

East Dallas apartments in the works

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JLB Developers bought these 1960s-era apartments in April and knocked them down to make room for new units.

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An East Dallas neighborhood that's already seen major redevelopment is about to get hundreds more new residents.

Developer JLB Partners has knocked down about three-acres of aging apartments on Bennett Avenue just east of the booming Henderson restaurant and retail district.

JLB bought the properties – which were built in the late 1960s – in April.

"We are currently in the planning stages for a 311-unit development," said JLB development partner Scott Sherwood. "As you mentioned, we are demolishing the old structures now but won't commence construction until early fall with first unit deliveries scheduled for late 2013." The planned rental community is just across the street from The Belmont apartments, which opened in 2009. That project is currently being expanded.

And developer Wood Partners just completed a 3-story rental complex in the same area at Belmont and Henderson avenues.

JLB's East Dallas project is the first in that area for the Irving-based apartment developer. The builder has two apartment communities in Uptown – one on Lemmon Avenue and another on Blackburn Street.

And JLB also has a new rental project on Maple Avenue in the Medical District.