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DC Housing Authority Stabilization and Reform (STAR) Board
Unanimously Approves Next Steps to bring Barry Farm Residents Home

Today, with great enthusiasm, the DC Housing Authority (DCHA) Stabilization and Reform (STAR) Board unanimously approved resolutions to accept an additional $27 million from the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (DMPED) to provide infrastructure funding to support the redevelopment of a 139-unit mixed-use multifamily building at Barry Farm.

Planning for the redevelopment of Barry Farm began in 2006 when the property was selected by DC Council to be part of the District’s New Communities Initiative. At its completion, the redevelopment of Barry Farm site will provide more than 900 units of housing including 380 replacement units for former public housing residents, 108 senior apartments, and approximately 300 homeownership units.

It is anticipated that the first project, The Asberry (progress pictured below), will be completed in Fall 2024. It will contain 108 affordable apartments for seniors, of which 77 will be replacement units for Barry Farm residents.
Today’s STAR Board actions allow the second project (see image below) to proceed at the Barry Farm site, allowing DCHA to bring the next 50 Barry Farm residents home. It is anticipated that DCHA will break ground on this family building later this calendar year.

“Barry Farm residents have been offsite for far too long,” said STAR Board Chairman Ray Skinner. “Today, the STAR Board has built on the progress made with the Asberry which broke ground in August 2022 to create brand new housing in Ward 8 and continue to bring Barry Farm residents home. In addition, by accepting the funding from the District, future projects will be able to move more quickly.”

“I want to thank the STAR Board for their support on today’s Barry Farm resolutions. This is an important next step towards rebuilding this historic community, said Brenda Donald, DCHA Executive Director.”