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More Cranes For Hartford

After six years of planning and frustrating delays, Northland Investment Corp. today will begin building a \$160 million residential-retail-office complex in downtown Hartford.

The groundbreaking is yet another sign of a city being transformed by major construction projects, including a convention center, hotels, a science center, retail space, restaurants and several hundred residential units.

Northland's project, dubbed Hartford 21, is one of the largest to date. The Massachusetts-based developer will first demolish the retail-office structure that wraps around the Civic Center Coliseum. It then will construct a 36-story luxury apartment tower — the tallest in New England — at the corner of Trumbull and Asylum streets. There also will be parking,

stores, restaurants and offices.

Northland has demonstrated its faith in Hartford's future by buying key office buildings near the Civic Center, including City Place II, Metro Center and Trumbull Place.

All residents in the Hartford area have a stake in Hartford 21, which refers to the 21st century. The state recently kicked in \$30.5 million in bond money and Hartford agreed to a 20-year property tax break. Both actions will have been a worthwhile investment if the project, as expected, helps to generate an economic renaissance.

Overall, Trumbull Street is becoming one of Hartford's premier addresses, with several developers pouring money into new construction or renovations near the Civic Center.

Hartford 21 adds to that momentum.