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3 Section 8 complexes slated for renovations

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The owner of Section 8 housing complexes in Monticello, Port Jervis and Warwick is pumping about \$3 million into renovations to all apartments, the company announced Friday.

Related Affordable says it will invest \$1.1 million to renovate 96 apartments at the John Crawford Apartments on Liberty Street in Monticello; \$1.1 million for 50 units at Machackemach Village Apartments on Jersey Avenue in Port Jervis; and \$800,000 for 50 units at the Burt Farms II Apartments on Forester Avenue in Warwick.

Renovations include upgrades to bathroom and kitchen cabinets, plus energy-efficient lighting and new appliances.

The company also will renovate certain common areas or make general repairs and updates to the complexes; for example, adding new windows in Warwick, replacing the roof and siding in Port Jervis and renovating the community room in Monticello.

The renovations are fully financed and should be completed around August.

The upgrades to the apartments will be completed in one day and no residents will have to be displaced, the company said.

"We have owned the buildings since the early '80s," said Mark Carbone, president of Related Affordable. "This is a spruce-up renovation."

Carbone said the company has obtained New York state bond financing and low-income housing tax credit equity that will guarantee that the complexes remain affordable and open to Section 8 housing for the next 30 years.

The complexes are full and have waiting lists.