Construction begins for Inova's massive Oakville Triangle project

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(Left to right) Alexandria Vica Mayor-elect Amy Jackson, Mayor Justin WIlson, Stonebridge Principal Douglas M. Firstenberg and Inova Alexandria Hospital President Dr. Rina Bansal at the groundbreaking for Inova Oakville at Potomac Yard, Nov. 15, 2021. (staff photo by James Cullum)

It wasn't so much a groundbreaking as it was a wall-breaking, as local dignitaries smashed their way to a new future at the new Inova Oakville at Potomac Yard on Monday (Nov. 15).

After years of development, construction officially began on the [$300 million](#) project at the corner of Swann Avenue and Richmond Highway — just down from [National Landing](#) and the [Virginia Tech's Innovation Campus](#). The project and includes more than 1 million square feet of residential space dedicated to apartments, a new 93,000-square-foot Inova HealthPlex with a comprehensive emergency room and 55,000 square feet of retail. The facility is planned to open in fall 2023.

"This is an exciting day for our city," Mayor Justin Wilson said at the event.

"Congratulations to everyone who made this happen. We look forward to continuing to partner with Inova long into the future to expand world-class health care services in our community."

The hospital facility will offer emergency room services, an outpatient care center and medical offices.

"The new facility represents one more way that we show our commitment to all people in our communities," said Inova Hospital System President and CEO J. Stephen Jones. "It offers a gateway for communities that we have not traditionally served to the level that we know that we can."

Douglas M. Firstenberg, principal at Stonebridge, which is developing the property, said that the mixed uses at the property will set it apart.

"This is really a vision of the future, the way we're integrating the HealthPlex and the services for the daily needs and lives of the community are truly different," Firstenberg said.