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## **Dakota Partners celebrates the grand opening of Depot Village**

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Hanson, MA On Tuesday, June 21st, Dakota Partners celebrated the official grand opening of Depot Village at 171 Phillips St. The first family-affordable housing development to this area, Depot Village provides much-needed, quality housing for an underserved and growing population whose household income is typically between 60% and 120% of the median area income. The lineup of speakers included state rep. Josh Cutler; state senator Michael Brady; Mass Housing director of rental business development, Cynthia Lacasse; Hanson town administrator, Lisa Green; MHP director of business development, Nancy McCafferty; Dakota Partners principal, Roberto Arista; and a resident from the community.

Depot Village is PHIUS+ Core pre-certified, a performance-based certification that focuses on dramatic reduction of energy use for heating and cooling. An early adopter, Dakota is one of the nation's most active Passive House developers of affordable housing with close to a dozen projects currently under construction or in development.

Like many Dakota communities, Depot Village is transit-oriented – located near the MBTA commuter rail stop, which is the town's only available form of public transportation. The station is accessible via a lighted path and a new 25-foot footbridge built by Dakota. The community features 48 affordable rental units in a single building design in a classic New England vernacular architecture, consisting of 12 one-bedroom apartments, 31 two-bedroom apartments and five three-bedroom apartments. It is also within walking distance from several small retail and service amenities along Rte. 27.

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