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**GRANITE CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY
RESTARTS CONSTRUCTION
OF NEW UNITS**

Granite City Housing Authority has resumed the construction of 43 “green” units. The project is located on Nameoki Road on the site of recently demolished units built in the 1940 era.

The project is partially financed by a grant from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. The “Green Communities” grant was one of only 36 grants awarded across the United States after a competition administered by HUD. The Chicago Regional office assisted Granite City Housing Authority in getting the grant application closed. The balance of the funding is by the Granite City Housing Authority. Construction funding is being provided by TheBANK of Edwardsville. Total project cost is \$7,600,000.

The development was designed and is being constructed to meet rigorous criteria which focus on both sustainable design and energy efficiency in developments. Each unit will be energy efficient with a well insulated building and . This will result in substantial utility savings for the HA and the residents. The development is solar oriented to maximize energy efficiency. Solar panels will also provide renewable energy on site. The units are equipped with a meter allowing surplus power to be returned to the utility company.

The project was designed by Farr and Associates. This group is a sustainable architecture and urban planning firm based in Chicago. The firm’s recent work includes using cost effective strategies and technologies to achieve high environmental performance. The firm is nationally recognized for their efforts in designing sustainable energy efficient projects. Farr was selected by GCHA after a competitive process.

The project is being constructed by Poettker Construction Company of Breeze, Illinois. Construction should be completed prior to the end of this year. Poettker was chosen after a competitive bidding process.

This project is another milestone for the Granite City Housing Authority in replacing the 1940 with modern efficient public housing. For more information on GCHA click onto <http://www.granitecityha.org/>