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-- A community
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Many homes have been rebuilt in Lincoln Heights in hopes of rehabilitating its reputation.

"The housing was deteriorating, there were tax foreclosures – there were all kinds of issues," said developer Stephen Smith.

Karol Winters is one of many residents who think the redevelopment of Valley Homes will help shake some of the negative images about Lincoln Heights.

The \$12 million Villas of the Valley development is bringing new life to the village.

"We're hoping the community leaders here will start focusing outward on the issues Lincoln Heights has instead of just focusing on a warm place and shelter," Smith said.

In the project's first phase, 42 housing units will be built, each with two bedrooms and a one-car garage, for residents age 55 or older.

There are income limits, but Phase 1 is already being filled, and Phase 2 will begin soon with construction of townhouse apartments.

As the project progresses, income levels will expand.

The 70-year-old Winters, a lifelong Lincoln Heights resident, will move into her new home later this month.

"It should bring in younger people, (and) working people should get good revenue," Winters said. "It is the best thing to ever happen to the Valley Homes."