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Now that voters have approved Wishard Hospital's ability to issue public bonds to build a new hospital, the already agreed-upon plan for IUPUI to swap land with Wishard has been triggered.

There will be considerable activity on the west side of the campus beginning in early 2010 and continuing through the completion of the new Wishard in late 2013. Wishard has assumed possession of property including the site of the former Larue Carter psychiatric hospital and the long-abandoned State Board of Health building. Both buildings have been boarded up for some time. Asbestos cleanup will be completed prior to their demolition (which is planned to begin in March 2010). As the project proceeds, parking spots around those buildings will be needed for the demolition, and new spots will be made available. (Updates will be posted on the Parking and Transportation Web site:

<https://www.parking.iupui.edu/home.do> )

As the project proceeds, other buildings will be transferred to Wishard. For example, in 2011, the Union Building will be transferred and demolished. Plans are in place to gradually move the units still housed there into new or swing space. Most of the building had been vacated when the Campus Center opened.

Eventually, IUPUI will take possession of roughly an equal amount of Wishard property, which includes some 17 buildings near and around 10th Street and Indiana Avenue, only a few of which are usable for us as potential office space in their current state. JJR SmithGroup, the campus master planners, were aware of the potential land swap and have taken into account the possibility of a whole new orientation to surrounding neighborhoods in their thinking about the placement of new buildings, green space, and parking in the decades to come.

Despite the disruption we will inevitably face with such an enormous change, we are excited about the new Wishard Hospital. It will provide a much better clinical placement setting for students and faculty in the health care professions as well as continue to serve the many patients in our community who rely on its services



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