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Rutland project new affordable housing model

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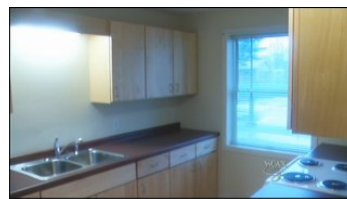
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A new generation of affordable housing was unveiled Thursday in Rutland.

The Hickory Street community is the first of it's kind in New England. The project includes 33 mixed income units ranging from one bedroom apartments to single family homes. The neighborhood was ten years in the making. It has new streets, energy efficient buildings, solar panels, basketball courts and even onsite maintenance.

"I think that the unique part of Hickory Street Apartments is that we moved out of a traditional public housing model, which tends to isolate folks from the rest of the community, into more of a mixed income community that sort of naturally flows into the surrounding neighborhood," said Kevin Loso with the Rutland Housing Authority.

Leases have already been signed for nearly two-thirds of those units.



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