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A message from the executive director of the TCCC

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As the end of the year approaches, it's a perfect time to reflect on where we have been and to set goals on where we want to be. While the construction industry has undoubtedly persevered through the pandemic, there are still some significant challenges ahead. There is still an ongoing worker shortage. The supply chain for materials continues to be in a state of turmoil, which is making it harder for companies to budget for and procure materials. Lastly, contractors should prepare for the possibility that demand for retail and office construction will continue to shrink.

Over the past couple of years, many companies have been forced to adapt to new ways of doing business. The transition to a more digital future came fast, whether you were ready for it or not. From our vantage point, we're seeing the industry continue its push towards the online world. Some agencies are starting to move away from receiving physical bid proposals as digital bid submissions increase in popularity. Unfortunately, in some cases, online bidding comes as an extra expense. As a plan center, we are here to absorb those initial costs and give you full access to the documents that help you determine whether it's a project you want to bid on.

We are still evaluating an upgrade to the Virtual Plan Room service. Before any new software is launched, we are looking to get a read on what features our membership values. We need to analyze what the current service provides to ensure that the parts of the Virtual Plan Room that you use most continues to not only be available, but also improved. There may even be features that you feel are

missing from the service as it stands. We want to hear from you about where we are successfully fulfilling the needs of your company, where we can do better, and what is currently missing.

Did you know that we do more than just post bid opportunities to our Virtual Plan Room? Another major offering is our flat-rate pricing on large-format blueprints. Drawings that are more ink dense than a standard blueprint with lines and partial page renderings may be subject to a price adjustment, but our intent is to keep our pricing competitive and fair. Please visit www.tricityplancenter.com/print-copies/ for more information about our prices and directions on how to send us large files for printing.

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per company. Answers could be submitted anonymously, but those companies that were willing to disclose their contact information were entered into a draw for a free quarter of membership dues. Based off the nearly 50 submissions received, two members were selected from the draw.

The goal of these surveys is to help us understand which services are valuable to you, as well as guide us towards offering additional services in the future. All surveys should take less than one minute, and anonymity is always an option. Your time is valuable, so we will continue to find meaningful ways to reward our members for their participation.

For future surveys, the TCCC may gather feedback on the virtual plan room, printing services, or the current programs that we offer. As your local Tri-Cities area plan room, we want to help your company succeed in the construction industry. If you are a current member of the association and did not receive a link to the previous survey, please email scott@tcplancenter.com to verify your eligibility. As a nonmember, please visit our website, www.tricityplancenter.com, for more information on the services we currently offer.

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TCCC scholarship awards and annual golf tournament



Every year, the Tri-City Construction Council (TCCC) hosts a golf tournament to provide scholarships to deserving students.

For the 24th annual event, which was held on May 13, 2022, five students were each awarded \$2,500. Thank you to everyone that was

able to participate and a special thanks to all the hole sponsors that help us raise the bulk of the scholarship funds each year. The list of sponsors is available on our website at www.tricityplancenter.com/ scholarship-golf-tournament/.

Each year, the scholarship committee

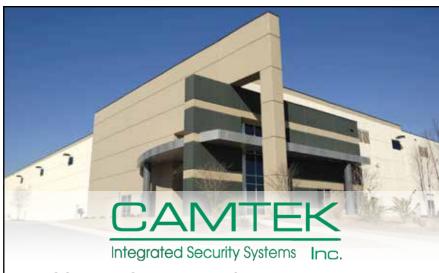
selects winners based upon the following criteria: academic achievement, community and school involvement, financial need, leadership potential, and relationship of the student's field of study to the construction industry.

Over the past 24 years, a total of \$164,500 has been awarded to students.

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- Ty Carlson

To be eligible to apply for next year's scholarship, one must be currently enrolled or planning to enroll in an accredited public or private college, university, or trade school. The criteria, application process, and deadline will be announced by February 2023. You can sign up to the Tri-City Construction Council's Announcements and Events newsletter at the following link, www. tricityplancenter.com/connect, to be notified when the application process opens.



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When: To Be Announced in 2023

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TRI-CITY CONSTRUCTION COUNCIL (TCCC) 25TH ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT

When: To Be Announced (May 2023) - Registration Opens April 2023

Where: Canyon Lakes Golf Course, Kennewick, WA

The TCCC Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament is approaching its silver anniversary! This quarter-century tradition helps us provide scholarships to deserving students. Support can be provided by either reserving a team of four players or by sponsoring a hole.

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Please note that this is a very popular event and team slots fill up very quickly!

For information on all events hosted by the Tri-City Construction Council, be sure to subscribe to the Announcements and Events newsletter. You can opt into these emails at the following page on our website, www.tricityplancenter.com/connect where you will also find our hours of operation and contact info. A



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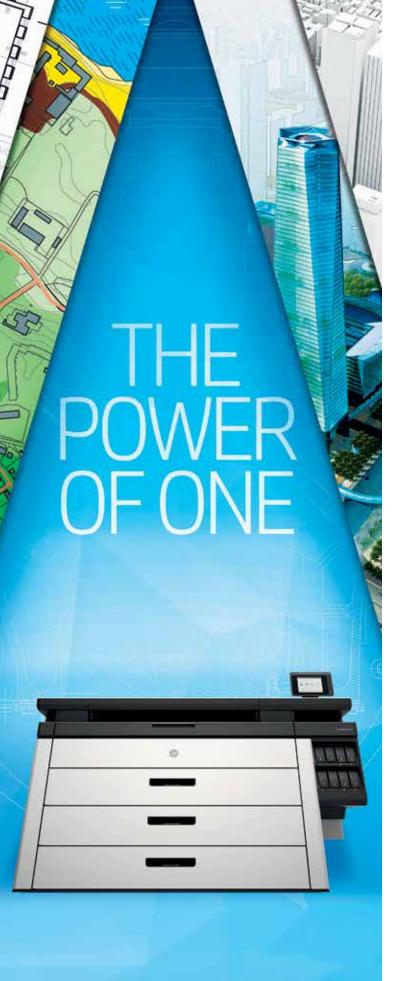
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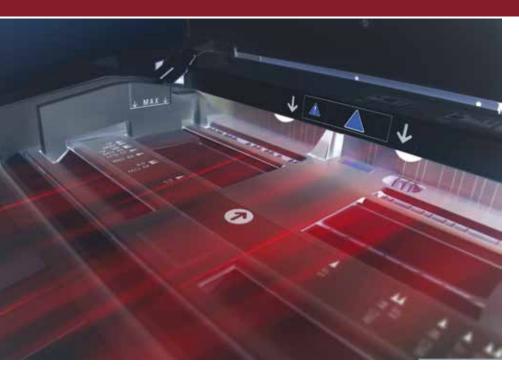
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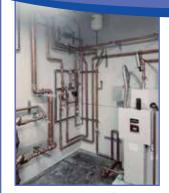
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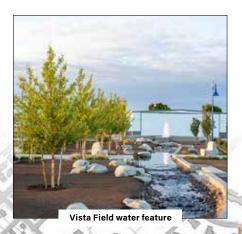
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The Port constructed the roads, utilities, linear parkway, pedestrian bridges and water features which opened the first 20 acres to development and created 21 shovel-ready parcels for sale to the private sector.



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Progress continues on two Amazon warehouse projects in Pasco

In addition to adding more than 1,200 Amazon employees, this project will also increase approximately 2,800 vehicles on Tri-Cities roadways daily

By Lisa Kopochinski

Two new massive Amazon warehouses in Pasco, Washington will create 1,200 to 1,500 new jobs to the area once they are completed in 2023 and 2024.

The facilities are located just north of Sacajawea State Park, near the confluence of the Snake and Columbia rivers in Franklin County. The land was purchased from two different owners for a combined \$11 million.

The Ryan Companies of Bellevue is developing the two warehouses under code names. Both warehouses will be constructed from precast concrete and be 55 feet and 50 feet at their high points.

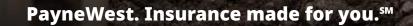
The first warehouse - Project Oyster - located at one the east side of Road 40 E., will span 1,080,000 square feet on more than 160 acres. Slated for completion in June 2023, approximately 700 individuals will be hired who will fulfill orders for household goods, books, toys, and technology. This site will have a



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This facility will span 1,049,000 square feet on a 104-acre site. It will also have 110 loading docks, more than 300 trailer parking stalls, nearly 50 box truck parking stalls, approximately 50 van parking stalls and 50 regular parking stalls.

Both projects will include sound walls that will reduce the noise on neighboring properties.

Two new Amazon warehouses in Pasco will create 1,500 new jobs once completed.

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The permit value for each facility is more than \$200 million each, says Mike Gonzalez, City of Pasco economic development manager. He adds that they've also had to put in more than \$50 million worth of road improvements, infrastructure, and utilities.

In addition to adding more than 1,200 Amazon employees, this project will also increase approximately 2,800 vehicles on Tri-Cities roadways daily.

"We are truly in the perfect spot for logistics, shipping and receiving," says Gonzalez. "We are close to five metropolitan areas. We also have easy access to rail, river and an international airport. It's why you're seeing such incredible industrial growth here. At present, the project is 85 to 90 percent. Amazon is currently making roadway and sidewalk improvements also."

Both development sites are located approximately one mile from the nearest Ben Franklin Transit stop.

Ben Franklin Transit General Manager Gloria Boyce said in a statement that Ben Franklin Transit will provide a transit connection between the two facilities which should help ease extra traffic from hundreds of new commuters.

"Amazon's commitment to the Tri-City area is a significant catalyst in strengthening the resilience of our local economy, particularly during these unprecedented times, and we are proud to support this investment in our region by providing a transit connection between the two new facilities."

LONG-TERM IMPACT

In September 2021 when the project was announced, Pasco Mayor Paul Martinez told local media that this project will have a long-term impact on Pasco.

"It's an opportunity to open new career paths in industries like logistics, retail, and technology with a company that is known for innovating," he said.

Although the completion date for both warehouses were originally scheduled for this year, Gonzalez says things are going fairly smoothly.

As for challenges, he says the big challenge to date has been the supply chain issues.

"But for the most part, things have gone really well. The Ryan Companies - the development group handling the project - are real pros and great at building large structures."





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Gone to the dogs

The Tri-Cities plans to build new animal shelter in Pasco

By Shayna Wiwierski

The furry residents of the Tri-Cities will soon be getting a new shelter before finding their fur-ever homes.

The City of Pasco is firming up plans to build a new animal shelter that will expand capacity to house more animals in need of homes, as well as provide a more modern facility for those who live in the Tri-Cities. The new shelter will be built just east of the existing facility, located at the corner of 18th Avenue and Washington Street in Pasco.

The existing facility was initially built in the 1950s and then was added onto in the 1970s. Since that time, it became the regional shelter, which served not only the city of Pasco, but also the cities of Kennewick and Richland as well.

"We are certainly serving the regions in what we call the fastest-growing regions in the state of Washington. We look at capacity needs and as more people come in, more animals come

in," says Zach Ratkai, administrative and community services director for the City of Pasco. "It was an older building, which was harder to keep up with as far as maintenance. Since 2009, the communities were talking about pooling our money together and building a new animal shelter."

Construction for the 10,000-squarefoot project is aimed to start in November 2022 and Ratkai expects the project to take a year to build,

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Above photos by Tri-Cities Animal Shelter volunteer Julie Saraceno.



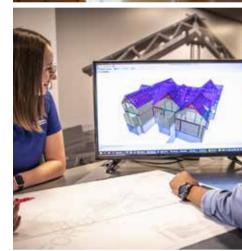
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with a completion in either fall 2023 or winter 2024. CKJT Architects, pllc, based out of Kennewick did the design of the facility, which will accommodate up to 74 dogs, 84 cats, and 24 to 28 kittens. The shelter will be a modern design with new finishes that will help with ease of operations, cleanliness, and communicable disease control. It will also house their animal control staff for the region and will be a welcoming and safe space for both humans and animals alike.

The new shelter is being built in an overgrown natural area just east of

the existing shelter. Construction will include the clearing of overgrown trees and relocating one of Pasco's regional walking trails that is along the river. The City chose to keep the new shelter close to the existing one since the community is already familiar with having the shelter in that location. Also, since it's close to trails, it's a great place for volunteer dog walkers since it's a nice and quiet area where dogs can get out of their kennels for a walk.

Once the new animal shelter is open,

the City will assess the existing one and see if it's something they want to preserve or retrofit into a City building.

"We could preserve it for overflow. Whenever there is a natural disaster, animals get relocated across the country, so we could have a shelter that serves as an emergency need for the Pacific Northwest," says Ratkai. "I think we will take the time to see if it costs too much to bring it up to modern standards, refinish the insides, or if it's more beneficial to knock it down."



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The project is budgeted at \$6 million and is being funded in thirds by the Cities of Pasco, Kennewick and Richland. It went out to tender in October 2022 and was expected to be awarded in November 2022.

Once the new animal shelter is built and open, it will provide a muchneeded home for the Tri-Cities animal residents.

"I think it shows we take pride in our animal friends in the community by bringing in a new shelter. Not only do we expand our capacity and care for animals, but we also provide a great setting for people to come in and help out, volunteer, and adopt animals," says Ratkai. "We are really excited to introduce this new facility to the community. Not only to the people, but also our animal kingdom, our animal friends in the community as well."



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A monumental project

Phase 1 of Vista Field opens in summer 2022

By Shavna Wiwierski



A new town center opened in Kennewick earlier this year.

Phase 1 of Vista Field, a 103-acre master-planned mixed-use regional town center, officially opened in June 2022. The project is expected to be built out in eight phases and will be a mix of businesses, residences, waterways, pathways, a public plaza, and other gathering places that reflect the local culture.

Housed on the land of the former Vista Field Airport, the new property is located in the regional town center for the Tri-Cities area, near the Columbia Center Mall and adjacent to the Vista Entertainment District, which includes the Three Rivers Convention Center and the Toyota Center. Since the Tri-Cities have multiple airports, the Port of Kennewick recognized that the Vista Field Airport was only being utilized by a small handful of users, so in 2013 the port commissioners made the decision to close it and engage with the community on what would be the next best use for the area.

The Port of Kennewick contracted with urban planning company DPZ CoDesign, who helped with the public meetings. Between 2013 and 2015, the Port conducted a robust public participation process to develop the Vista Field Redevelopment Master Plan, which included intense collaboration between the Port and the City. The vision was guided by a rigorous community involvement process where the community came in and could engage and interact with the planners and voice their opinions on what they would like to see happen with the space that is in the heart of the community.

"Lots of ideas came from that. You had all sorts of things that were on peoples' wish lists, so then the Port took those ideas and started working on a master plan for Vista Field," says Amber Hanchette, director of real estate and operations for the Port of Kennewick. "It's an urban project, so something that is different for the Tri-Cities. It's very much an urban type of mix. A [collection] of



Vista Field is located on the land of the former Vista Field Airport, which was closed in 2013.

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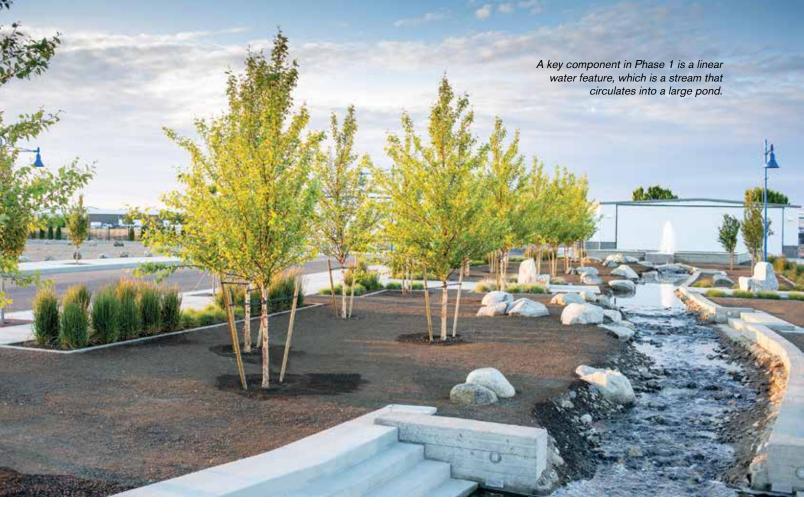






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residential, commercial, hospitality, retail... there could also be a hotel and entertainment. We have a master plan for Vista Field that centers around all those public inputs. It's very much a community-driven process and a community-driven project."

Construction for Phase 1 started in 2019 and was finished in the spring of 2021. The project was finalized in the spring of 2022 and they had a ribboncutting ceremony to officially open it on June 16, 2022.

Along with the adoption of the Vista Field plan, the City of Kennewick took on several implementation measures at the same time that included an area-wide rezone to the Urban Mixed Use (UMU) zoning district. The UMU zoning district was created by the City, with input from the Port, to specifically implement the concepts of the Vista Field Plan. In addition to the UMU district creation, the City also entered

into a development agreement with the Port.

"The City and Port worked closely on identifying the public facilities and services needed to support the development proposed in the plan focusing on potable water, sanitary sewer and transportation," says Evelyn Lusignan, public relations and government affairs director for the City of Kennewick. "As a part of the implementation of the plan, the City and Port entered into a development agreement that outlines in detail the needed public facilities improvements, timing and the responsible party. Insuring compliance with concurrency is a critical consideration in any development, but especially critical when addressing development at the scale envisioned by the plan."

Phase 1 saw the project starting in the center of the 103 acres, which connects with the two main streets,

Deschutes Avenue and Grandridge Blvd. The Port of Kennewick is the master developer on the project and Total Site Services was awarded the construction contract for Phase 1. The engineers were Parametrix, who designed the development with elements to bring people together in a pedestrian-friendly way, focusing on walking, biking, and connecting neighborhoods together.

A key component in Phase 1 is a linear water feature, which is a stream that circulates into a large pond. There are also several fountains and walking bridges across a stream. The Port of Kennewick is currently selling 21 parcels within Phase 1. The space will be a mix of residential and commercial tenants.

The budget for Phase 1 of Vista Field was around \$5.5 million and the funding was through the Port of Kennewick and some of their

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economic development partners, such as Benton County and their Rural County Capital Fund (RCCF), which supports new capital infrastructure

projects in the community that specifically contributes to job growth and economic diversification. Once the eight-phase project is complete,

it's expected to produce as many as 3,380 jobs, \$460 million in private sector investment, \$51 million in new infrastructure and \$408 million in new buildings.

Once the entire 103-acre project is complete, it will be a central gathering place for both residents and those visiting the Tri-City area.

"We are called the Tri-Cities, but we are more than that. We are Kennewick. Pasco, Richland, West Richland, Finley, and we have some outlying communities who rely on the Tri-Cities to do their grocery shopping and more. Vista Field and this project in Kennewick is really going to be used by all residents of the Tri-Cities," says Hanchette. "If we can provide that place for you to come and hang out before watching a concert at the Coliseum or a hockey game, or maybe your business is out here, it will be a place for everyone in our community to enjoy. It will serve the greater community as opposed to just a small piece of Kennewick." A



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New site for the **Hanford History project**

Port of Benton is constructing a new building to house the Hanford History Project in north Richland

By Lisa Kopochinski

In an effort to bring area residents to the north Richland area to view the region's atomic history and the community's accomplishment in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), construction has begun on a \$2 million building for the Hanford History Project.

Booth & Sons Construction Inc. broke ground on the site in

early June, which will include multiple buildings at 3251 Port of Benton Blvd. in north Richland.

"The Port has bonded \$4 million to construct a permanent home for the Hanford History Project, which will be located near the USS Triton Sail Park in north Richland," explains Wally Williams, director of marketing for the Port of Benton.



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This project will make it easy for tourists to learn more about Hanford site and its interesting history. Photo courtesy of Port of Benton.

The Hanford History Project (HHP) continues to be managed by Washington State University Tri-Cities.

"The investment aligns Port commitment to regional STEM tourism and brings visitors to our community in alignment with overarching tourism resiliency planning," adds Williams.

A permanent home – a long-term priority of regional partnerships with Washington State University Tri-Cities, the Hanford History Project, and the Department of Energy - enables the collection to grow while keeping costs consistent and manageable.

The permanent archive and storage facility provides twice as much space as currently available, and provides working archival, documentation and research space for its current three staff members, future staff capacity, and dedicated collaboration space for university interns and volunteers.

HANFORD SITE HISTORY

According to the United States Department of Energy (DOE) website, the Hanford site sits on 586 square miles of shrub-steppe desert in southeastern Washington.

Starting in 1943, the site was used to produce plutonium for the bomb that would later cause the end to the Second World War. Hanford's ultimate triumph came with the nuclear explosion above Japan in August 1945, effectively ending the war.

After a short lull, production was ramped up in 1947 to meet the challenges of the Cold War.

When White Bluffs and Hanford residents moved away, the war department began recruiting workers to build nuclear reactors and processing facilities required to extract plutonium for atomic weapons. People from across the country came to Hanford, ultimately forming a 51,000-person workforce. Very few of the workers knew what they were building or what these facilities would do once they were completed. Hanford employees believed they were doing important war work, but beyond that, they knew few details.

Under the careful supervision of such noted scientists as Enrico Fermi, crews began the process of building production reactors at Hanford. Workers also built two massive processing facilities called "canyons", where plutonium would be extracted from uranium "fuel rods" after removal from the reactors. Production continued until 1987 when the last reactor ceased operation.

Weapons production processes left solid and liquid wastes that posed a risk to the local environment including the Columbia River. In 1989, the DOE, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and Washington State Department of Ecology entered into a legally binding accord, the Tri-Party Agreement (TPA), to clean up the Hanford site.

HHP ESTABLISHED IN 2014

On the Washington State University Tri-Cities website, current Hanford History Director Michael Mays writes that

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the Hanford History Project (HHP) at the university was established in 2014 "to foster greater understanding and awareness of the vital role the mid-Columbia region of Washington state - both its people and its environment has played on the regional, national and international stage from the Second World War to the present day."

May says HHP's research and education functions are especially timely as the National Park Service embarks upon its mission of interpreting what was arguably the defining event of the 20th century - the development of the Manhattan Project and the production of nuclear weapons.

"In collaboration with the recently created Manhattan Project National Historical Park, the Hanford History Project's mission is to help broaden our understanding of that event and its diverse legacies for generations to come."

In a statement, Kim Shugart, senior vice president for Visit Tri-Cities, says this center will make it easy for tourists to learn more about Hanford and other science initiatives in the Tri-Cities, which regards STEM as a competitive advantage in attracting visitors and tourists.

"There are very few communities that have such a diversity of STEM assets," she says.

The Port of Benton shares this vision and has reserved the remaining portion of the site to construct Phase 2, which is intended to provide permanent space for larger artifacts associated with the USS Triton Sail Park and along with HHP/Manhattan National Park.





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