

# Willow Park Redevelopment

Development Update Meeting  
Relocation Focused  
March 26 & 31, 2026



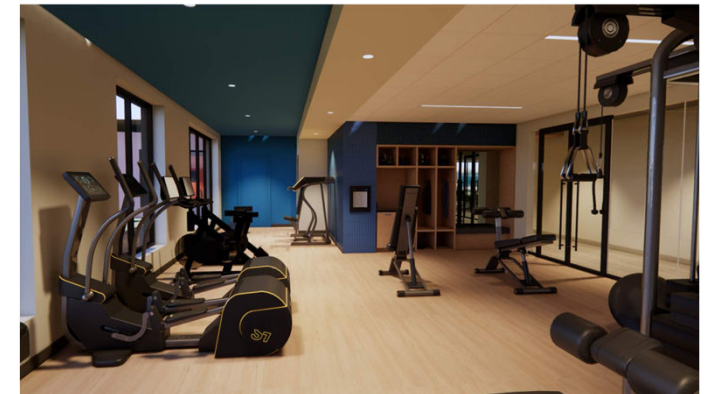
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## Willow Park Redevelopment

# Project Overview

- Total units: 138 (78 new)
  - One-to-one replacement of current 60 units
  - Addition of 78 new affordable units across different affordability levels
- Three new buildings
- 111 vehicle parking spaces
- 167 bike parking spaces, including three indoor bike rooms
- Fitness room, community room, new Learning Center, outdoor amenities including playground



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# Project Updates and Anticipated Timeline

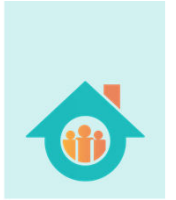


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- **2024-2025:** Comprehensive Permit and local funding secured; design advance; meetings with residents
- **March 2026:** State funding applications submitted
- **Early Summer 2026:** anticipate State funding award announcements
- **Summer-Fall 2026:** Relocations of current families off-site
- **Early 2027:** Start construction
- **January 2028:** Construction completion
- **February 2029:** Current families begin to move back to redeveloped Willow Park!



## HOU's Role in this Process



Housing Opportunities Unlimited (HOU) has been hired by the Watertown Housing Authority and POAH to support you during relocation.

### Our Goals:

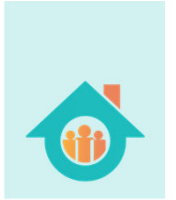
- Make this process as smooth and stress-free as possible
- Ensure you understand your rights and benefits
- Support you every step of the way



# What is HOU?

Housing Opportunities Unlimited (HOU) is a relocation agency with more than 43 years of experience that works in a diverse range of affordable and mixed-income public and subsidized housing and specializes in assisting residents that are impacted due to major redevelopment, renovation, or renovation-in-place construction projects in their communities.

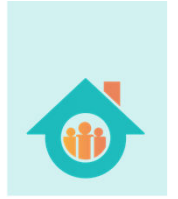




Providing both Relocation  
and Support Services  
to Residents in Affordable  
and Mixed Income  
Communities



# HOU's Experience



**60,000+**

Units Successfully  
Relocated

**35 + D.C.  
and USVI**

States in Which  
We Provide  
Relocation Services

**350+**

Sites in Which  
We Provide  
Relocation Services

**12**

Languages Spoken  
and Written by HOU  
Staff

# What to Expect During my Relocation Process?

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# Your Rights During Relocation

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- You will not lose your housing assistance
- You will not pay more than your current rent
- You have the **right to return** to the new development
- All your reasonable moving costs are covered
- You will receive written notices before any move
- HOU is here to support you every step of the way

# Anticipated Timeline Overview

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- Current residents will be relocated with the help of HOU: **Mid-to-Late Summer 2026**
- Construction estimated to take **24 months**
  - Anticipated start: **Early January 2027**
  - Anticipated end: **January 2029**
- After construction is complete, POAH/WHA will need a few months for lease-up
- Every current Willow Park resident will have a **right to return**



## Step 1: Regulatory Notices you will receive

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- **Resident Information Notice (RIN) & General Information Notice (GIN)** - These notices let you know that Willow Park is planned for redevelopment. They explain that you may need to move in the future. They also let you know you may qualify for relocation assistance. **You do NOT need to move now.** This is just to keep you informed early in the process.
- **RAD Notice of Relocation & Notice of Intent to Acquire.** These notices confirm that the project is moving forward. They explain that relocation will be required as part of the redevelopment. They also explain your rights and protections under federal rules. HOU will begin working closely with you to plan your move.
- **120-Day Notice & Notice of Eligibility.** This notice lets you know your move is expected in about 4 months. It explains the relocation benefits you qualify for. HOU will meet with you to go over your options and next steps.

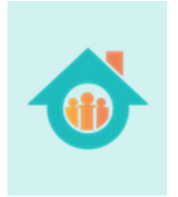


## Regulatory Notices you will receive..Cont..

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- **90 Day Advance Relocation Notice**- you will receive this notice approximately 90 days (3 months) before your expected move date. The notice will provide information about your upcoming move and the comparable replacement unit that has been identified for you based on your household needs.
- **30-Day Notice** - this notice will be sent at least 30 days before your scheduled move. It will include the date of your move, your new address, and additional information about your move. Your move date may change, and HOU staff will keep you informed.

## Step 2: Relocation Needs Assessment



**WHAT IS A RELOCATION NEEDS ASSESSMENT?** A one-on-one meeting with HOU in your home. We will sit down with you and talk about your household and your needs.



**WHAT INFORMATION IS COLLECTED?** Household size and who lives with you, work, school, and transportation needs, any medical or accessibility needs for your relocation unit.



**IMPORTANT-**Your information is confidential and will be used for relocation purposes only. You will receive a call from an HOU representative to schedule your assessment at a day and time that works best for you.



## Step 3 & 4 : Planning and Preparing for your Move

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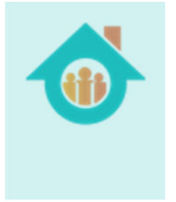
### **Step 3: Planning Your Move**

- You will receive additional notices as the project moves forward
- You will receive your **120-Day Notice**
- HOU will begin working with you on your housing options
- We will stay in regular contact and guide you through each step

### **Step 4: Preparing for Your Move**

- Packing supplies will be provided close to the moving date.
- Dispose of unwanted items
- Transfer Utilities, mail and home services to your new apartment (HOU can assist if needed)
- Be available and present on Move day

***Reminder: These steps are for future reference only. You do not need to pack or prepare to move at this time.***



What moving/packing services will be provided?

- A licensed and insured moving company will assist you with moving your belongings to and from the temporary apartment
- Distribution of packing supplies (boxes/tape/wrapping paper)
- Packing and unpacking assistance per request
- All reasonable moving and related relocation expenses will be paid by POAH/WHA



## What YOU need to do

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- Meet in person with the HOU relocation coordinator for your home needs assessment
- Keep your contact information updated
- Inform HOU of any changes in your household composition or needs.
- Do not move on your own
- Communicate any concerns to HOU early on in the process
- Be available for scheduled appointments
- Be on the lookout for Notices, phone calls and any other form of communication from HOU.

WHO CAN I  
CONTACT  
WITH  
QUESTIONS  
ABOUT MY  
RELOCATION?



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# Q & A

