



# Michigan

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## Kalamazoo Health Focused Campus

In cooperation with local hospital Bronson Healthcare and Kalamazoo Community Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (KCMHSAS), Kalamazoo Valley Community College (KVCC) developed a campus focused on wellness and food sustainability. The project is located on 13.3 acres of formerly unused land donated by Bronson Healthcare, which is near Bronson Methodist Hospital, the new Western Michigan University School of Medicine, and downtown Kalamazoo.

The campus features three main facilities: the KVCC Center for Culinary Arts/Health Career Programs, the KVCC Center for Food Sustainability and Innovation, and a psychiatric clinic for KCMHSAS. These facilities expand KVCC's curriculum, providing access to high-tech indoor and outdoor growing systems and gardens, a fresh food aggregation and distribution center supporting local growers, a culinary school, a teaching and retail restaurant, classrooms for health programs, and training in nursing, EMT, and respiratory therapy.

Collectively, each component of the project contributes to the mission of the Health Focused Campus: to provide comprehensive and innovative urban-based food and health education to the next generation of culinary, health, and urban agricultural leaders.

The project sponsor, Kalamazoo Valley Community College, is a fully accredited, public, two-year college with enrollment of about 13,000 students. Founded in 1966, KVCC offers certificate programs in more than 20 areas of study and associate degrees in 25 others.

Currently, KVCC has three campuses throughout the Kalamazoo area, and the Health Focused Campus is its fourth. The project is committed to promoting health and wellness by leveraging the expertise and support of the community, including local food businesses, nonprofits, neighborhood associations, economic development groups, government agencies, legislators, and faith-based organizations.

The Health Focused Campus is also expected to contribute to the financial health of Kalamazoo. Its proximity to the downtown commercial corridor builds on the momentum created by a number of LISC supported construction and renovation projects in the Edison neighborhood, and it is a catalyst for future investments in the area.

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## Community Profile

### Kalamazoo, MI

<b>Poverty Rate</b>	52.5%
<b>Median Income</b>	32.2%
<b>Compared to AMI</b>	
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	4.7x national average

## Project Highlights

- Investor: Wells Fargo
- Total Project Cost: \$39.7M
- NMTC: \$8M
- Jobs: 55 construction jobs created, 23 full-time, permanent jobs created, 60 jobs retained
- 9,000 students served annually

