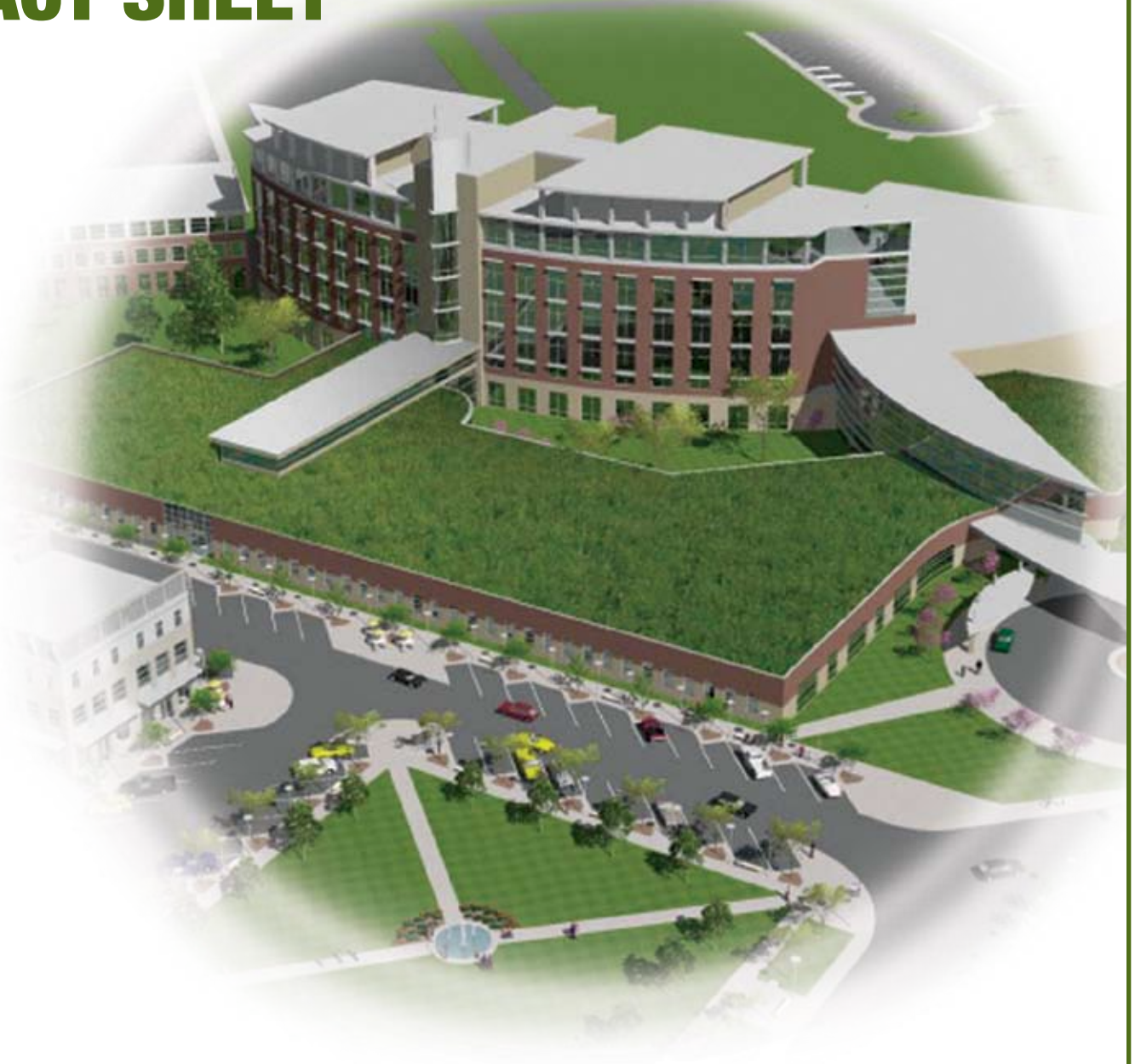


GREEN ROOF FACT SHEET

Green Roof at the new Metro Health Hospital

As part of our effort to be a sustainable organization, Metro will be covering one of the buildings at the new hospital with an attractive, low-maintenance green roof. The majority of the 208 patient rooms will overlook the unique roof, giving patients a more soothing, natural landscape than what is usually available on standard rooftops.

The 48,500-square-foot green roof will change with the seasons and provide great insulation. It will be located on the hospital outpatient services building at the new Metro Health Village. ***Metro is the first hospital in Michigan to offer this design feature.***



GREEN ROOF FACT SHEET

Benefits to patients and employees: The green roof will provide aesthetic benefits for hospital patients and employees. In addition to being more pleasing to the eye than a traditional rubber membrane roof, research suggests that access to natural scenery from patient rooms may significantly impact length of stay and medication use. Incorporating this sustainable design feature will help Metro provide the best health care experience for its patients, employees and physicians.

Benefits to the community: This design feature offers many environmental benefits, such as improving air quality, providing increased insulation, minimizing storm water runoff and reducing peak temperatures. Many educational opportunities will result from this unique feature, as Metro will use the roof as a demonstration and education project to teach others about the advantages and feasibility of applying sustainable activities. The green roof at Metro will symbolize and demonstrate to the entire community the numerous benefits of sustainable development.

Flowering roof photo courtesy of Bazzani Associates



 **MetroHealth**
Hospital

1919 Boston SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49506
(616) 252-7200

www.metrohealth.net