

Garrett housing project gets federal tax credits

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MOUNTAIN LAKE PARK — A Garrett County project is one of 21 recipients across Maryland of state rental housing funds and federal low income housing tax credits.

River Hill, a mixed-income family development that will include 21

houses, eight of which will have no income eligibility restrictions, is slated to be fully constructed in 2020.

It's part of the Chautauqua Park West project, which includes 77 units that will provide project-based rental allowance for 54 units.

"This is an important project. It ensures that long-term affordable housing will stay here," said Duane

Yoder, president of Garrett County Community Action Committee. "We have seen a lot of community support for this from both the business community and local government."

The project also includes the rehabilitation of 56 units both in Parkwood Village in Mountain Lake Park and the rehabilitation of Pleasant View Apartments in Loch Lynn.

Community Action received \$1.5 million in federal low income housing tax credits from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, which equates to a little over \$21 million, said Yoder.

"The county commissioners are really interested in affordable hous-

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ing for workers in Garrett County," Yoder said. "They are seeing a lot of people commuting. This is significant from a housing point of view and maybe even from an economic development standpoint."

The funding will aid in the

construction and rehabilitation of 1,147 rental units across the state, including 167 for disabled individuals.

The projects will receive more than \$16.6 million in state rental house funding, over \$30.2 million in federal low income housing credits and more than \$94.5 million in private sector capital.