Success Story: Hidden Hills Trace, Phenix City

Newly constructed Hidden Hills Trace is the Phenix City Housing Authority's first phase in the redevelopment of its World War II-era Riverview Apartments housing complex.

Financed in part by $1.1 million in AHFA-administered Housing Credits, the development is part of the Phenix City Housing Authority's decision to replace their aging housing stock. The new properties have modern amenities such as central heat and air, wood flooring, sizable kitchens with dishwashers, washer-dryer hookups, and convenient parking.

Residents being relocated from Riverview may enter other public housing or convert their assistance to a program called Rental Assistance Demonstration, which allows them to live in any private housing complex in which the owner is participating. Of the 104 families being moved from the western section of Riverview, 54 of them have chosen to relocate to Hidden Hills Trace.

The second phase, an 82-unit, mixed-income development known as Whitewater Village, was approved to receive Housing Credits from AHFA in 2017 and is under construction. Over the next five years, the plan is to demolish all of the Riverview units and redevelop the property for mixed use.

Resident Sindy Lorvanis and her two children, Hannah and Isaac, relocated from Riverview to Hidden Hills Trace. She talks about what she enjoys most about Hidden Hills Trace, the periods of homelessness her family experienced before moving to Phenix City, and how affordable housing has changed their lives.

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