The River Valley Regional YMCA sponsored the construction of a 62,000 SF community center to replace their former, obsolete, and inefficient Williamsport YMCA facility housed in eight interconnected buildings in downtown Williamsport, Pennsylvania. The YMCA currently serves 2,360 members, which are anticipated to more than double by the end of December 2015. The new facility is located just south of Susquehanna Health's Williamsport Regional Medical Center in one of the most highly distressed areas of Williamsport bearing all three primary designations of distress: poverty rate exceeding 30% (43.6%), median family income less than 60% of the area's median (38.2%), and unemployment rate greater than 1.5 times the national average (2.27 times).

The new facility creates operational efficiencies unavailable at the old facility. The cost savings will result in the YMCA's ability to provide low-income families 100% subsidy towards provision of preschool childcare, youth development programs, healthy living, and senior citizens services. The new facility will feature: a preschool childcare wing serving 175 children ages six weeks to five years (a 37% increase); a large school-age childcare program space for before and after school programs serving approximately 100 children (a 25% increase); a dedicated senior center/teen activity room resulting in increased senior use of the facility (currently 100 seniors per day) and tripling teen use of the facility; a modern fitness and wellness area doubling in size the former non ADA-compliant space; retention of Williamsport's only racquetball courts and replacement of a deteriorating pool; as well as a community room suitable for YMCA meetings and use by other non-profits.

Total project cost is anticipated to be approximately $8.9 million. The facility is located on land leased on a long-term basis from the Susquehanna Health Center for $1 per year. The QALICB is a special purpose entity formed to construct and own the facility, which will be long-term leased to the Williamsport Branch of the River Valley Regional YMCA. The Project is financed through a combination of capital campaign proceeds, the sale of current facilities, and grants.