# Tax Increment Financing Proposal for Dunham Court

**The Szanton Company** 



## **Development Team Members and Capacity**

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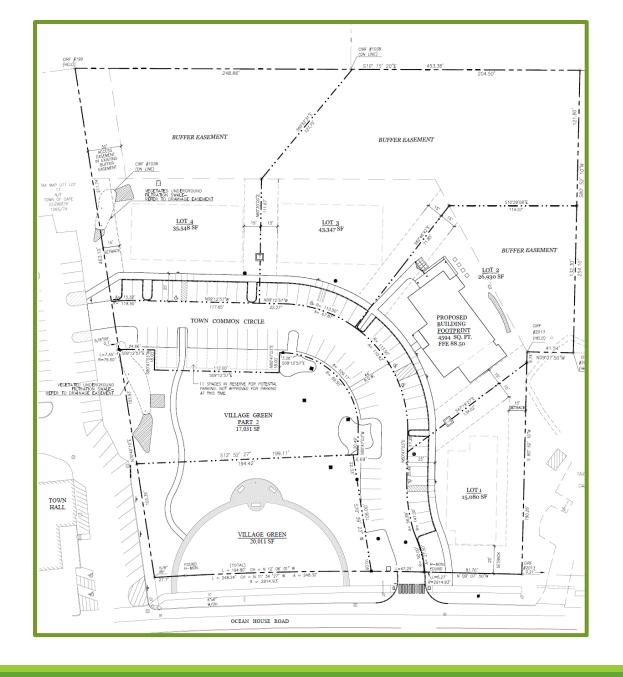
• 11 apartment developments totaling 560 units

## Saco Falls Management (affiliate of The Szanton Company)

- Professional property management
- Responsive to renters, neighbors, City staff, and other stakeholders







### **Demand for Quality Affordable Rental Housing for Older Adults**

Market Study completed by The Signal Group in 2021 for The Szanton Company:

- Pent-up demand for affordable rental units in PMA
  - LIHTC properties in PMA report 98.4% occupancy
  - Many have waitlist of 100 households
  - 38% of the current renter households are "rent-burdened", meaning that they spend more than 30% of their incomes on housing costs

#### Cape Comprehensive Plan (2019)

- Housing Goals:
  - To promote a diversity of housing types to accommodate residents of all age groups and household sizes.
  - To increase the amount of affordable housing through methods that minimize administrative burdens on town administration.

# **Income and Rent Ranges**

- 49 apartments
  - 80% affordable; 20% market-rate

Туре	Income Range (household of 1)	Percentage of Apartments	Expected One-Bedroom Monthly Rent
60% area median income	1 person - Up to \$42k 2 people – up to \$48k 3 people – up to \$54K	About 80%	1 bedroom - \$1,080 2 bedroom - \$1,299 3 bedroom - \$1,495
Market-Rate	1 person – above \$42k 2 people – above \$48k 3 people – above \$54k	About 20%	1 bedroom - \$1,495 2 bedroom - \$1,695

Rent includes heat, hot water, wi-fi, fitness room, community room, resident services coordination, and parking.

\*Income ranges are approximate

# Recent Changes to Sources that have impacted TIF request

#### 4% LIHTC rate goes flat

- Dec 2020 COVID-19 relief package included a stable 4% tax credit rate,
   giving the tax credits more value
- this previously floated (averaged 3.2%)
  - Reduced TIF need from 65 to 45%

#### Change in MH financial model

- August 2021 due to rising construction costs, MH announced an increase in the subsidy available per unit
  - Means the project is eligible to receive more subsidy per affordable rental unit, further reducing the TIF need

#### Awarded Cumberland County HOME funds

- August 2021 applied for federal funds and were notified in August that
   Dunham Court is eligible to receive \$200,000 in HOME funds.
  - Introduced a new source of funds, further reducing the TIF need

# Why does this project need a TIF?

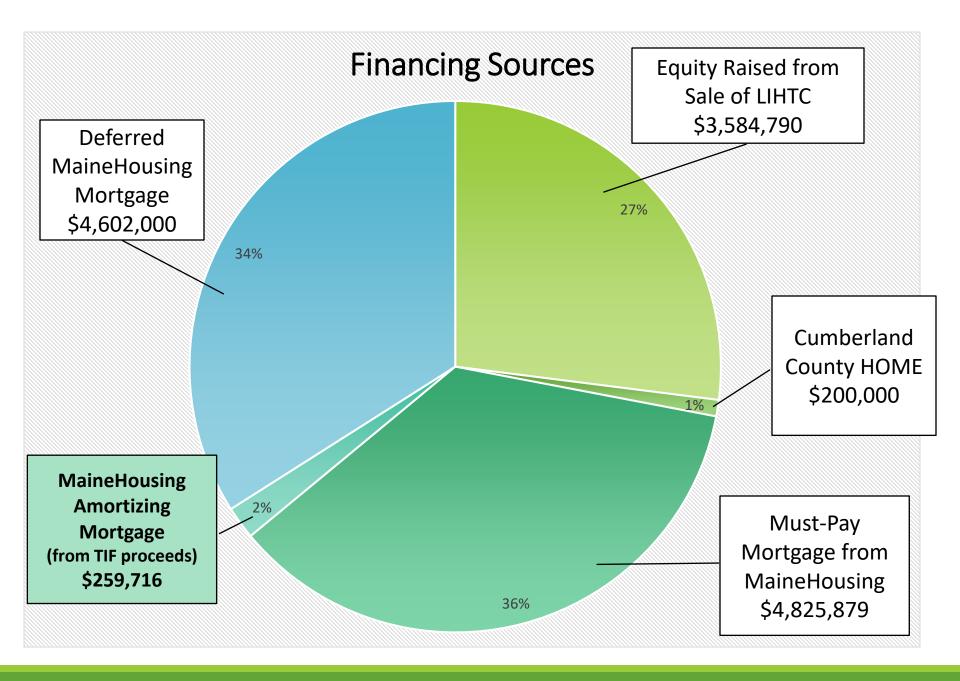
- Project has a gap between cost to develop and financial sources available
  - TIF Allows project to take on additional debt to fill gap
  - All proceeds of TIF are used to pay debt

# **Dunham Court TIF Scenarios**

	Scenario One (original scenario)	Scenario Two (increase in 2-bedrooms)	Scenario Three (some 3-bedrooms)	
Total Units	49 total apartments	49 total apartments (increases footprint by 300sf)	46 total apartments	
Unit Breakdown	41 one-bedrooms  • 34 LIHTC  • 7 Market  8 two-bedrooms  • 5 LIHTC  • 3 Market  0 three-bedrooms	37 one-bedrooms  • 29 LIHTC  • 8 Market  12 two-bedrooms  • 10 LIHTC  • 2 Market  0 three-bedrooms	35 one-bedrooms  • 28 LIHTC  • 7 Market  8 two-bedrooms  • 6 LIHTC  • 2 Market  3 three-bedrooms  • 3 LIHTC	
TIF Request	25% for 30 years  OR  40% for 15 years	40% for 30 years  OR  55% for 15 years	50% for 30 years  OR  75% for 15 years	

# **Development Expenses**

Category	Cost	Notes
Construction	\$10,015,200	
Site Acquisition	\$717,500	
Consulting & Professional Fees	\$869,500	Market Study Analyst, Appraisals, Accounting, Environmental Consulting, Developer Overhead & Fee, Soft Cost Contingency
Financing Fees & Interest	\$402,367	
Architectural/Engineering	\$438,000	
Operating Escrows	\$518,818	Pre-funding of reserves as required by our equity investor and lender
Legal	\$209,000	
City/State/Federal Fees	\$245,000	
Insurance	\$45,000	
Taxes	\$12,000	
Total	\$13,472,385	



– Total Sources: \$13,472,385

# **Financial Impact of TIF Scenarios**

Current ('21-22) Valuation	\$382,000	
Current ('21-22) Taxes	\$7,747	
New Valuation After Construction (estimated based on similar buildings in our portfolio)	\$3,935,000	
New Taxes	\$78,400	
Increment Tax Increase (only this revenue shared through a TIF	\$78,400-\$7,747 <b>= \$70,653</b>	

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30-year TIF	<b>25% TIF</b>	<b>40% TIF</b>	<b>50% TIF</b>
	\$17,663 to developer	\$28,261 to developer	\$35,326 to developer
	\$60,737 to Town	\$50,139 to Town	\$43,074 to Town
15-year TIF	<b>40% TIF</b>	<b>55% TIF</b>	<b>75% TIF</b>
	\$28,261 to developer	\$38,859 to developer	\$52,990 to developer
	\$50,139 to Town	\$39,541 to Town	\$25,410 to Town

# **Tax Shift Benefits**

#### Without a TIF

New taxable assessed value created results in new tax dollars:

- But a portion is lost to increases in County Taxes
- And a portion is lost to decreases in State Revenue Sharing

#### With a TIF

- Town saves the % lost to increase in County Taxes
- Town saves the % lost to decreases in State Revenue Sharing

# How common are Affordable Housing TIFs?

Property Name	Municipality	TIF Percentage	TIF Length	Start Year
The Lofts at Bates Mill	Lewiston	50%	15 years	2013
The Lofts at Saco Falls	Biddeford	75% 4% each year after 15	30 years	2016
Huse School Apartments	Bath	50%	15 years	2017
The Hartley Block	Lewiston	50%	20 years	2019
48 Hampshire	Auburn	50%	30 years	2020
Furman Block	Portland	75%	30 years	2021
Milliken Heights	Old Orchard Beach	80%	15 year	2022
The Uptown	Bath	50%	20 years	2023

# What does a TIF for the project accomplish?

- Makes feasible a project that will help fill a need in Cape Elizabeth for high-quality, energy-efficient, affordable rental housing.
- Increases the taxable value of the property, adding money annually to Town coffers for TIF period, and more every year after that.
- Brings new year-round households, each one a "little economic engine"
- Brings the first affordable housing to Cape Elizabeth in 50 years

# Questions?



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