



**Chemung Canal
Trust Company**
Celebrating 175 Years

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Chemung Canal Trust Breaks Ground For New Branch

Larger branch office to open for CCTC at Community Corners

Chemung Canal Trust Company (CCTC) broke ground today as part of a plan to open a larger, more accessible full service Community Corners branch, at the corner of Hanshaw and Pleasant Grove Roads in the Village of Cayuga Heights.

“Our initial entry into Tompkins County was through our existing Community Corners branch,” said Ronald M. Bentley, President and Chief Executive Officer of Chemung Canal Trust Company, “because of the wonderful reception we have received, we now find it necessary to increase the size of this office to meet the needs of our expanding customer base.”

Chemung Canal Trust Company opened a small branch office in the Community Corners Plaza in October 2005. The following year, in June 2006, CCTC completed a total renovation of the former Lehigh Valley Train Station, on West Buffalo St., in Ithaca, and opened a full service branch at that location.

“Our extensive menu of products and services, offered by a highly trained and friendly staff, has prompted significant growth in our client base, and we believe the potential for further market penetration is considerable,” Bentley said.

The new 2,700 square foot Community Corners branch will provide greater visibility and access to customers and features two drive up lanes and a drive up ATM. Construction is scheduled to be completed and the office is expected to open in January 2009.

John Snyder Architects is providing architectural services and Streeter Associates, Inc. is the General Contractor of the project.

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Chemung Canal Trust Company is celebrating its' 175th anniversary in 2008 and the bank's footprint features 21 offices in seven counties in New York State.

“Our company has been successful, for nearly two centuries, because of a long tradition of providing hometown, community banking that focuses on responsive, local decision making, highly personalized service, and a commitment to be involved in the communities we serve,” said Bentley, “while our tenure in Tompkins County is still relatively new, we are pleased that these qualities have been so widely accepted and that we have made a positive impact.”