



NIU proton center plan advances

 [Comments](#) (No comments posted.)

Northern Illinois University’s leadership has given a green light to the university’s plan to build a proton-therapy cancer treatment and research center in West Chicago.

On Thursday, the NIU board approved a series of resolutions enabling the plan to move forward on several fronts.

Trustees authorized the Northern Illinois Proton Treatment and Research Center LLC, the business unit responsible for the proton therapy project, to proceed with the development of the center, establish an affiliation with a health care provider to deliver clinical care, and negotiate with European providers of specialized proton therapy equipment.

The \$160 million center is planned for 13 acres at the DuPage Technology Park, between Route 38 and Fabyan Parkway in West Chicago.

NIU expects to break ground on the therapy center in late spring 2008, with completion expected in 2010.