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**AVESTA HOUSING TO HOST RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY FOR
25 NEW AFFORDABLE HOMES FOR OLDER ADULTS IN FARMINGTON**

Edgewater Village offers comfortable rural living near local amenities

FARMINGTON, Maine — **Avesta Housing**, the largest nonprofit affordable housing provider in northern New England, will host a ribbon-cutting ceremony at **1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25**, for **Edgewater Village**, located at 126 Willow Springs Drive, Farmington, a new affordable housing community for individuals who are 55 and older.

Edgewater Village expands Avesta’s footprint in Maine and features 25 beautiful and affordable one-bedroom homes in a 19,744-square-foot building. The campus is nestled in a rural landscape that features a pond, woodlands, and walking trails that encourage daily activity and a close relationship with nature. At the same time, residents are just minutes from downtown Farmington and essential amenities, including grocery stores, restaurants, and fitness and healthcare services, supporting independence while reducing transportation barriers that often challenge older adults. The building features an elevator and has been thoughtfully designed to enable healthy aging in place, with bathrooms equipped with grab bars and extra space for ease of mobility.

Edgewater Village is a \$9.5 million development project made possible through MaineHousing’s allocation of, and WNC’s investment in, \$3.9 million in 4% Low Income Housing Tax Credit equity, plus more than \$5 million in other funding sources, including Federal HOME, State of Maine HOME, a Community Development Block Grant, private philanthropy and energy rebates from Efficiency Maine.

“Avesta’s ongoing commitment to affordable housing for Mainers of all ages is an extraordinary legacy. They have been a strong partner in producing much-needed high-quality affordable housing, and have done it again in Farmington,” said MaineHousing Director **Dan Brennan**. “We are pleased and proud to be a part of this important work and thank Avesta and all of our many partners for their collaborative efforts.”

“Every town in Maine has residents who are seeking to downsize to smaller and easier-to-maintain homes while remaining in the communities where they have lived and worked. Unfortunately, too often there very few options that are affordable and accessible. This is especially true in our rural communities.” said Avesta Housing President & CEO **Jennifer Hawkins**. “Edgewater Village exemplifies Avesta Housing’s commitment to build homes across the state of Maine that are not only affordable but are energy-efficient, accessible for all mobilities, and designed to reflect the community’s distinctive character.”

Avesta’s development team for Edgewater Village include Kaplan Thompson Architects, general contractor E.W. Littlefield & Sons, legal representation from Curtis Thaxter and Walsh Engineering. Other key partners are the Town of Farmington, Efficiency Maine, Franklin Savings Bank and The Caleb Group.

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About Avesta Housing

Avesta Housing is a nonprofit affordable housing provider with more than 50 years of experience as a leader in affordable housing development and property management in Maine and New Hampshire. The organization is headquartered in Portland, Maine, and operates 100 affordable properties, more than 3,000 apartments and two assisted living facilities, providing safe, affordable homes for more than 4,000 people every day. An additional 1,100 new homes are in the development pipeline. Avesta was named a Best Place to Work in Maine in 2024 and 2025. Avesta’s mission is to improve lives and strengthen communities by promoting and providing quality affordable homes for people in need.
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