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The Views at Rocky Glen opens



The ribbon-cutting ceremony for The Views at Rocky Glen. The workforce rental housing complex is located in the Town of Fishkill and has 82 units.

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FISHKILL— A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held for The Views at Rocky Glen, located on Route 52, in Fishkill. The workforce rental housing complex was designed, said officials, to provide affordable rentals for local residents. The ceremony took place on Friday, June 4.

"Nothing is easy and nothing worth doing is easy," said Larry Regan of Regan Development Corporation, developer of the project.

There are 82 rental apartments in the complex, which have one, two or three bedrooms. Rents for one bedroom apartments range from \$778 to \$1,000 and two bedroom apartments rent for \$924 to \$1,190, according to Regan Development. The State of New York Housing Trust Fund loan that aids in keeping the rents down, is for \$2,563,000. The Community Preservation Corporation provided a construction loan for \$11.5 million, and a permanent loan of \$5,139,000. WNC & Associates provided an equity investment in the complex of more than \$9.7 million, according to developers.

"Fishkill has got to be one of the most progressive towns," said Doug Olcott, CPC Vice President.



The Views at Rocky Glen, a workforce rental housing complex. The complex is located off of Route 52 in Fishkill.

"The focus of the project was not only to get the facility at this site" but to help adjacent homes get sewers, said Regan.

Regan said part of the money is in escrow for the sewer district.

"When you start out each day saying 'Not everyone is born into wealth but doesn't everyone in America deserve a beautiful place to live in and raise their families?'" asked Fishkill Town Supervisor Joan Pagonis during her remarks.

Yvonne Bateman is one of the residents in The Views at Rocky Glen.

"I was looking for a place and

this was sort of the perfect location and price. Everything fell right into place," said Bateman, who works as a business analyst.

She said moving into an apartment that was "new" was a huge plus.

"It's just a wonderful place to live, especially the single people or people on a fixed income," remarked Bateman.

Bateman said she feels very safe in the complex with the Town of Fishkill Police Department right down the road.

"I love my kitchen and I love my closets, they're very large. That's something I didn't have before. And the view, I have one of the best views," said Bateman.

Bateman admitted she used to have negative thoughts about affordable housing. She said this complex is nothing like she thought affordable housing would be like.

"I have learned a lot. Affordable housing doesn't have to be cheap. It can be positive," she said.

There are currently three special needs units in the complex still available, said Regan.