



UPDATE: Green Hills starts apartment renovations

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Green Hills will use a \$9.5 million project to renovate and update 76 apartments built in the 1970s.

The project will address accessibility issues while continuing to provide affordable rents for people 62 years old and older.

This is the first systematic renovation of the apartments and it will include such improvements as bathrooms with roll-under sinks, new cabinets with pulls that are easy to grasp and four-foot showers to accommodate wheelchairs. Kitchens will be completely redone with easy-to-operate appliances and easy-to-open cabinets.

Green Hills is relying on the design and management expertise of Episcopal Retirement Homes and the Model Group Inc. to help with the project.

Funding was raised through Low-Income Housing Tax Credits issued by the Ohio Housing Finance Agency and purchased by the Ohio Capital Corporation for Housing.

Huntington National Bank will provide a construction loan, while Lancaster Pollard will handle permanent financing.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development program, which financed the apartments' construction in the 1970s with a Section 515 loan, has restructured the loan on the property, as well as a rental assistance contract that subsidizes rents on 49 of the 76 units.



From left are Tim Westrich, project manager for the Model Group; Eric Stachler, Vice President and Community Development Strategy Analyst for Huntington Bank; Doug Spitler, CEO of Episcopal Retirement Homes; Jeff Banker, Vice President of Lancaster Pollard; Jay Kittenbrink, Executive Director of Affordable Living Development for ERH; Hal Keller, President of Ohio Capital Corporation for Housing; Kathy Ison-Lind, Vice President of Affordable Living and In-Home Services for ERH; Doug Garver, Executive

Director of Ohio Housing Finance Agency; Mike Ray, President and CEO of Green Hills Community; Dr. Matt Verbsky, chairman of the board for Green Hills Community; Gerald Arnott, Housing Program Director for the USDA Rural Development; and Bobby Maly, Chief Operating Officer for Model Group. (PHOTO | GREEN HILLS COMMUNITY)

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