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UPHAMS CROSSING

Affordable family housing as neighborhood catalyst

Uphams Crossing consists of 80 units of affordable workforce housing for families earning up to 60% AMI; 20 of these units are set-aside to provide permanent housing for formerly homeless families and the remaining 60 provide affordable workforce housing. Uphams Crossing is home to residents employed at over 35 local businesses and institutions, filling the need for affordable housing for lower and middle-income households. The homeless families moved from 7 emergency shelters in Boston, and now have permanent affordable homes along with an on-site full time Licensed social worker to ensure that each family gets the services they need. This supportive services program includes evening and weekend programming for families living at and around the development.





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Uphams Crossing is the re-development of the former St. Kevin's Parish in the Uphams Corner neighborhood of Dorchester. The development incorporated the adaptive reuse of one of the three existing buildings at 516 Columbia Road and the new construction of two buildings, at 530 Columbia Road and 35 Bird Street. The development contains significant open space along with resident and public gathering spaces and amenities, including a resident fitness center, community meeting room, computer/study room, café and lounge area.

Developer:
Planning Office for Urban Affairs

Services/Co-Sponsor:
St. Mary's Center for Women & Children

Architectural:
The Architectural Team; Bellalta 3 Design

Contractor: Bilt-Rite Construction

Attorney: Klein Hornig LLP

Property Manager:
Corcoran Management Company

Financing:
MA DHCD
City of Boston
CEDAC
Bank of America
MassHousing; MassHousing Partnership Fund
Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston
Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta
U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development

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An award-winning affordable family housing development as neighborhood catalyst

Preservation Massachusetts Mayor Thomas M. Menino Legacy Award, 2017
In the spirit of Mayor Menino, this award celebrates projects that are transformative, catalytic, embrace the community, create partnerships and revitalize the best of the past to make something good for the future

Affordable Housing Finance Readers' Choice Awards, 2016
Best Family Project (National award)