MCC’s new downtown campus has reached a major milestone: with $6.6 million allocated for MCC in the state’s 2015-16 budget, all funding for the project is in place.

Additionally, $3 million in grants—matched by the State University of New York—bring the project budget to $78 million. Thanks to grants from the Regional Economic Development Council (REDC) and the MCC Association, these funds will support an eco-roof, bookstore and dining services.

“We are grateful to Governor Cuomo, SUNY Chancellor Zimpher, our local elected officials, including County Executive Brooks, the REDC and the MCC Association for their support of our students through this funding,” said MCC President Anne M. Kress. “Our new downtown campus will create a dynamic, innovative and welcoming learning environment, where our students’ academic goals and the needs of the local community can be fulfilled. We will be able to prepare students for 21st-century careers, strengthen MCC’s connection to Rochester, and help grow our regional economy.”

Red Wings Owner Lends Hand to Project Partners

Rochester Community Baseball, owner of the Rochester Red Wings baseball team, is putting out the welcome mat for MCC even before we move in.

The organization has allowed MCC and our project partners to use the back section of MCC’s parking lot adjacent to Frontier Field for staging and storage of construction materials, equipment and vehicles during construction. In doing so, the Red Wings are giving up some parking spaces that normally would be available for baseball game attendees.

A staging area in close proximity to the new campus simplifies access to construction materials, saves time and cuts costs. Having a nearby staging area is anticipated to save about $500,000.

“My thanks go to Naomi Silver and the Red Wings for helping to ensure the success of this project,” said President Kress. “They have always been great partners, and I look forward to growing our relationship as we become neighbors.”

“Red Wings Owner Lends Hand to Project Partners”

The Red Wings are eager to welcome the MCC downtown campus as our neighbor. MCC will be a great partner in making the area vibrant all year long. What a wonderful opportunity this is for our community — two wonderful institutions, together creating an exciting atmosphere!

— Naomi Silver, President and CEO of Rochester Community Baseball
New Executive Dean Selected for Damon City Campus

Dr. Joel Frater has been named executive dean of MCC’s Damon City Campus.

Frater, currently assistant provost for diversity and director of the Institute for Engaged Learning at The College at Brockport (part of State University of New York), will assume his role at MCC in July.

As executive dean, Frater will be responsible for the development, management and leadership of the campus, as well as lead the establishment of the college’s new downtown campus in the High Falls neighborhood. That campus is slated to open in fall 2017.

Frater brings with him more than 20 years of experience in higher education with special interests in topics relating to student success, course design, diversity and accountability. During his tenure at Brockport, he has helped develop and implement strategic diversity initiatives as assistant provost for the past seven years and has led an institute that serves to match students with experiential learning opportunities, including internships and collaborative research. He has also held various positions in The College at Brockport’s Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies, including department chair, graduate coordinator and associate professor.

Frater earned a doctor of education degree in sport and recreation management with an emphasis on tourism and hospitality management and a master of education degree in therapeutic recreation, both from Temple University; and a bachelor’s degree in recreation management from Cheyney University of Pennsylvania.

His postdoctoral education includes participation in the Institute for Management and Leadership in Education at Harvard University.

Frater is president of the Rochester Jamaican Organization, a nonprofit aimed at improving the educational and social conditions of individuals in Rochester and Jamaica, West Indies.

Links to follow project’s progress:

MCC: http://www.monroec.edu/downtown provides the college’s vision for the campus, a timeline of key events in the project’s life, news clippings, a photo gallery and an architectural animation.

DiMarco Constructors: http://mccdowntown.dimarcoconstructors.com features regular project updates and images showing interior work underway.

LaBella Associates: http://www.labellapc.com/mcc/ shows latest images, a schematic design fly-through and project updates.

Budget: $78 million

Project timeline:

• Spring-Fall 2014 Design development

• Winter 2014-Spring 2015 Separation of infrastructure from Eastman Kodak Co. and Carestream Health Inc.

• Summer-Fall 2015 Construction contracts awarded

• Fall 2015-Summer 2017 Construction

• Fall 2017 Classes begin

Open spaces provide opportunities for students to gather to study and work collaboratively. (Concept designs may evolve. Architectural rendering provided by LaBella Associates, DPC.)