaborative relationships with a host of regional partners, in order to ensure the continued continuity of critical health care services in the Hornell community.

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