

# Lentz Public Health Center

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### About *Circulate*

*Circulate*, is a dynamic, interactive public art installation for the interior of the new Lentz Public Health Center. Modeled on the concept of small-world networks and the body's circulation system, the artwork uses LCD Smart glass "pixels" to dramatically animate the ideas of flow and connection across the large feature wall, interacting with visitors' movements up and down the central staircase. The artwork is connected to one central computer located in the 3rd floor computer closet, and a camera mounted on the opposite side of the atrium. When activated by movement on the stairs, the LCD Smart glass disks change from a clear state to an almost white state. The artwork draws patrons toward and encourages them to utilize the stair while providing an engaging artwork to experience from up close or from afar.

*Designed By: Erik Carlson*

*Project funded by Metro Arts 1% for Art Program.*



**Metro Public Health Dept**  
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### About the NEW Lentz Public Health Center

The new Lentz Public Health Center was developed in agreement with HCA, Inc., and is designed with features that support sustainability and promote physical activity and healthy lifestyles.

The Health Department will carry on a long tradition of providing public health services offered at the new Lentz, including immunizations for children and adults, birth certificates, death certificates, Women, Infants and Children (WIC) nutrition services, family planning, children's dental health clinic, Food Protection Services, a Sexually Transmitted Disease Clinic, and a Tuberculosis Clinic. The demonstration kitchen is conveniently located on the first level, with an entrance both from the public lobby and from within the Preventative Health Clinic. This will be the place to learn about preparing healthy meals and snack options.

- Located at 2500 Charlotte Pike, Nashville, Tennessee
- Named after Dr. John J. Lentz, who served as health director in Nashville and Davidson County from 1920-1964
- The three story building will provide 106,080 square feet of space
- Will house 300 Metro Public Health Department employees
- Groundbreaking took place June 2012
- Designed to pursue LEED Silver Certification
- A 1/4 mile outdoor walking trail for employees and community members

### About Public Health Services

- The family planning clinics provide counseling and education, pregnancy testing, birth control, pre-conception exams, and emergency contraception.
- Dental care is offered to children up to age 21. Limited adult emergency care is also available.
- The STD Clinic provides examination and treatment to those who suspect they have a sexually transmitted disease such as gonorrhea, syphilis, chlamydia, and herpes. (HIV testing is free.)
- WIC provides healthy food vouchers, nutrition education, and breastfeeding promotion to participants of the program. WIC is available to pregnant and postpartum women, infants, and children up to the age of five who meet the income requirements.
- The Immunization Clinic offers routine immunizations to children and adults on a walk-in basis.
- The TB clinic provides TB screening for Davidson County residents. Those who are determined to be at risk may receive additional screening including skin testing and chest X-rays. Preventive treatment for latent TB is available and provided free of charge.
- Pest Management Services provides on-site monitoring and control of insects such as mosquitoes, ticks, rats, mice, and other animals that are capable of transmitting disease. Davidson County residents are invited to make pest management requests by appointment.
- Immunization Records are required for children to attend school in Nashville. Immunization records are available at all three Public Health Centers and at your private healthcare provider.
- Food Protection Services provides protection from the threat of foodborne illnesses by conducting inspections among Davidson County's food service establishments and retail food stores.

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### About *Are We There Yet?*

The public art bike rack, *Are We There Yet?*, is a time-lapse sequence depicting a pair of legs running. As part of our city's green and healthy living initiatives, Metro Arts commissions local and regional artists to design bicycle racks. The first round of artist-designed bike racks was installed in downtown Nashville and adjacent neighborhoods in the spring of 2010. Eight additional artist-designed bike racks have been installed 2013-2014.

Designed By: Duncan McDaniel

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### About the Design and Construction Team

#### **Design Team**

Gresham Smith and Partners provided full-service Architecture, Interior Design, and Engineering design services.

Supportive Design, LLC provided inventory, furniture planning and procurement services. Decorative metalwork of the existing building was re-purposed to create tables for the new building.

#### **Construction Team**

Bell/ICF Construction was the General Contractor.

### About Environmental Features

- The lighting system is controlled by occupancy sensors and daylight sensors. When daylight levels provide adequate light, the fixtures dim to reduce energy consumption.
- An onsite retention pond collects storm water, allowing for slower, cleaner, and more manageable flows into the storm water system.
- Roof drains and mechanical condensate are piped to a 10,000 gallon underground cistern that serves to irrigate the landscaping.
- Construction waste was managed to reduce the amount of material ending up in a landfill.
- Over 30% of the construction material budget is attributable to regional materials, procured within a 500 mile radius of the site.

