

AFFORDABILITY FOR TORRINGTON

City officials laud construction of 60-unit apartment complex

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TORRINGTON — It may make only a small dent in the city’s affordable housing needs but it’s a start.

City officials celebrated the ongoing construction of the 60-unit Riverfront apartment complex at 100 Franklin St. during a groundbreaking ceremony Thursday with the developer and state dignitaries. Completion of the project is expected next summer.

The Riverfront will include a mix of one-, two- and three-bedroom units available for a range of incomes. Approximately 75% of the 60 units will be reserved for households earning up to 70% of the area median income, which is \$80,000. The rest will be rented at the market rate.

Mayor Elinor C. Carbone said more than 65% of

the city’s affordable housing stock was built before 1970. She said she supports this project as one of the major ways to attract and retain young families to live here.

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Sanford Cloud, Jr., Chairman and CEO of The Cloud Company,

LLC, center, joins other state and local dignitaries in a groundbreaking ceremony for Riverfront Torrington, a mixed-use, mixed income, residential community on Franklin Street in Torrington on Thursday at the site of the former Torrington Manufacturing Company.

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“Healthy housing has been a priority of mine,” she said.

Rep. Maria Horn, D-Salisbury, noted the importance of how this project is addressing two problems simultaneously — affordable housing and the clean up of contaminants in the soil adjacent to

for the immediate and future needs of the city of Torrington,” she said.

Gov. Ned Lamont and state Department of Economic and Community Development Deputy Commissioner Alexandra Daum said this project fits the vision they have for the state.

“What I love about being with you all today is this is an example of people rediscovering what makes

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the Naugatuck River. The two-acre site was once home to the Torrington Manufacturing Co. The factory was demolished and the ground beneath it was remediated in 2014. “Affordable housing is a critical need throughout the Northwest Corner as we are starting to draw more families here,” she said. “The environment is another critical interest for those young families, and so to be able to serve both those interests at the same time is critically, critically important.”

Carbone said in 2017, local high school students were surveyed about what would make it easier or more likely for them to stay or return to Torrington and 33 % of them cited the ability to live in town centers or downtowns where they could walk to shop and patronize restaurants, the library and cafes. “Riverfront Torrington is the perfect project

Connecticut such an amazing place,” Lamont said. “And for the first time in decades, we have tens of thousands of families moving back to Connecticut. And they can’t move back to Connecticut unless we have quality, affordable housing where everybody can be.”

Haynes Construction is the general contractor and Pennrose is the developer.



Gov. Ned Lamont talks with Torrington Mayor Elinor Carbone, left, and Rep. Michelle Cook, center, prior to a groundbreaking ceremony for Riverfront Torrington on Thursday at the site of the former Torrington Manufacturing Company.

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