



SWBR Architects awarded two branch projects for Summit

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SWBR Architects have been awarded two branch projects with The Summit Federal Credit Union in Irondequoit and Brighton. Construction for the branches, which were awarded to Christa Construction, began in May and are both slated for completion in September.

SWBR, who has designed all of Summit's new branches including Penfield, Clarence, Hilton and North Buffalo will serve as the lead architect on the design and construction documentation, as well as perform construction administration services for both Summit locations. The project cost was undisclosed.

"We're thrilled to continue our relationship with SWBR Architects and for our continued plan for growth in the Rochester area," said Michael Vadala, president and CEO of The Summit. "These new signature-design, full-service locations will allow us to better serve our current and future members as we add convenient branches to our network."

The Summit's Brighton branch will be 2,493 s/f and will be located at 1660 Monroe Ave. It will feature five teller stations plus a drive-through for teller transactions and a walk-up ATM in the front vestibule. SWBR plans to seek a Silver LEED Rating from the U.S. Green Building Council as the branch will incorporate sustainable design characteristics including the use of a ground source geothermal heating and cooling system. The system will provide comfort and efficiency; reducing energy usage by 38%. LEED is a third-party certification program and the nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction and operation of high performance green buildings. The new Brighton Summit Branch would be the first project to apply for Silver LEED certification in Brighton (aside from a college or university).

The 3,850 s/f Irondequoit branch will be located at 2121 Hudson Ave. in the Irondequoit Plaza and will feature six teller stations plus a drive-through for teller transactions and a drive-up ATM. The new branch will be located in front of the current branch in the parking pad of the Irondequoit Plaza fronting Hudson Ave.

SWBR Architects is an award-winning architectural practice serving local and east coast clients. With offices in Rochester and Syracuse, the firm specializes in education, housing, health, science and technology, corporate/industrial and municipal design. Sustainable design principles help guide the firm's practice working to meet clients' expectations as they relate to design, quality and budget. Founded in 1941, The Summit Federal Credit Union is a not-for-profit, member-owned, full-service financial cooperative and is the largest credit union with a presence in Rochester and Buffalo. With over \$460 million in assets, The Summit Federal Credit Union provides a full range of affordable financial products and services to over 56,000 active members in Western New York.