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"Bethesda House" in Kennebunk moves forward

After receiving approval from the Kennebunk Planning Board last fall, The Housing Partnership's (THP) proposal to develop 41 units of affordable family housing in Kennebunk, Maine, continues to move toward an anticipated groundbreaking later this year.

The proposed development was awarded an allocation of tax credits from the Maine State Housing Authority (MSHA) earlier this year and THP staff is now working closely with MSHA, other funders, and an architect to finalize the plans and approvals that will allow work to begin.

"This has been an exciting project for THP since we were first approached by the land owner, Nancy Horn, in early 2005", said THP's Diane Hartley. "We are proud to be working with Nancy and bringing her dream for this beautiful site to fruition."

Hartley notes that the proposal includes both two and three-bedroom apartments, including a number that are fully handicapped accessible. Located near essential services, employment and transportation, the development will also include amenities such as a community room, walking trails and a playground.

Bethesda House is one of two recently approved proposals put forth by The Housing Partnership to expand its portfolio of quality affordable housing. Founded in 1988, THP has created over 230 affordable rental units in 11 communities around the seacoast. Its mission is to strengthen communities by providing quality affordable housing and related services to benefit low and moderate-income residents of the Greater Seacoast region of New Hampshire and Maine.

The Portsmouth-based agency's work makes it possible for over 500 adults, children, seniors and disabled citizens to obtain secure homes each year and educates first-time homebuyers through its Homeward Bound Program. For more information, visit www.housingpartnership.org

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