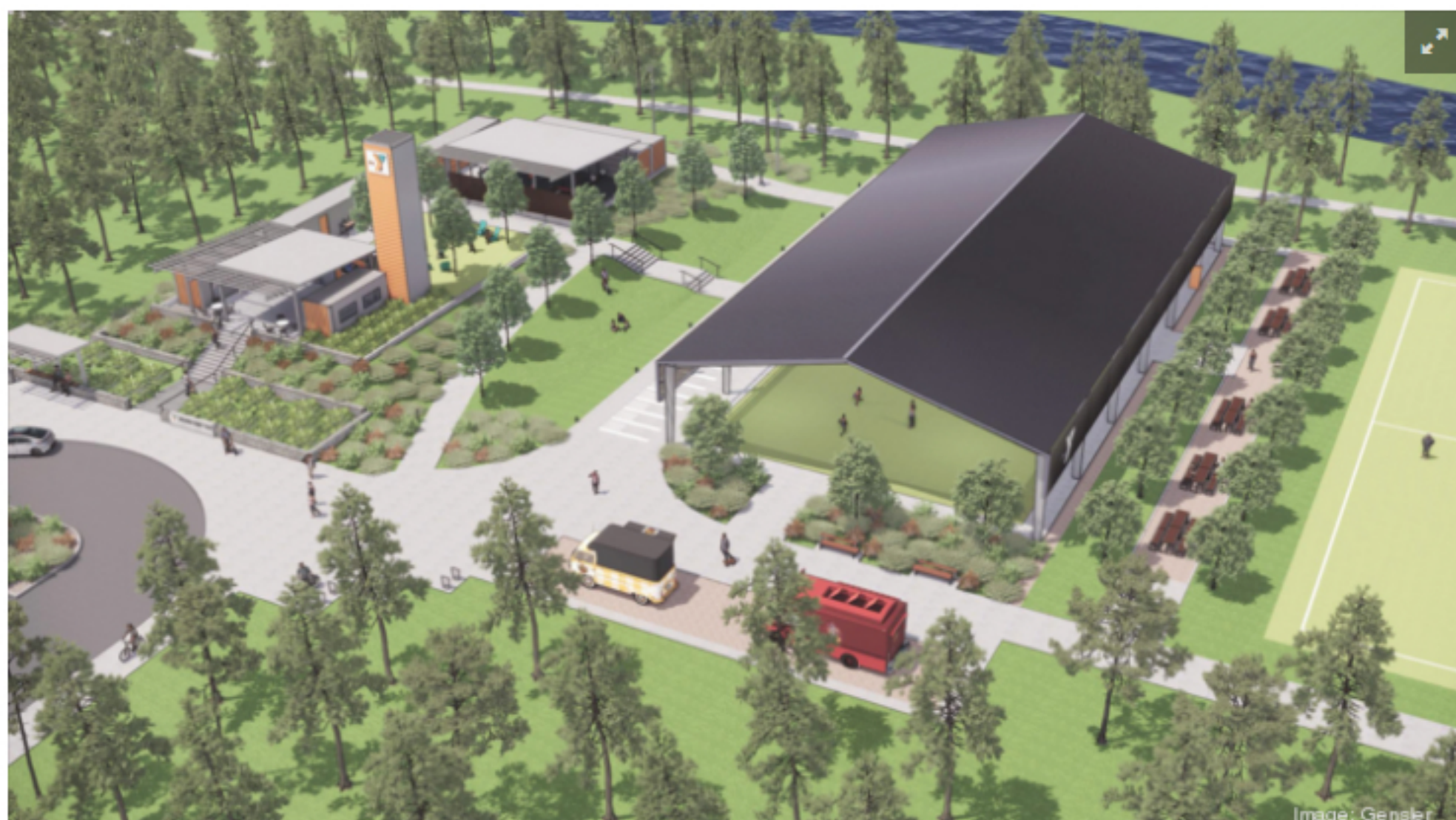


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YMCA of Greater Houston breaks ground on outdoor-focused facility in Spring area

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A rendering of the outdoor facility at the future Holcomb Family YMCA at 5201 Imperial Promenade Drive in Spring.

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The YMCA of Greater Houston broke ground May 26 on a new facility at 5201 Imperial Promenade Drive in Spring.

The future Holcomb Family YMCA will be near the Grand Parkway in the Falls at Imperial Oaks Development. The first phase is expected to be complete this fall.

The site will have a 12,000-square-foot pavilion with turf and a multipurpose court for basketball, pickleball and other sports. It will also include an outdoor fitness center with outdoor workout space as well as social and community areas.

The buildings at the YMCA will be made of repurposed shipping containers and will house offices, conference and meeting spaces, restrooms, a fitness area, and facilities support. The property was designed to be modified as needed.

“Coming out of the pandemic, we identified five areas of impact to focus on, one of which is ending isolation and loneliness for youth, adults and families,” said [Stephen Ives](#), president and CEO of YMCA of Greater Houston. “The outdoor concept will help those who have felt isolated during Covid-19 by providing a safe space to build new relationships, reconnect and address health challenges that were halted the past year.”

Local developers [Jim Holcomb](#), [Dick Weekley](#) and [David Weekley](#) donated 10.2 acres, valued at over \$3 million, for the project. In addition, the Holcomb and Weekley families donated \$3 million for the construction of phase one. The YMCA is beginning a capital campaign to raise the rest.

Gensler Houston is the lead master plan and urban design architect as well as the base building and interiors architect. Houston-based Walter P Moore is the civil and structural engineer. California-based SWA Group is the landscape architect, and Dallas-based Telios is handling mechanical, electrical and plumbing; both have Houston offices.

“This project created an exciting opportunity for our team to rethink the outdoor programming for the YMCA,” said Gensler’s [Tiger Lyon](#), design lead on the project. “While in many Y facilities, the pavilion portion would be just that – a pavilion – this project focused on reconsidering the outdoor amenities and could be a new way to rethink how we approach YMCA facilities going forward.”