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## Construction set to kick off this spring

### The new vision for downtown Holt is coming to life.

Construction has officially begun for Realize Cedar, a project that will redevelop the Cedar Street corridor across Delhi Township and create a more livable, walkable community that attracts new businesses and residents, creates jobs and boosts local property values.

The project will include improved sidewalks, street parking, and updated infrastructure to create a safe community for all age groups, including millennials, families, and seniors.

“The project will help create a more livable and walkable community that appeals to people of all ages,” said Howard Haas, Executive Director of the Delhi Township DDA. “It will be a win-win for residents, businesses, and visitors through improved motorist and pedestrian safety, better traffic flow and by connecting our community in new ways.”

The early stages of construction began in March, and the project is scheduled to conclude around the end of the year. During construction, northbound traffic on Cedar Street will be maintained at all times, while southbound traffic will have a short detour.

Businesses and residents will have access to their properties throughout the project.

“Realize Cedar construction will create a temporary inconvenience, but will pay dividends in the long-run by creating a welcoming community for businesses, residents, and visitors,” Haas said “The township will work hand-in-hand with all Cedar Street businesses so they can stay open during construction and will regularly communicate traffic and other restrictions to businesses and nearby residents from start to finish.”

Delhi Township and the township's Downtown Development Authority (DDA) have extensively studied the impact of the proposed project on the local economy. From the start, the township has worked with residents, business owners, and other stakeholders on planning Realize Cedar to create a vibrant downtown that attracts residents, businesses, and jobs while boosting local property values.

Delhi Township and the township's DDA have moved forward with the implementation of this important infrastructure project, which will result in economic development that will benefit the entire community. Engineering firm Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc. (HRC) will carry out the construction on the project.

***For more information on Realize Cedar—including the project plans, a video vision of the redeveloped Cedar Street area, FAQs, project status updates, and more—please visit [realizecedar.com](http://realizecedar.com).***

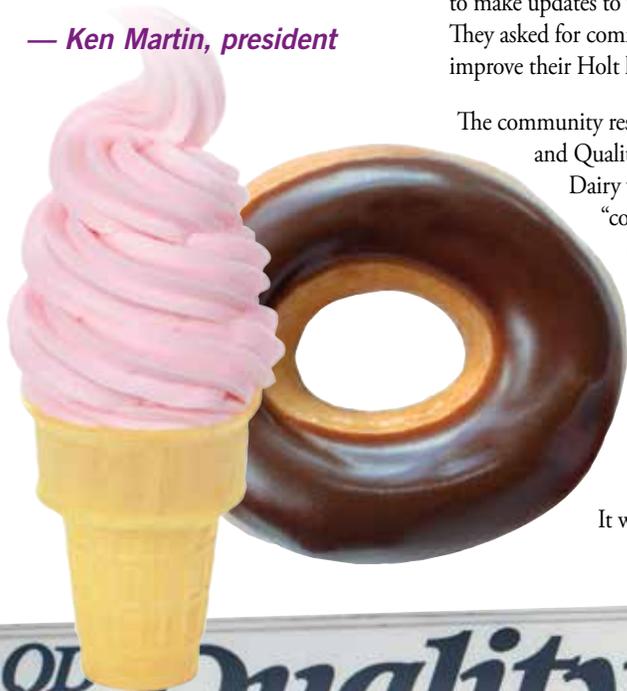


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# Quality Dairy to reopen in Holt

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— Ken Martin, president



In just a matter of weeks, Holt residents will be able to enjoy Quality Dairy ice cream, donuts, chocolate milk, and other delicious treats again. Their Holt location is set to reopen in mid-May.

“We’re hoping to develop this site into more of the QD of the future,” said Ken Martin, the president and co-owner of Quality Dairy.

Late last year, an electrical fire at the Holt location forced the store to temporarily shut its doors. Around the same time, Quality Dairy leadership was looking to make updates to the family-owned regional chain. They asked for community suggestions on how to improve their Holt location.

The community responded through social media, and Quality Dairy listened. Holt’s Quality Dairy will serve as the chain’s new “concept store,” a combination of the most popular customer requests and a sneak-peek into the Quality Dairies of the future.

“What I picture is the corner creamery,” Martin said. “We’re hoping to basically create a really good family environment.”

It will include more prepared foods,

a small kitchen area, and updated technology. It will also feature a walk-up window with soft serve and hand dipped ice cream, milkshakes, and an ice cream topping bar. During the summer months, customers will be able to enjoy their ice cream outside in a relaxing and attractive sitting area.

Martin envisions his corner creamery being a popular stop for folks traveling on the growing network of bike lanes and walking trails in Holt. He also hopes to catch the eyes of drivers and pedestrians enjoying the new Realize Cedar project that will be implemented this year. Martin sees the synergy that Quality Dairy will have with the new downtown feel created by the project.

The company has drastically evolved since Martin’s father first opened in Lansing in 1936. From a neighborhood dairy, to a 30-store strong convenience store chain, Martin said Quality Dairy has flourished over the years by really listening to their customers.

“When you have a direct relationship with the customer, you treat them as well as you can,” he said. “That’s our plan for the future: Continue to stay close to the customer and possibly stay ahead of what they’re looking for.”

*Quality Dairy is on 2233 S. Cedar St. in Holt, 517.371.8918, [qualitydairy.com](http://qualitydairy.com)*



FROM LEFT: Quality Dairy Company President Kenneth A. Martin, Board Chairman Alan S. Martin, Chief Executive Officer Thomas W. Buschert and Chief Operating Officer Jeff Schook. (Photo: Nick King/Lansing State Journal)

# Rapid Mold Removal helps Michigan families breathe easier!



If you live in Michigan, you know that moisture can be an enemy to your home—especially when it provides a safe harbor for harmful microorganisms. That’s where Rapid Mold Removal steps in.

“We pride ourselves in being very knowledgeable in mold,” said Jenn Dusseau, the company’s customer service manager.

Rapid Mold Removal uses several methods for mold remediation and prevention in basements, crawl spaces, attics, and other cramped, dark spaces where mold loves to grow. Expert technicians use high-powered tools and eco-friendly cleaning products to remediate more than 30 different species of mold, including black mold, which is toxic to humans.

Their expertise has helped their business spread to 22 states, and counting, in just four years. Headquartered in Lansing, the company was started in 2012 by Aaron Jones and Lance McCarty.

Dusseau says the company’s highly trained technicians and excellent customer service enabled their exponential growth.

“We get someone out to you immediately because we don’t want mold to stay there and

fester,” she said. “Mold is very scary. It can make you feel very sick, and sometimes you don’t know why you feel sick.”

When mold of any variety is growing in a home, residents will frequently experience a specific set of symptoms: sore throat, sneezing, itchy and watery eyes, and itchy ears.

Dusseau says that it’s important to know the warning signs of mold before it starts to impact your health. A mildewy, musky smell is often one of the first signs. Also, look out for a visible white film on wood or dark spots on your drywall.

To prevent mold, the Rapid Mold Removal team recommends keeping your basements and crawl spaces free from any moisture. Identify any potential leaks and fix them as soon as possible, use a dehumidifier, keep up on sump pump maintenance, and ensure that water doesn’t pool next to your foundation.

When particularly wet seasons do come, like the one the greater Lansing area saw this spring, Rapid Mold Removal is always there help catch the early signs of mold, clean affected areas, and keep your family safe.

“Getting mold is very unfortunate,” Dusseau

said. “But knowing that these homes are in the hands of our amazing technicians means it will all work out.”

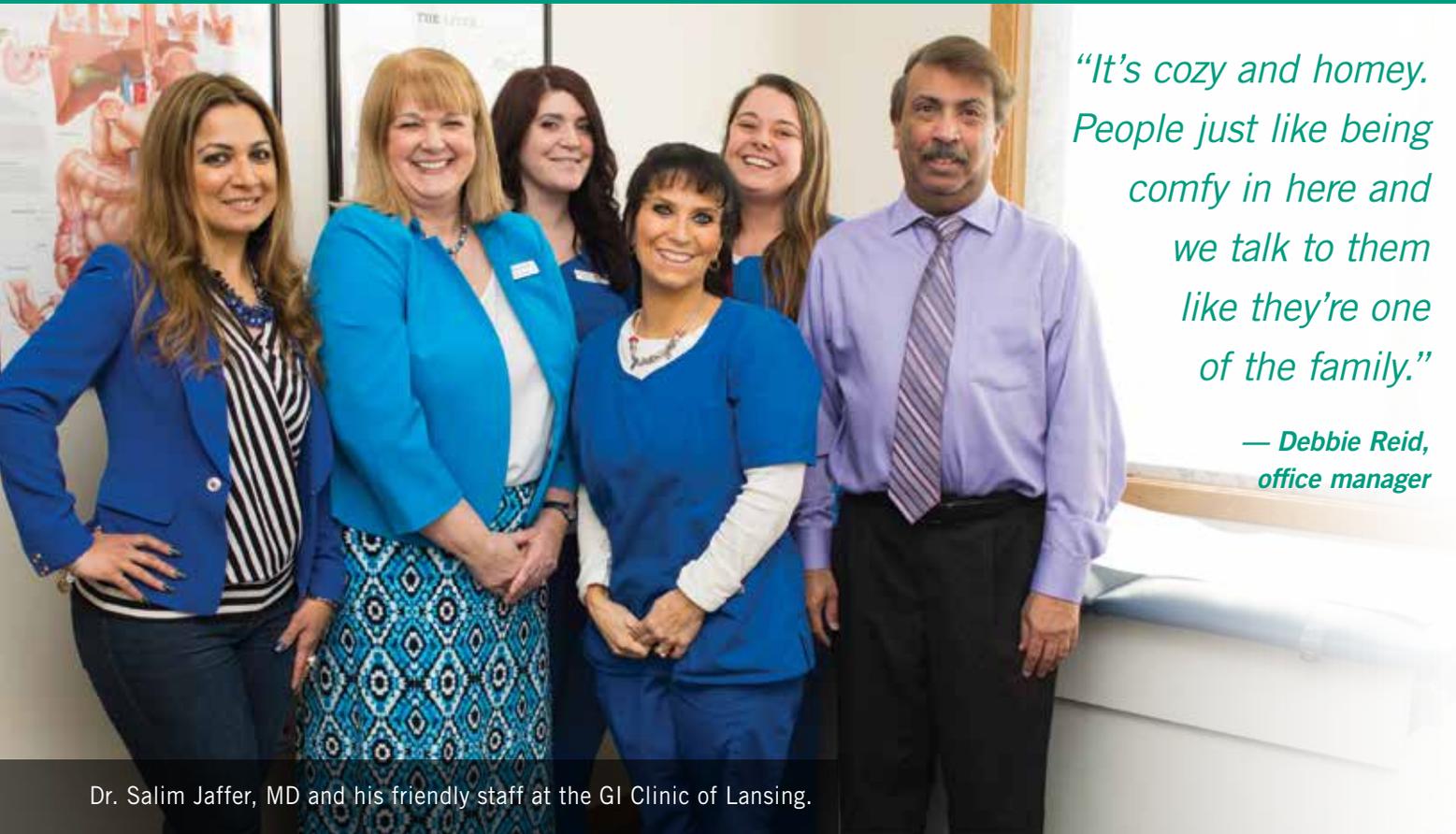
**Rapid Mold Removal is on 2607 Eaton Rapids Road in Lansing, 800.269.1909, [rapidmoldremoval.net](http://rapidmoldremoval.net)**

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# THE GI CLINIC:

## Advanced technology in a comfortable atmosphere



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office manager*

Dr. Salim Jaffer, MD and his friendly staff at the GI Clinic of Lansing.

For some patients, choosing between the advanced technology of a large-scale practice and the homey atmosphere of a smaller office is difficult. Not for the patients at the GI Clinic in Lansing.

“A lot of new advancements are being made and we’re on the cutting edge,” said Debbie Reid, the office manager of the practice.

The GI Clinic is made up of two gastroenterologists and a small team of medical professionals. Dr. Salim Jaffer, MD, and Dr. Allison Wood, DO started the private practice in 2017. Both doctors see patients in the office two days a week and spend the remaining time performing gastrointestinal procedures at McLaren Hospital.

Patients visit the office for a range of digestive and intestinal issues, everything from acid reflux and irritable bowel syndrome, to intestinal polyps and colon cancer.

One of those most advanced diagnostic and exploratory procedures they offer is capsule endoscopy, where the patient swallows a capsule sized camera that takes thousands of photos of the inside of the digestive system, helping physicians identify inflammation, bleeding, or cancer in

areas that would otherwise be unreachable.

Though the small practice is proud of their high-quality technology, they know it’s no substitute for personalized patient care.

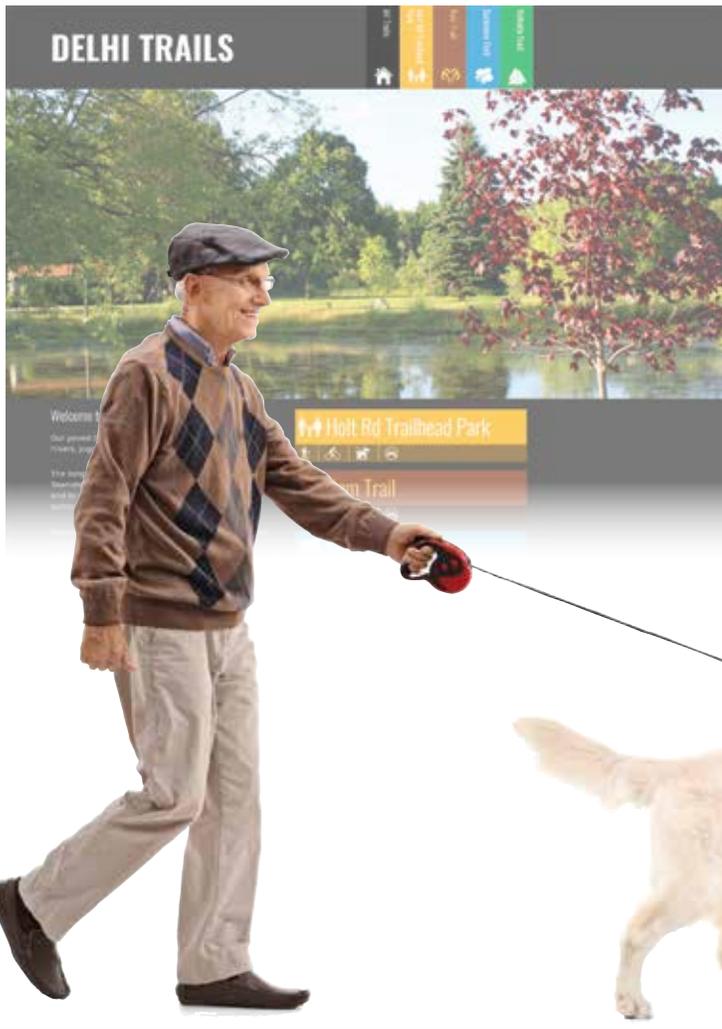
“We’re in a small, private office,” Reid said. “It’s cozy and homey. People just like being comfy in here and we talk to them like they’re one of the family.”

Each patient is treated as an individual, and while advanced procedures may provide relief for some patients, others may need simple dietary recommendations or lifestyle changes to ease their symptoms.

Regardless of which procedure is right for each patient, it’s all about helping people find relief.

“Our patients are first and foremost, and we always go above and beyond to make sure they’re taken care of,” Reid said.

***The GI Clinic is on 4136 Legacy Parkway in Lansing,  
517.999.5300***



## Check out the updated Delhi Trails website!

Before you head out for a day on the trails, make sure you plan out your route. Visit our website for the most up-to-date information on trailhead locations, trail intersections, and new trail extensions! Our interactive color-coded maps allow you to navigate the Delhi Trails before you set out for a walk, jog, or ride on them.

Be sure to visit the two trail additions made late last year: the extension to the Ram II trail, as well as the new connection between Cedar Street and the Holt Road Trailhead Park.

*For more information about the Delhi trails, visit [delhitrails.com](http://delhitrails.com) or contact Lori Underhill at the Delhi DDA at 517.699.3866 or [Lori.Underhill@delhitownship.com](mailto:Lori.Underhill@delhitownship.com).*

## OURTOWN | Then & NOW

**D**owntown Holt has changed drastically in the last 90 years. This photo, looking north on Cedar Street towards the Holt Road intersection, was taken in 1928. It shows two gas stations, Sinclair and Staroline, sitting across the street from each other. Nestled between them is an old-fashioned ice cream shop.

As we continue to change and improve today's downtown Holt, imagine what this intersection will look like in another 90 years.

*This photo is courtesy of the Holt-Delhi Historical Society. To learn more, check out the [Holt, Michigan: A Slice of History Facebook page](#), or [holtdelhihistoricalsociety.webs.com](http://holtdelhihistoricalsociety.webs.com).*





Meghan Webber, CEO (fourth from right) and staff at the Greater Lansing Association of Realtors.

A lot has changed in the real estate market since the Greater Lansing Association of Realtors relocated their office to Delhi Township in 2007. But if the organization’s 111 years of success have proved anything, it’s that nothing will stand in the way of its mission to advocate for local property owners and real estate professionals—not a financial crisis, a generational shift in homebuyers, or the general ebb and flow of this evolving industry.

“We keep the market moving,” said Meghan Webber, CEO of the organization. There are countless influencers in the real estate market and any inefficiency, from a individual buyer-seller dispute, to taxes and governmental regulations, can prevent the market from moving forward.

The Greater Lansing Association of Realtors provides countless services to every corner of the real estate market. For home buyers and sellers, they provide accurate real estate listing data, down payment resources, and mediation services for potential disagreements. For local realtors, they provide continuing

education on essential topics like fair housing, legal counsel, and more. The organization also advocates legislatively to help promote the interests of the real estate market in local and state municipalities.

All in all, they exist to make sure real estate in the greater Lansing area is fair, equitable, and progressive.

“We want to make sure it’s a free enterprise and that the public is still able to purchase homes,” Webber said. “It is still the American Dream to own a home. We still find that 88 percent of millennials are stating that the dream of homeownership is in their ideals—even after the foreclosure crisis.”

The organization started in 1907 when 14 local firms organized the first real estate board in the Lansing area to promote the interests of the profession and establish a strong standard of ethics in all real estate transactions.

Since then, the organization has survived and thrived through evolving markets and shifting demographics. And their hard work hasn’t gone unnoticed. The Greater Lansing Association of Realtors was honored with a 2017 Chamber Legacy Award from the Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce, recognizing the organization’s continuing impact on the Lansing region.

***The Greater Lansing Association of Realtors is at 4039 Legacy Parkway in Lansing, 517.323.4090, [www.lansing-realestate.com](http://www.lansing-realestate.com)***



# Ongoing road improvements will benefit Delhi community

**W**e all complain about the state of our roads and infrastructure. Road construction is a temporary inconvenience, but in the long run improves safety for motorists, pedestrians, and seniors and helps avoid costly vehicle repairs.

Construction projects within our community and state will soon begin. These projects will fix the very roads we have been bitterly cursing with every pothole our tires slam into.

Take a moment in the morning to remember everything before you leave the house. Coffee, phone, keys, sunglasses .... patience?

Time has become the single precious commodity we can little afford to give away. There are so many demands on our time that we are unable to process the overload. This can lead to a breakdown of civility, patience, and understanding. It can also create dangerous environments in all aspects of life. These dangers are amplified inside 4,000 pounds of steel set in motion on a roadway.

Your neighbors will be the people completing these construction projects. They work for the Lansing Board of Water & Light, Consumers Energy, Ingham County Road Department, Delhi Township Public Works, and many private construction, paving, concrete and barricading companies. Drive slow, limit distractions, and leave five minutes earlier than you have in the past.

Distractions such as eating, cell phone use, or loud music can erode our focus. Please devote your time and full attention to the most important facet of life at that very moment — driving. Also, be patient and follow the motor vehicle code. As tempting as it may be, wait at traffic signals and do not attempt to circumvent the lights. Taking a shortcut through a private business parking lot to avoid the traffic signal is a civil infraction. The law is MCL 257.611 Use of Private Property to Avoid Traffic Control Device. Another common violation associated with time demands or lack of patience is running through a changing or red light. This violation is also a civil infraction that is MCL 257.612(1)(b) Disregard Steady Yellow Signal.

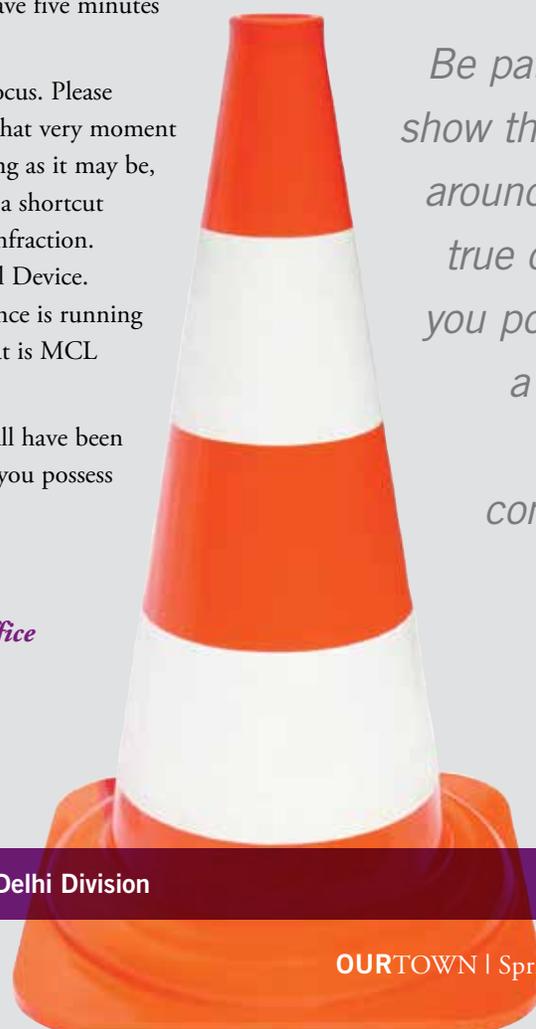
There is light at the end of the repair tunnel. These projects are what we all have been asking for. Be patient and show the people around you the true character you possess as a member of this community.

Thank you and please enjoy spring with all it offers.

*Please do not hesitate to contact any Delhi Division Sheriff's Office deputy with questions or concerns. 2045 North Cedar Street in Holt, 517.695.0045*



Deputy James Rowley



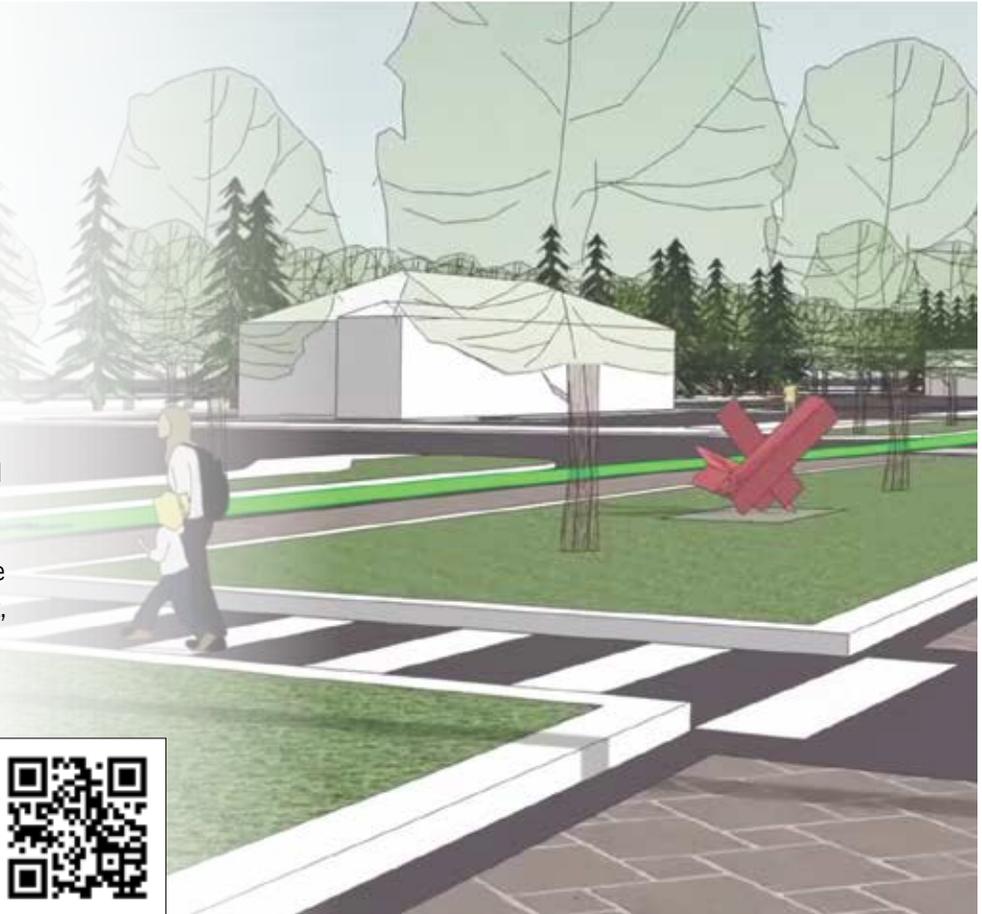
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# Want to stay up to date on the Realize Cedar project?

The Delhi DDA will communicate with the Holt residents and businesses through several channels during the construction process.

- Sign up for our weekly emails, which will include updates on construction progress (scan code below).
- Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for construction updates and to see photos and videos of the project as it progresses.
- Visit our website, [realizecedar.com](http://realizecedar.com), for more information on the vision behind the project, a video vision of the redeveloped Cedar Street, project plans, FAQ, and more.

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## THE DDA – WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO

The Downtown Development Authority (DDA) promotes economic development through business attraction/retention programs and works to foster investment within the DDA district. It strives to increase the township's tax base and strengthen the local economy while maintaining those qualities that make Delhi Township a desirable place to live and work. For more information, visit us at [www.DelhiDDA.com](http://www.DelhiDDA.com).

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