

Proposed Housing Redevelopment in Olivette to Expand Opportunities for Families

The Olivette Housing Authority is advancing a redevelopment project designed to provide modern, high-quality, and affordable housing while expanding opportunities for families—particularly those seeking access to the highly regarded Ladue School District. The proposed plan would replace the 14 existing single-family public housing homes with newly built units that accommodate a variety of families, making the most of this well-situated property.

A Vision for the Future of Housing

“The homes in Olivette’s public housing portfolio have provided stability for families for decades, but it’s time for a transformation that better aligns with today’s housing needs,” said Shannon Koenig, Executive Director and CEO of County Housing, which manages and maintains Olivette’s public housing.

County Housing and the Olivette Housing Authority are collaborating on a redevelopment plan that would replace the aging homes with newly constructed, privately owned affordable housing funded through a public-private partnership. The new designs reflect a commitment to serving a diverse range of families in a community with strong schools and resources.

Key Steps in the Redevelopment Plan

County Housing has been working closely with the Olivette Housing Authority and local stakeholders to move this initiative forward. St. Louis Design Alliance has been selected as the project architect, and Altman Charter will serve as the general contractor. Resident input has also been a priority to ensure the new housing meets the needs of the families who will call these homes their own.

To fund the project, County Housing plans to apply to the Missouri Housing Development Commission later this year for low-income housing tax credits (LIHTC). Additionally, federal rent subsidies will help maintain long-term affordability for residents.

Community-Driven Development

The redevelopment aligns with Olivette’s 2024 Comprehensive Plan, which prioritizes expanding affordable housing options for families and seniors.

“This project is about more than just new homes—it’s about providing families with greater access to opportunities, including an excellent school district,” said Nikeya Ingram, Olivette Housing Authority Board Chair.

“Our city’s public housing has reached the end of its useful life,” added Mayor Sidney Clark. “We need to be forward-thinking in our approach to redevelopment so that we can provide high-quality affordable housing that meets the needs of our communities now and into the future.”

Economic and Community Benefits

Beyond expanding housing options, the project will generate economic benefits for Olivette. The city will gain property tax revenue from the new homes, and in terms of direct and indirect impacts, each unit provides an average benefit of nearly \$125,000 per unit, resulting in a total project benefit of about \$6 million through local income, wages, jobs, and more.

What’s Next

For more details, including a Q&A document, visit the [Olivette Housing Authority website](#).