

CURTIS APARTMENTS - PHASE 1 RELOCATION FAQ

1. What is the Worcester Housing Authority (WHA) current plan for the redevelopment of Curtis Apartments?

WHA, in conjunction with its developer partner Trinity Financial, plans to undertake the redevelopment of Curtis Apartments over 4 Phases, containing a total of 526 new apartment apartments. Phase 1, (30-58 Great Brook Valley Avenue, Worcester, MA 01605) contains 90 units, which will be demolished and replaced with 129 units in 2 buildings.

See below chart for overall timeline of the Curtis Apartments Phase 1 redevelopment.

Phase	Demolition	Construction	New Units	Occupancy
Phase1	April 2023	Spring/Summer 2023	129	Winter/Spring 2025

2. When is this all happening?

Soon. The Relocation Process for Phase 1 is anticipated to begin in October 2022 and is expected to be completed by May 1, 2023.

3. Why do I have to move?

Relocation of residents is required in order for the WHA to begin the redevelopment of Curtis Apartments. Units in buildings 30-58 are a part of the first phase of the redevelopment.

4. Who will assist me with my temporary relocation?

Housing Opportunities Unlimited (HOU) is the organization that will be providing Relocation Services in accordance with federal and state law. They will work one-on-one with each household to ensure your needs are met during the relocation process.

5. Will I have to pay for any costs associated with my relocation?

You will be entitled to have all reasonable moving and related costs paid by the project. You will be provided with packing materials (boxes, tape, wrapping paper), and a licensed and bonded moving company will move all of your belongings to your temporary unit. If you must transfer any utilities (phone, cable, Internet), you will be reimbursed for the transfer fees.

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6. How long will I be in my temporary relocation unit?

It is anticipated that you will be in your temporary relocation unit for between 24 and 30 months, as re-occupancy of the new Phase 1 apartments is anticipated to happen sometime in the Winter/Spring of 2025.

7. Where will I move for my temporary relocation?

All tenants will be provided a temporary relocation unit that meets their needs (e.g. medical needs, household composition, etc.). This temporary relocation unit will most likely be within the WHA public housing portfolio.

8. Will I be able to return to Curtis Apartments after the redevelopment?

Yes. All current tenants will have the right to return to Curtis Apartments unless they were evicted by the court for a serious or repeated violation of their lease before or during the relocation period.

9. What if I want to remain in my temporary relocation unit and not move back to an apartment in the redeveloped Curtis Apartments?

Because you will be temporarily relocated for more than one year, you will have the option to choose to be permanently relocated and remain in the unit to which you have been temporarily relocated.

10. What are the next steps?

You should expect a call/visit from an HOU Relocation Coordinator to conduct an Assessment to discuss your household needs. If possible, HOU would prefer to conduct this assessment in your apartment so that we can also evaluate whether you require any special accommodations for your move. If you have any questions or concerns about your move you may contact Yasaira Garcia, HOU Project Manager at 508-612-0824.