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New Spurlino Y on Track to Receive LEED® Gold Certification

New Spurlino Y constructed in an environmentally-friendly manner ahead of its Jan. 2019 grand opening.

Tampa, FL (Nov. 30, 2018) – Named after the lead donor and environmentally-minded philanthropist, the new [Spurlino Family YMCA at Big Bend Road](#) is being built in an environmentally-friendly, responsible and efficient manner.

As part of the Tampa Y's focus on social responsibility, the Spurlino Y is on track to receive LEED® Gold certification by:

- Designing the building to be over 20-percent more efficient than a comparable building.
- Utilizing plumbing fixtures that use over 35-percent less water than a comparable building, saving an estimated 280,000 gallons per year.
- Using locally-sourced building material to reduce greenhouse gas emissions caused by transportation.
- Installing a solar photovoltaic (PV) system to help offset 15-percent of the facility's power needs.
- Using light-colored materials for the roof, pool deck pavers and sidewalk to help reflect the sun's heat and reduce the heat island effect.
- Recycling over 90-percent of waste created during construction.
- Maximizing the views of the outdoors to increase the connection to nature, promoting occupant health.
- Installing low-emitting materials to promote healthy indoor air quality.

The LEED rating system, developed by the U.S. Green Building Council, is the foremost program for buildings, homes and communities that are designed, constructed, maintained and operated for improved environmental and human health performance. The Spurlino Y is on track to achieve LEED Gold certification for implementing practical and measurable strategies and solutions aimed at achieving high performance results in: sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection and indoor environmental quality.

The \$16.4 million Spurlino Family Y is a project done in collaboration with the Hillsborough Board of County Commissioners. A ribbon-cutting ceremony is planned for Thursday, Jan. 10, 2019 at 5:30pm.

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About the Tampa Y

The Tampa Metropolitan Area YMCA is a cause-driven [4-star charity](#), strengthening Hillsborough and East Pasco communities for 130 years, through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. Across the Association, 18 facilities engage 160,000+ men, women and children — regardless of age, income or background — to nurture the potential of children and teens, improve our community's health and well-being, and provide opportunities to give back and support neighbors. The Tampa Y has long-standing relationships and physical presence not just to promise, but to deliver, lasting personal and social change. www.tampaymca.org