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Russ Pry – Summit County Executive



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**County of Summit to Hold Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
At Historic Triangle Building in Akron**

On Monday, April 11th at 9:00 a.m., Summit County government officials, business and community leaders will mark the official opening of the County's new government office building located at 1180 South Main Street, Akron, with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Tours of the renovated facility will take place between 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

The historic World War I-era Firestone Triangle Building, named after its triangular-shaped footprint, was once part of the Firestone tire and rubber manufacturing campus and most recently supported the Bridgestone Technical Center that moved further south in Firestone Park a few years ago. The new facility is home to the County of Summit's Job and Family Services, Sanitary Sewer Services, Board of Revision, Human Resources, Summit County Land Bank, Summit Soil & Water Conservation District, Physical Plants, and Records Center and Archives.

The project represents an investment of approximately \$24 million in the Firestone Park neighborhood of Akron. 160,000 square feet of the building has been renovated over the last year by Amerimar Realty of Philadelphia, which has holdings throughout the United States. The County will lease most of the building from an Amerimar subsidiary for the next 20 years, which allows the County to realize the benefits of a new consolidated facility without having to acquire and own additional property. Additionally, Amerimar was able to obtain historical tax credits in order to provide the County favorable lease costs. The fourth floor of the building has not been fully renovated and is available for lease.

In addition to Amerimar, the development team included local general contractor Welty Building Company, architects Sol Harris Day, restoration architects Chambers, Murphy & Burge and several Summit County and Northeast Ohio contractors.

"The consolidation of multiple offices into a new modern facility allows us to operate more efficiently and improve our services to the families of Summit County," stated County Executive Russ Pry.

The new building is easily accessible by public transportation and has plenty of convenient parking, with over 500 free parking spaces immediately in front of the new facility. Additionally, METRO RTA extended additional service to the building through route #21 South Main. For a full bus schedule of times please visit www.akronmetro.org.

Directions, maps, office hours and other information regarding the Triangle Building offices can be found on the County of Summit website at www.co.summitoh.net.



top left to right... interior before and after photos

bottom... building façade

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