

# Kettering Health to build new medical facility at former Kroger site

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Kettering Health plans to breathe new life into a former Kroger store that has sat vacant for nearly a decade. The project will create new jobs and provide more healthcare options for local residents.

The hospital network is looking to build a new medical office building at 1023 S Main St. in the Centerville Place shopping center. Kettering Health plans to launch a Kettering Physician Network practice at the site, a spokesperson confirmed Tuesday.

The 60,000-square-foot building was previously occupied by Kroger, which vacated the site in November 2011 after opening a larger Kroger Marketplace store nearby. The property is currently owned by Queen City Lease Management LLC, records show.

Synergy Building Systems recently filed a major site plan application to transform the building into a medical office complex. Beaver Creek-based Synergy plans to redesign the eastern



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Kettering Health plans to transform the 60,000-square-foot former Kroger store into a medical office complex.

façade, establish a front entrance with a covered patient drop-off in the northeast corner and install two boulevards for vehicular access in the parking lot.

Other elements envisioned for the site include increased landscaping, improved lighting and the addition of stormwater pipes with the redesigned parking lot.

Centerville Planning Commission will review the application at its July 27 work session. The case will be heard again at the commission's Aug. 31 meeting.

"We are very excited about Kettering Health's plans to revitalize Centerville Place, which will bring more jobs, redevelopment and health care options," Centerville Mayor Brooks Compton said in a statement.

Additional details about the project will be announced later this week, Kettering Health said. *This story will be updated as more information becomes available.*

Kettering Health's plans for a new facility come after a series of major project announcements — including a \$20 million medical building underway in Springfield, a new "On-Demand Care" site in Kettering and another "Years Ahead" center in Harrison Township.

Most recently, the hospital network confirmed plans to expand Soin Medical Center once again. Kettering Health is also eyeing future renovations and expansions in Huber Heights and in west Dayton.

Kettering Health operates 13 medical centers and more than 120 outpatient locations in western Ohio. With more than 12,800 workers and \$2.04 billion in revenue, the network is Dayton's second-largest employer behind Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, according to DBJ research.

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