

# Cranberry Ridge

## Recent Happenings

- Beacon and Plymouth city staff are finalizing a design that includes 44 apartment homes and resolves storm water concerns. We preserved larger homes in the design to meet community need for homes for larger families.
- Beacon applied to Hennepin County for \$650,000 (*decision expected in May*).



## Next Steps

- Our application for \$10.3 million in capital funding will be submitted to Minnesota Housing in June (*decision expected in October*).
- We are seeking rental assistance for 10 homes that are set aside for families who have experienced homelessness.
- Beacon is seeking additional capital funding from the City of Plymouth in May.

## What You Can Do

- Get involved in Bonds that Build Homes, Beacon's 2018 legislative campaign. Tell your legislator: \$140 million is needed in the bonding bill to build affordable homes like Cranberry Ridge.
- Invite your congregation, friends, and neighbors to be part of the work of Beacon by touring one of our buildings together.
- Donate to Beacon to support the creation of Cranberry Ridge and more homes.

## Things to Know

- Cranberry Ridge will cost approximately \$14 million to develop.
- Rental assistance will support 10 families who have experienced homelessness.
- Interfaith Outreach & Community Partners will fundraise to provide the onsite support services.

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## Who is Beacon?

Beacon’s vision is that ***all people have a home.***

We are a collaborative of congregations united in action to create homes and advance equitable housing. By leveraging our collective power, we develop affordable homes, shelter families and work to impact housing policy. Our focus is on families, seniors, young adults and others who earn less than \$25,000, and those who are experiencing homelessness.

## About Cranberry Ridge

Cranberry Ridge will be home for 44 families earning less than \$45,000 per year. Located on 45th Avenue North near Rockford Road in Plymouth, these apartment homes will be ideally situated close to businesses, Wayzata community schools, shops, parks, and public transportation.



Cranberry Ridge will be comprised of one-, two-, three-, and four-bedroom apartments, well-suited to the hard-working families who will live there. There will be a playground, staff offices, and ample space for community gatherings. Most parking will be underground. Our service provider, Interfaith Outreach & Community Partners, will provide onsite support services.

## What Will It Take to Create Cranberry Ridge?

Every year in the Twin Cities metro area:

- Nearly 100,000 households pay more than 50% of their hard-earned income toward housing.
- 20,000 families experience homelessness.
- Law makers only invest enough funding to create 500 homes affordable to households earning less than \$45,000.

Lawmakers have not allocated adequate funds to address the need for affordable housing in our community. The capital funds for homes such as those at Cranberry Ridge are largely allocated by the state, which reviews and approves proposals on an annual basis. Given the limited availability of funds, it typically takes years for a new housing initiative to be funded.

The single best way to move Cranberry Ridge forward is to make sure lawmakers invest more in affordable homes. Right now, collaborating congregations are working to ensure funds for homes are included in the Minnesota bonding bill. Bonds invest in our shared future. Bonds that build homes build stronger lives, families, and communities.

We invite you to join us to impact policy and support the creation of new homes.

**Find out how you can get involved at:**  
[www.beaconinterfaith.org/advocate](http://www.beaconinterfaith.org/advocate)

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Through the support of people like you, Beacon collaborating congregations create homes, shelter families, and impact policy.

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