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A rendering of 303 Water St. shows what the Volunteer Center of Washington County and The Hub will look like. The expansion will include a wrap-around deck for outdoor seating, a community kitchen, rental space for local businesses, low or no-cost meeting and event space for nonprofits and live entertainment space.

Volunteer Center nears construction of expansion

Area businesses and organizations donate to project: \$350,000 needed for full realization

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WEST BEND — The expansion of the Volunteer Center of Washington County and The Hub at 303 Water St. is expected to begin in August. In the meantime, area businesses and organizations have dedicated their time and talents to the project.

The Volunteer Center needs \$350,000 in funds to fully implement the project, which will include a community kitchen, rental space for local businesses, low or no-cost meeting and event space for nonprofits, live entertainment space and a wrap-around deck for outdoor seating.

"We are grateful to the committed foundations, businesses and individuals who have already made a donation of time, treasure or in-kind donations. Thanks to their help we are well on our way to realizing our dream for a dedicated place that inspires volunteerism and supports our hardworking nonprofit community," said WCVI Executive Director Sue Millin.

She added that since opening The Hub, community-wide volunteer connections have increased by 25 percent.

"The renovation of this incredible space at 303 Water Street empowers us to think bigger and explore brand new ways to engage today's volunteers," said Millin.

American Architectural Group, Inc., is taking the lead on the expansion project as the general contractor. The West Bend company created drawings that include an outdoor eating area, meeting space and community kitchen.

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Many area companies are helping to bring the future of 303 Water St. to fruition. The project is expected to begin in August.

resident, it's always a privilege to give back to the community whenever possible," said architect Adam Hertel.

The company volunteered to lead the buildout efforts and guide construction of the project.

"In order for the Volunteer Center and The Hub to make this a successful project, they are asking for support from the business community, and hoping that shared connections can help make everything possible," said Compliance Officer Steve Houdek.

West Bend's Regal Ware is also partnering on the project, which VCWC describes as all about community.

"Partnering with an organization that is offering opportunities for people to improve themselves, their families and their community — that just really fits with who we are and really is the core of who I am as well," said Ryan Reigle, president and CEO of Regal Ware.

Boelter Food Service Equipment & Supply, based in Port Washington, is designing the community kitchen.

"We've been pleased to be involved in the project from

the start, and gladly support all the great community service efforts of the Volunteer Center," said Director of Contract and Design Steve Stern.

Milwaukee's Bader Philanthropies is helping to secure the purchase of 303 Water Street with a very low interest loan and is a strong believer in the center's mission.

Steiner Electric LLC is doing electrical work and Albiero Plumbing & HVAC is completing plumbing services. Each is a West Bend company.

VCWC and The Hub are seeking a few more partners for concrete work, landscaping, hole boring and concrete sawing, sound system and sound control, furniture and interiors, dry-walling, fire suppressions systems and cabinetry building and finish work.

Those who own or work in the industries and would like to get involved at any level can contact Sue Millin at smillin@volunteernow.net.

To learn more about the expansion project, get involved or donate, visit www.socialgoodbrews.org/brew-good/.