

Construction underway on affordable housing project in Elgin

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The construction project to turn the former Larkin Center in Elgin into affordable housing is progressing, with a late fall 2020 completion date projected. [Joseph J. Duffy Co.](#) is the general contractor on the 48-unit development.

The 3.4-acre site includes six two-story townhouse buildings, six two-story stacked flats buildings and the historic adaptive reuse of the three-story Larkin Center and one-story manager's building.

An historic three-story building built in 1912, will be converted into 11 living units and a common area while an historic, one-storey building will become a single two-bedroom manager's unit. The two existing buildings will be renovated to standards required by the historic tax credit program.

J.J. Duffy Co. is the contractor, working with [Cordogan, Clark & Associates](#) architects. This is the third project the Chicago construction company has worked on with Full Circle Communities.

Construction consists of wood-framed structures and site work included the installation of a water retention system to handle over 40,000 cubic feet of storm water.

The Larkin Center, a residential care center for youths with behavioral and emotional issues, closed in 2013. The main three-story building was designated a local landmark in 2004 and has been added to the National Register of Historic Places.