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Construction begins on 164-unit affordable housing project in Rochester

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ROCHESTER, N.Y. (WROC) — Construction is under way for a five-story affordable housing building in Rochester.

The 164-apartment structure is being built on West Main Street where a parking lot stands now. The units will be available for folks earning at or below 80-percent of the area median income.

95 apartments will be reserved for those at-risk for homelessness, including veterans and those who've recently been released from incarceration.

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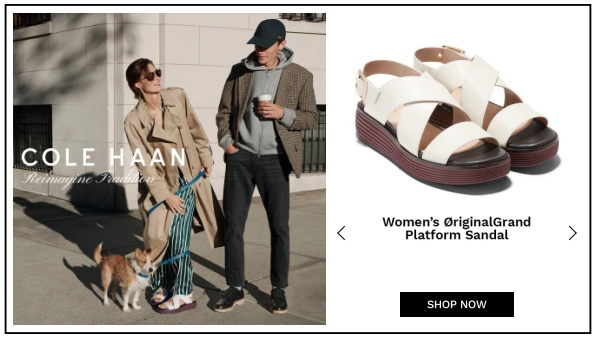

"Center City Courtyard" will have free Wi-fi, a fitness center, parking and office space for supportive service providers.

HELPDevCO and CSD Housing, LLC are the developers.

"Supportive housing is our mission and what we believe, everybody deserves a good house, and no matter if they have had past challenges or other difficulties, they deserve quality housing, and that's a stabilizing force them to stabilize the rest of their lives as well," said Whitney McClary, Development Director of CSD Housing.

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Rendering of Center City Courtyard on Main Street in Rochester, N.Y.

The project is receiving a variety of federal, state and local funds and grants according to the Governor's Office.

-$3 million in permanent tax-exempt bonds.

-$30.5 million in Federal Low Income Housing Tax Credits.

-$25 million in subsidy from HCR.

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-The New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance is providing nearly $8 million through the Homeless Housing and Assistance Program.

-OMH will provide $2.3 million in operating funding annually to support 95 ESSHI units and a one-time program development grant of $235,000.

-The City of Rochester awarded $1 million in HOME funds.

The project is expected to be completed by the summer of 2025.

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