

DELAWARE

Developer gives land to Delaware City Schools for potential facilities



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Key Points

A local developer is donating over 50 acres of land to Delaware City Schools amid rapid residential growth.

The district has no immediate plans for the land but will consider it in its 2026 facilities planning process.

The donated property is located on the east side of Troy Road, near Smith Park and Calvary Baptist Church.

As the city of Delaware continues to see rapid residential growth, a local developer is donating more than 50 acres to Delaware City Schools that could potentially be used for future district facilities.

Dublin-based Corridor Development and Ryan Homes have entered into an "agreement in principle" with the school district to [donate approximately 52 acres of undeveloped land](#) on the east side of Troy Road for potential future school facilities, the district posted on Facebook Jan. 13.

The district has no immediate plans to develop the property, but the post states Delaware schools is embarking on a comprehensive Master Facilities Planning process in 2026.

"Having this land available creates valuable possibilities to support future student and community growth," the post reads.

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Superintendent Keith Pomeroy said in the post that the continued residential development brings both opportunities and challenges for Delaware schools, and he appreciates the partnership with Corridor Development and Ryan Homes.

"We are thankful for the chance to engage in meaningful conversations about how new housing developments are impacting our schools," he said. "We appreciate that Corridor Development and Ryan Homes want to be good neighbors in the communities where they build and are supportive of the district's long-term needs."

The land is northwest of the city-owned Smith Park and directly west of Calvary Baptist Church.

A portion of the donated land is part of the [175.79 acres from Delaware Township that property owners requested to annex](#) into the city in October. Delaware City Council approved the annexation in a 4-1 vote on Jan. 12.

City spokesman Lee Yoakum said no plans have been proposed for the site, but [Delaware's 2021 comprehensive plan](#) anticipates the area will develop as suburban residential, which allows for a variety of use types, including single-family home neighborhoods and multi-family complexes.

The donated land is also north of [Merrick Boulevard, which the city is extending from Cambridge Road east to Troy Road](#). The city and Delaware County have long planned for an east-west thoroughfare in the area where Merrick Boulevard is today, as joint city and county plans going back to the 1960s reference building such a road, city officials said during an Oct. 27 city council meeting.

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