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Charleston County Officials Break Ground on Latest Affordable Housing Project



On Thursday, February 15, Charleston County Councilmembers joined the Mayor of Charleston and City Councilmembers to celebrate the groundbreaking of Esau Jenkins Village. The complex, located on Maybank Highway on Johns Island, will feature 72 new affordable apartments for seniors 62 and older. Charleston County Council dedicated \$3.26 million from American Rescue Act Funding in financial assistance to the developers to ensure the completion of this project. The assistance, also known as “gap financing,” was vital in bridging the funding gap to bring the project to fruition.

“I am thrilled to be a part of today’s groundbreaking ceremony,” said Councilmember Joe Boykin. “Esau Jenkins was a community pioneer to the sea islands, and it’s very fitting to name this complex in his honor. We’re happy to be able to provide the gap financing to enable senior residents to continue to live on the island despite rising costs.”

“I am excited to see this project take off,” said Charleston County Council Vice Chair Jenny Honeycutt. “Affordable housing has been identified as one of Council’s top priorities and this is another example of how we are working to accomplish this initiative.”

The project is scheduled to be complete in the spring of 2025.

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