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## Workforce housing comes to Columbia County

HUDSON- Columbia County's first workforce housing project was officially dedicated Tuesday with Governor David Paterson calling it "a premier example for what affordable housing should be in the Hudson Valley."

Crosswinds at Hudson, a 70-apartment complex at 100 Harry Howard Avenue, was built to give residents in Hudson a chance to continue living there as property values rise.

The governor said he would like people to stay in the City of Hudson.

"The people who had lived during the difficult times, during the periods where there was struggling for survival, in terms of the economy and even living conditions, we want the people who endured that period of time not to be gentrified or displaced by this rush when everyone wants to live right here in Hudson," he said.

Hudson Mayor Richard Scalera said the situation with affordable housing in the city was "out of control" due to the amount of summer homes being purchased at inflated prices due to high demand, and that Crosswinds gives the city "just what they need to keep their low to middle income families there."

Stacy Hankel is a resident at the new project.

"As a single woman carrying a full-time job, I should be able to afford my own apartment," she said. Until now, that was difficult, Hankel said.

Paterson said there is a dire need for more complexes like Crosswinds at Hudson in the region, due to ever-increasing property values, and stagnant wages.

Average apartment varies from \$565 to \$755 per month, depending on size and the number of rooms, and all apartments will be equipped with Energy Star appliances that help the complex obtain 30 percent more energy



Gov. Paterson at the dedication. Behind the governor are Assemblyman Marc Molinaro and State Senator Stephen Saland



efficient than state code requires.

Rental opportunities will be available to families who earn no more than 60 percent of the area median income, or approximately \$36,000 for a family of four.

The project was built by 3d Development Group.

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