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## **Advia Credit Union Expanding - Breaks Ground at New Corporate Headquarters**

**Parchment, MI** – Advia Credit Union continues to grow in and around Kalamazoo County, celebrating with a groundbreaking ceremony on April 24, 2019 at the site of its new corporate headquarters in Oshtemo Township, MI. Oshtemo Township officials, Advia Board of Directors, neighboring businesses, and many Advia, Byce & Associates, and Granger Construction employees gathered for the event.

“We’re growing for our members, the communities in which we serve, and for our team. We now welcome nearly 1,500 new members each month, and our team has doubled in size in the last 10 years. This new headquarters will allow our Southwestern Michigan team to work in a united workspace and will also provide more collaborative spaces to engage with team members in our other regions. We’re excited to feature new retail spaces for local businesses and a new branch for members to access, including updated Video Access Teller Machines,” says Cheryl DeBoer, Advia’s President & CEO. DeBoer went on to say, “Beginning as a credit union in Parchment, Michigan, dedicated to serving the financial needs of area paper making industry workers, our footprint has now grown to include twenty-nine locations throughout Michigan, Wisconsin and Illinois. This tremendous growth is why we are in a position where we need additional space to house our growing team and infrastructure.”

Advia will maintain a branch in Parchment and remains committed to the growth and prosperity of the community where it began in 1938, originally serving the needs of the employees of Kalamazoo Vegetable Paper Company.

The new location will feature capacity to unite 460 employees from 32 departments and include a full-service branch, ATM, and night deposit box. Also included in the new Advia headquarters, will be retail lease spaces on the first floor available to locally owned businesses; additional rooms for seminars, events, and community outreach; and outdoor terraces that will overlook a landscaped water feature.

“When we were looking at possible locations to build our new headquarters, Oshtemo stood out as the perfect fit,” says DeBoer. “It is a thriving area with a strong focus on community. It aligns perfectly with our core values and commitment to community, businesses, and family finances.”

“Advia has partnered with Byce & Associates, Inc. for the design and architectural planning and engineering of the site and Granger Construction for the construction management,” says DeBoer. “They are helping bring our vision for the entire campus to life. It is important to us to have walking trails that connect to the existing pedestrian walk along West Main Street. Our partners are helping us achieve that while preserving the natural beauty of the surrounding wooded areas.”

“The site will include a 100-foot landscape buffer along the north and east property lines that back up to residential neighborhoods as well as a new access road running east to west, offering a connection for future development in the area,” says Mike Flynn, Vice President of Byce & Associates, Inc. “To aid with traffic flow and increase safety, a new traffic light at the driveway entrance at West Main Street/M-43 will be added. The new street name is anticipated to be called Advia Way.”

The 150,000 square foot corporate headquarters will be on a 38-acre parcel west of Kalamazoo and will likely take up to two years to complete. More information about the headquarters, photos from the event, and the building rendering can be found at [adviacu.org/headquarters](http://adviacu.org/headquarters).

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**About Advia Credit Union** - Advia Credit Union's mission is to provide financial advantages to its members. With over \$1.7 billion in assets, Advia seeks to provide quick and easy access to money and time-saving financial tools to over 150,000 members in Michigan, Wisconsin and Illinois. Advia's team of nearly 600 professionals delivers excellent service and innovative products at 29 locations and via digital and mobile platforms. Advia is guided by its core values: driving progress, acting with integrity, building and strengthening relationships, and keeping people at the core. Visit [www.adviacu.org](http://www.adviacu.org) to learn more about how we provide Real Advantages for Real People™.

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