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## **SOUTH FIRST STREET DEMOLITION UPDATE**

Demolition is now well underway at the old CRHA South First Street residences. Crews started knocking down the old units Monday and are making significant progress.

This is PHASE 2 of CRHA's efforts to modernize and enhance this community.

The first phase, which kicked off in 2019, resulted in 62 units in three new buildings where the old ballfield on the south end of the property used to be.

The second phase will bring 113 units in a combination of townhouse, duplex and garden-style apartments. Demolition of the existing 40-year-old buildings is expected to take another three to four weeks, then debris will be cleared. A contractor is expected to be announced soon and it is hoped construction will get underway in early fall.

Every step of the process has been spearheaded by resident planners like Audrey Oliver.

"We have worked really hard for a long time to finally get to this point. I am feeling some happy and some sad. Sad because it's hard to see the buildings coming down but happy because we are going to start construction and build something new and different," she says.

Everyone that was in this part of South First has been relocated to existing CRHA housing.

The third and final stage of redevelopment is still being planned but would take place on a small lot at the corner of South First and Hartmans Mill Road.

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