

Nashville Rescue Mission targets April completion date for project

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Officials with the Nashville Rescue Mission are targeting a late-April completion date for renovations to the facility's entrance and parking lot that front Lafayette Street in SoBro.

A price tag for the project, which began earlier this month, is not being disclosed.

Nashville Rescue Mission is partnering with the following entities on the project: Southeast Venture, LLC.; H.G. Hill Realty Company; Hodgson & Douglas Landscape Architects; Barge Cauthen & Associates; and Division 2 Constructors and Artisan Landscaping.

The beautification project will include the addition of eco-friendly bioretention cells (also called a rain garden), raised planters filled with seasonal foliage, more than 50 new trees, an outdoor recreational area, increased parking and a redesigned, improved entrance into the parking lot, as well as into the building.

"Nashville Rescue Mission is a place of restoration and a place to reclaim beauty," Glenn Cranfield (pictured), Nashville Rescue Mission president and CEO. "We want our entrance and parking lot to reflect that. With the addition of the Music City Center and the development of the SoBro area, the landscape of Nashville is changing and we want to change with it. We want to be good neighbors."

The Nashville Rescue Mission, which is owned by NRM Properties LLC, sits on about 5 acres.

The project is being undertaken as the area south of Lafayette Street continues to see significant change. For example, and most recently, New York City-based entrepreneur Michael Dorf announced he will rehab his 809 Ewing St. building, the back of which abuts the Rescue Mission property, to accommodate City Winery. Similarly, FLO {thinkery} founder Mark Montgomery is leading a group that includes FLO equity advisors Joe Glaser and John Grady to rehab the INK printing building located at 613 Ewing St. (see image below).

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