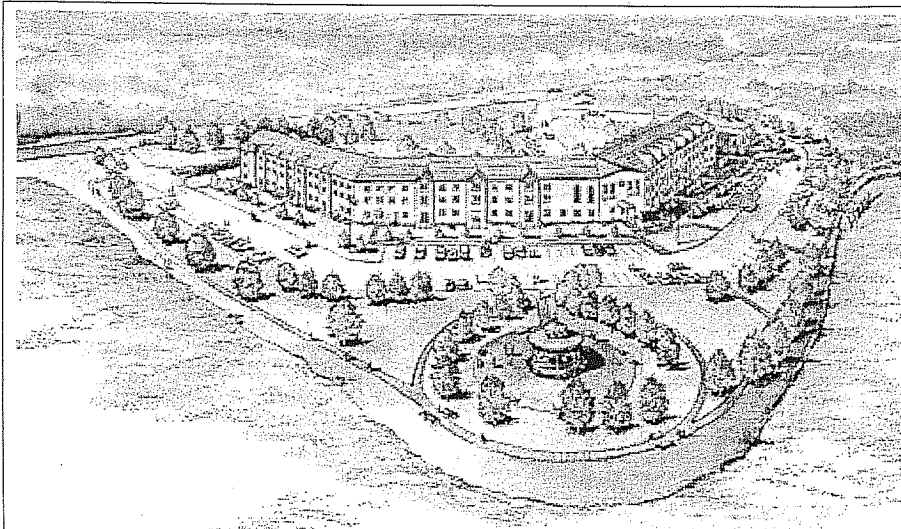


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The proposed Senior Horizons development in the Town of Wallkill.

Ground broken for senior project

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A contingent of state and local officials joined developers Tuesday afternoon for the groundbreaking of an 83-unit senior housing complex off Bert Crawford Road in the Town of Wallkill.

The project, entitled Senior Horizons at Silver Lake, is slated to include a mix of low cost, high quality one and two bedroom apartments.

"This is great news for the senior citizen population in Orange County," said Lt. Governor Mary O. Donohue, who attended the event. "This project will make it easier for seniors to stay in the community that they worked so hard to build. Senior Horizons is just one example of how public-private partnerships are improving the quality of life for all seniors."

The New York State Housing Finance Agency financed the project by providing \$4.9 million in permanent funds and an Empire Housing Fund loan of \$830,000. The project also benefitted from the use of low-income housing tax credits and an Orange County Home Investment Partnership Program loan of \$200,000.

In addition to the apartments, the complex will also house an activity room, library, fully-equipped exercise room, beauty salon, on-floor laundry facilities and computer room.

Along the shore of Silver Lake, future tenants will have access to a barbecue, walking trail and several gardening areas.

"This is a wonderful occasion for our local senior citizens, celebrating the creation of high quality housing at affordable rent," noted Supervisor Tom Nosworthy. "In this beautiful location, the town has teamed up with a private developer to help provide

our seniors with a scenic place to live at a price they can afford."

According to project sponsor Larry Regan, of Senior Horizons at Silver Lake, LLC, persons interested in occupying an apartment must be 55 years of age or older and meet state income guidelines.

The one bedroom apartments will be 600 sq. ft. in size, while the two bedroom units will be 750 sq. ft. Each will contain wall-to-wall carpeting, tiled bathrooms and new appliances.

Some ground-level units with individual patio spaces will also be made available.

"We are proud to bring these affordable apartments to seniors in the Town of Wallkill," Regan said. "The apartments will be beautiful and new, with ample storage space and amenities. We know that our market demands high quality and value and that's what the project will deliver. Our goal is to provide our residents with a fine community where they can be socially active."

Said State Senator Bill Larkin: "Orange County is one of the fastest growing counties in the state and the need for safe and affordable senior housing is especially strong. I am excited about this project in Wallkill. With the state's support, not only will the project provide a pleasant living environment for seniors on fixed incomes, but it will mean that Wallkill won't lose its older families to other areas of the state or country. Retaining this mix of generations is part of what makes the Wallkill community so vibrant."

Applications for the apartments are now being accepted. For more information, interested parties should call 566-5750.