

McShane Completes Adaptive Reuse Con Fox Valley Affordable Apartments in Aurc

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Fox Valley Apartments integrates one new building and two renovated historical school buildings to offer a total of 47 affordable workforce |

McShane Construction Company completed the construction of Fox Valley Apartments in Aurora, Illinois, collaboration with Visionary Ventures, Cordogan Clark & Associates, and JTE Real Estate Services.

“We are very excited to announce the completion of Fox Valley Apartments. Transforming two historical s been a fascinating process,” shared David Rintz, Regional Vice President – Multifamily at McShane. “We’r rich history of these schools while giving them a new purpose that will better suit this community.”



Located at 641 S. Lake Street, McShane remodeled Lincoln Elementary School, a 39,000-square-foot building originally constructed in 1893, to accommodate 14 apartment units. The school was closed in 2007 due to low enrollment and remained vacant until construction of the apartments began. Also on that site, McShane constructed a new two-story, 28,000-square-foot building to offer 22 additional affordable workforce units.

Originally an elementary school, Mary A. Todd School at 100 Oak Avenue was transformed to 11 apartments for uninsured or underinsured families. The building was originally constructed in the early 1900s and was used by School District's early childhood programs until the programs were moved to a new facility in 2019.

"We are excited at the opportunity to work with McShane to bring affordable housing to Aurora and be at the forefront of that may have otherwise sat vacant for years to come," said Shelly Tucciarelli, Managing Partner, Housing.

During the remodeling process, McShane prioritized keeping historical features of the schools, including the original windows, and doors. Designed by Cordogan Clark & Associates, units are offered in one- to three-bedroom apartments. Each unit includes a laundry room, a community room, a computer lab, and tenant storage.

Thirty percent of units are reserved for tenants at 30 percent of area median income. This project was designated as a Certified Affordable Housing Certification.

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