

MRSI TO CONSTRUCT NEW GROUP HOME

Mud Pike home to be replaced by new facility

Mercer Residential Services will be constructing an eight-bedroom group home for clients with developmental disabilities near the former Mersman Company, according to C.E.O. Garry Mosier. The new state of the art facility is projected to cost \$748,000 and will be located at 436 W. Wayne St., an undeveloped parcel that was once a parking area of the former Mersman Company. "I think it's an ideal location," Mosier said, pointing out its proximity to services and the bike path, which is supposed to be extended in the future.

The new home would replace the current facility on Mud Pike Road, which Mosier said is more than 30 years old, has five bedrooms and eight residents and can only accommodate male clients. Mosier said the current clients would be moved to the new, 4,379-square-foot facility once completed, which could also house females. "The new facility will also utilize the latest technology, building materials, and adaptive communication devices."

There are no plans for what will happen for the current facility after the move as the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities owns the building located on land owned by Mercer County. "We would like to use it for our Adult Foster Care program in the future" said Garry Mosier. "But that decision is still to be determined."

Construction is slated to begin in the fall.