

Long-Glen

In 1995, the BHA was awarded a \$30 million HOPE VI grant to support the redevelopment of the severely distressed Orchard Park. The redevelopment plan called for the demolition of most of the existing apartments at Orchard and the construction of new housing at a lower density. To offset the loss of housing units, the BHA committed to creating new homeownership and public housing rental units outside of the original Orchard property. To this end, BHA procured the Allston Brighton Community Development Corporation to develop 34 replacement public housing units in the Allston neighborhood of Boston.

The Long-Glen site is located a few miles west of the former Orchard Park housing development. It is well served by public transportation and is convenient to several major institutions, including colleges and universities. The project entailed the rehabilitation of an existing four-story apartment building and its conversion from a market-rate to a 100% affordable property. The rehabilitation work was financed with a combination of public and private resources, including funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, City of Boston, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Massachusetts Housing Partnership, Federal Home Loan Bank, Community Economic Development Assistance Corporation, and the Massachusetts Housing Investment Corporation.

The Long-Glen development includes 59 apartments all of which are affordable under the low-income housing tax-credit program. Thirty-four of the 59 are public housing units, subject to public housing requirements and receiving public housing operating subsidy. Of the 34 public housing units, 14 have a priority for individuals with a severe and persistent mental illness.