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Lexington Celebrates HOPE VI Groundbreaking



Lexington, KY— Representatives of all the stakeholders involved in the revitalization of Bluegrass-Aspendale came together in January to celebrate the groundbreaking which marks the beginning of construction of 176 affordable housing units. The final two phases of construction at the former Bluegrass-Aspendale site will fulfill the rental phase of the Housing Authority's commitment of a \$20 million HOPE VI grant awarded in 2005 from HUD.

In addition to the Housing Authority staff and members of the Board of Commissioners, others represented included Lexington Mayor Jim Newberry and representatives of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, Ohio Capital Corporation for Housing, Kentucky Housing Corporation, HUD Louisville Office, CRG Residential, and Sherman-Carter-Barnhart Architects.

"Our HOPE VI program has been timely in meeting its tasks and accomplishments; secondary to those objectives being met has been the elimination of all of the traditional red brick row housing of the 1938 – 1940 vintage – a first in Kentucky," said Austin Simms, Executive Director. The Housing Authority will build two apartment complexes, the 26-building Bridlewood Place (Phase IV) and the 27-building Grand Oaks (Phase V). Each site will have one, two and three-bedroom rental units.

The Bluegrass-Aspendale site has already seen the development of William Wells Elementary School and 116 Public Housing units. In addition to the \$20 million Hope VI grant for Bluegrass-Aspendale, local government has contributed \$6 million in local tax dollars plus 48 lots to build additional affordable housing. Local funds have been used for road improvements and to expand the scope of the school to include a community center.

