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Weinberg Campus to open \$6M independent apartments

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Weinberg Campus will expand with 50 more independent apartments in the coming weeks.

The \$6 million Amherst Ridge apartment complex has been under development for two-and-a-half years on North Forest Road, across from the Weinberg Campus.

The complex was developed and funded through the **U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development** (HUD) through its Section 202 supportive housing for the elderly program, which provides assistance for very low income individuals.

CEO Robert Mayer said the project was stalled for a while due to several changes at HUD, including the ending of the 202 program and the move of the local HUD office to New York City. There were also some issues with the pace of construction as the project competed for labor with other projects underway in the region.

Now, with construction complete and a final certificate of occupancy expected this week from the Town of Amherst, all that remains is a final approval from HUD to begin moving people in by mid-February, he said.

"It's been somewhat of a challenge getting it done, with the part of HUD's Buffalo office that manages construction projects moving to New York City," he said. "It's taken probably much longer than it should have, but we're finally here."

When it opens, residents will have access to a full slate of activities across the street at the main campus, as well as amenities like a deli, a mini **M&T Bank** branch, computer room, barber shop and beauty salon. It is the agency's third HUD 202 facility in the region.

Weinberg Campus includes 10 affiliated nonprofit organizations with annual revenues of approximately \$40 million providing services to more than 1,000 individuals daily. In addition to several independent apartment complexes, the campus includes assisted living, skilled nursing, rehab and therapy, as well as dementia care.

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