



# Westover Market Affordable Housing Preservation

Fact Sheet

## Neighborhood Challenge:

- Westover has more than 450 market affordable apartments and 222 committed affordable units—it is a diverse, inclusive and beloved Arlington neighborhood.
- Since the adoption of the Affordable Housing Master Plan in 2015, 60 affordable garden apartments have already been demolished for redevelopment.
- Westover's remaining historic garden apartments, and the residents who live there, are at high risk of displacement by continued redevelopment into luxury townhomes.

## Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing's Response:

- In early 2016, APAH, seeking to buy and preserve threatened affordable housing, reached out to Westover apartments owners.
- Eight buildings with 68 existing apartments are now under contract to APAH
- APAH is seeking a \$11.3 million loan from Arlington County's Affordable Housing Investment Fund (AHIF) to support the purchase of these buildings and to maintain them as affordable for 60 years



*The Westover neighborhood in North Arlington is known by its signature garden apartments.*



*New luxury townhomes have replaced former garden apartments. Many neighborhood trees have been felled during the redevelopment.*



*A site of a former garden apartment is under construction. Luxury townhomes will be built here.*

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- There will be no tenant relocation for at least 12 months. Temporary relocation will be required during APAH's renovations to update the buildings. APAH will work with the County and other Westover owners to ensure smooth transition for all current residents.
- As part of the Westover acquisition, APAH will partner with ASPAN to create a new program to further their efforts to end homelessness in Arlington. APAH anticipates that 8 apartments will be designated for this effort and will include case management and other wrap-around services.

### Next Steps:

- The Arlington County Board will consider APAH's request for an AHIF loan to complete the Westover preservation purchase at its September meeting.
- APAH welcomes letters of support to the Arlington County Board at [CountyBoard@Arlingtonva.us](mailto:CountyBoard@Arlingtonva.us).



*Fisher House is an already APAH-owned site of affordable housing. It consists of four buildings in the Westover neighborhood, totaling 33 units.*

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