



Crime-plagued Lee's Trailer Park is gone; improvements begin at Winthrop Ave. site

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REVERE – Demolition and cleanup are ongoing at the site of the former Lee's Trailer Park on 418 Winthrop Avenue, ending a problem-plagued 75-year history punctuated by crime and sanitation concerns. The new owner, local development firm Helge-Gansett Partners, is removing approximately 103 dilapidated trailers and improving the near 5-acre property. The mobile home area had become a blight on the neighborhood under previous ownership. The collection of rundown trailers had become the frequent source of 911 calls and criminal activity. Revere police and other emergency services were routinely called

to the park. Helge-Gansett is planning to replace the trailers with new workforce housing to alleviate the region's housing crisis. Located only a half mile from the Beachmont MBTA Train Station, the property falls under state legislation enacted in 2020 that encourages the clean-up and redevelopment of properties near transit lines.

"Good things are happening in the City of Revere," said Caleb Manchester, a principal at Helge-Gansett. "We are cleaning up what has become a blemish on the community and hope to replace it with modern, state of the art housing," he said. "This is significant step forward for Re-



This is an aerial view of the former Lee's Trailer Park on 418 Winthrop Ave., which has been the site for fires, vagrancy and crime. (Courtesy photos)

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vere," said Attorney Gerry D'Ambrosio, who represents the developer. "While the park served a useful purpose decades ago, the trailers had fallen into significant disrepair and the community had become a heavy burden on City resources," he added.

Helge-Gansett is also planning on cleaning the long-neglected Green's Creek behind

the park and improving storm water management for the large parcel. "Our goal from the very beginning has been to complete a project that aligns with the vision articulated by city leaders and residents," said Manchester. "We are thrilled to commence demolition and clean-up, improve public access to the waterway and to help improve the quality of life for people in this wonderful neighborhood."



This is the aftermath of a fire that destroyed this mobile home at the former Lee's Trailer Park.



A firefighter is shown dragging a fire hose at the scene of a fully engulfed mobile home last year.