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## **New YMCA in South County Gets Green Light**

**Tampa, FL (August 7, 2013)** – This morning, the Hillsborough Board of County Commissioners unanimously approved a lease agreement with the [Tampa Metropolitan Area YMCA](#) for the construction of a new YMCA family facility on county-owned land next to Vance Vogel Park, near Big Bend Road and I-75.

“The people of South County...do deserve this,” said Commissioner Sandy Murman, “This \$7 million in financial assistance and community benefit the Y provides certainly rings true to my heart. I look forward to it being a welcome addition to South Hillsborough County.”

The new YMCA in southern Hillsborough County will consist of a main family facility building, aquatic center, multi-purpose fields, covered basketball courts, picnic pavilion and playground. As part of the public-private, joint-use lease agreement, Hillsborough County will provide \$2,000,000 toward phase one of the project, which includes three multi-purpose fields, a playground, picnic pavilion, a covered basketball court, parking and drainage improvements. The Tampa YMCA is responsible for the remaining \$1,500,000 cost to construct phase one, which is anticipated to be completed by April 2015.

The Tampa Y is responsible for the cost and construction of phase two, which consists of an aquatics center, and phase three, which includes the main facility and additional parking. The total estimated cost is \$8,500,000 and it’s anticipated to be complete in the next three to five years depending upon capital fundraising efforts.

“There is a lot of excitement in this growing community for a safe place to provide much-needed services to an underserved part of the county,” says Cindy Sofarelli, senior group vice-president of the Tampa Y. “Such services build character and confidence in our children, enable families to spend quality time together, and provide a supportive environment where everyone -regardless of age, income or background- can come together to improve their quality of life.”

For more information about the county’s role in this project, [click here](#) or contact Kurt Gremley at 813-272-5810 or 813-307-1007. For more information about the YMCA’s role, contact Lalita Llerena at 813-224-9622, ext. 240 or [Lalita.Llerena@tampaymca.org](mailto:Lalita.Llerena@tampaymca.org).

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### **About the Tampa Y**

The Tampa Metropolitan Area YMCA is one of the area's leading nonprofits, strengthening Hillsborough and East Pasco communities through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. Across the Association, 19 facilities engage more than 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](http://www.tampaymca.org)