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## **Sunset Heights Receives \$12-Million in Renovations as Part of RAD Conversion**

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### **As 2018 was ushered in, Sunset Heights celebrated the beginning of long-awaited renovations**

In 2015, RIHA identified Sunset Heights for conversion to the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Under the RAD program, Sunset Heights will shift from the Public Housing program to the Section 8 Project-Based Voucher (PBV) program. RAD allows public housing agencies like RIHA to leverage public and private debt and equity to reinvest in its properties to make much needed capital improvements while also allowing units to remain affordable.

In conjunction with the RAD conversion to the Section 8 program, Sunset Heights is undergoing approximately \$12-million in renovations to the buildings' infrastructure, exterior, interior common areas and management offices, plus all 141 apartments.

In addition to RIHA, local development partners include, Russell Construction, MSA Engineering, and Community Housing Services (CHS). The developer is SE Clark & Associates (Peoria) and Tyson & Billy (Rockford) is the architect. Funding partners include Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA), Alliant Capital, and RIHA.

Sunset Heights is an eleven-story building consisting of studio, one- and two-bedroom apartments. The property is located at 3130 9<sup>th</sup> Street, just a few short blocks from both Cascade Garden and Lynden Lane.

The renovation process will be completed late this fall.

