



Proposed mixed-use, affordable building to replace dilapidated Lee's Trailer Park on Revere Beach Pkwy

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A proposed redevelopment project at 418 Revere Beach Pkwy. will bring modern housing and transformative neighborhood improvements to an area long blighted by the dilapidated Lee's Trailer Park. Local development firm Helge-Gansett plans to create a mixed-use, 250-unit residential build-

ing, provide the first privately funded affordable housing opportunity ever in the history of Revere and contribute significant financial support for the creation of a community arts center in Beachmont.

The project, which was presented to the Revere City Council this past week, will create a beautiful seven-story mixed-use building with 250 residen-

tial units, featuring a mix of 38 studios, 106 one-bedrooms and 106 two-bedroom apartments. Of these living spaces, 25 units, or 10 percent, will be affordable housing. This is historic as it is Revere's first fully privately funded project ever to include an affordable housing compo-

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Shown above is the artist's rendering of the seven-story mixed-use building with 250 residential units — a mix of 38 studios, 106 one-bedroom and 106 two-bedroom apartments located at 418 Revere Beach Parkway. (Courtesy of Helge-Gansett/Pratt Renderings)

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ment. The project is transit oriented as it is within walking distance of the Beachmont MBTA Station and MBTA Bus Lines 119 and 450 and will also include

179 resident parking spaces. The proposed project also includes first floor retail and an exterior pool and fire pit area.

Helge-Gansett is currently cleaning up the nearly five-acre property following demolition of the decrepit trailers, which had become a hot spot for 911 calls and a drain on City police, fire and paramedic services. The Helge-Gansett plan will transform the blighted property and enhance Revere's housing portfolio and commercial development. The development team is also cleaning up the nearby Green Creek and creating new stormwater controls to minimize area flooding. In addition, the development team plans to improve public access to the waterway and create more usable public space for the neighboring community's enjoyment.

"We are proud to present a plan that provides state-of-the-art housing to Revere while remaining true to the wishes and

vision of city leaders and residents," said Caleb Manchester, a principal at Helge-Gansett.

"This project is an investment in the future of Revere," said Attorney Gerry D'Ambrosio, who represents the developer. "Helge-Gansett has worked hard to create a project that is everything this City needs in terms of housing, affordability, and community benefits, and that is reflected in the strong support this project has received from the mayor and city council."

Both Mayor Patrick Keefe and Ward 1 Councillor Joanne McKenna have expressed support for the project. The new project will triple the annual property tax for the site and allow for an additional \$500,000.00 contribution to a new community arts center in Beachmont.

"A clean and affordable neighborhood that creates needed transit-oriented housing is our vision, and we are excited to see it come to fruition for the people of Revere," said Manchester.