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Steinhaus Welcomes First Tenants to Red Hook Commons

Poughkeepsie...Dutchess County Executive William R. Steinhaus welcomed Mrs. Theresa Boryk and Mr. John (Jack) Coons to their new homes this morning when he presented each of them with the keys to their brand-new apartments in *Red Hooks Commons*, a moderately priced senior citizen rental housing development on Route 9 in the Village of Red Hook.

“Terri, Jack....we are so pleased to welcome you home to *Red Hook Commons*,” said County Executive Steinhaus. “We have created a new affordable and walkable community for the seniors of our community and it is truly a pleasure to be here with you to celebrate this special day.”

Mr. John Coons is a lifelong resident of Red Hook and actually worked on the Perx site for several years when it was Orchard Hill Farms. *Red Hook Commons* offered him a chance to stay in his hometown in a convenient, accessible location.

Mrs. Theresa Boryk has lived in Dutchess County for more than 40 years. She is moving to *Red Hook Commons* from her present home in Hyde Park. She felt *Red Hook Commons* was the perfect location for her because she can remain close to her children. She also doesn't have to

worry about moving if her needs change because the apartment complex features an elevator and other features such as extra wide doors for wheelchairs and emergency call buttons, if needed. Joining County Executive Steinhaus to welcome the first tenants to *Red Hook Commons* was Village of Red Hook Mayor David Cohen, Town of Red Hook Councilwoman Sue Crane, NYS Assemblyman Marc Molinaro and project developer Ken Kearney.

Red Hook Commons, formerly known as the “Perx” project, is constructed on property formerly owned by the County due to tax default. The County worked closely with New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and its Environmental Restoration Program to remediate the “brownfield” property and make it available to the Village for senior housing. County Executive Steinhaus also directed \$295,000 to the Town and Village of Red Hook from the County’s Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program to use on the remediation portion of the project.

Financing for the project was provided by Dutchess County Government, Community Preservation Program, NYS Housing Trust Fund Corporation and the proceeds from the sale of federal Low Income Housing Tax Credit program being provided through Alliant Capital. Low income housing tax credits are administered by New York State Division for Housing Community Renewal.

Today’s celebration marked the opening of Building One in Phase I of *Red Hook Commons*. Phase I features one-bedroom apartments where the rents range from \$308-645 for households between 30-60% of the county median income (e.g. 60% of median for a single person household is \$30,840) . Seniors need to be 62 years of age or older to occupy the apartments.

The second phase of development on the site, *Red Hook Commons II* is still under construction. Phase II includes an additional 48 rental units and construction is anticipated to be complete in the spring of 2008. *Red Hook Commons II* is available to seniors 55+ years of age. There is already a waiting list of more than 55 residents for the 48 available apartments.

County Executive Steinhaus said, “There are public officials who talk about good ideas and there are others who make good ideas a reality. We are here today because a lot of people worked very hard to make a good idea a reality.”

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Photos enclosed.



County Executive William R. Steinhaus presented the keys for his brand-new Red Hook Commons to John Coons as Town of Red Hook Councilwoman Sue Crane looks on.



*Dutchess County Executive William R. Steinhaus presented the keys for her brand-new Red Hook Commons to Theresa Boryk.
(In background left to right:: Town of Red Hook Councilwoman Sue Crane, NYS Assemblyman Marc Molinaro and Village of Red Hook Mayor David Cohen.)*



Dutchess County Executive William R. Steinhaus (center) and NYS Assemblyman Marc Molinaro (left) assist Theresa Boryk as the moving truck is unloaded in front of Red Hook Commons.



Project developer Ken Kearney helps unlock the door to Theresa Boryk's brand new apartment at Red Hook Commons as Mrs. Boryk, Dutchess County Executive William R. Steinhaus and Town of Red Hook Councilwoman Sue Crane look on.