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Project of the Month: Construction begins on The Residences at Slade Farm - being designed by HDS Architecture and built by Bentley Companies

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Somerset, MA Construction is underway at The Residences at Slade Farm – a new 120-unit residential community that will be part of Fairfield Commons. The project is being developed by Marc Landry of High Road Hospitality, and was designed by HDS Architecture, a Boston-based architectural design firm that concentrates in designing distinctive commercial residential communities throughout New England. The general contractor is Bentley Companies of Warwick, RI. DiPrete Engineering is the civil engineer, land surveyor and site planner for the project.

The Residences at Slade Farm will bring a mix of one-, two-, and three-bedroom apartments, designed to accommodate the needs of individuals and families alike. With 120 units across two four-story buildings, The Residences at Slade Farm aims to meet the growing demand for quality housing throughout the Commonwealth, including access to affordable housing. The project was approved under Chapter 40B – a state statute that promotes affordable housing production in growing communities. At Slade Farm, 25% of the onsite units will be designated as affordable housing.

The Residences at Slade Farm will offer modern amenities, such as a flexible great room with entertainment areas, adjoining work from home spaces, and a fitness center. The buildings are designed around a central green space that features seating, a fire pit, and grill stations that further enhance the entire community. The development promotes sustainability and efficiency efforts

through its all-electric design and will feature onsite charging stations for electric car users.

“We were thrilled to be chosen to design this contemporary development in Somerset,” said Hans Strauch, founder and creative director at HDS Architecture. “We built upon the hospitality-driven amenities that Fairfield Commons has to offer to create a modern living concept that appeals to all residents – whether they are young professionals, families planting roots in the Somerset community, or empty nesters seeking the convenience of the greater neighborhood – this project is adaptable to all.”

“This addition of housing to Fairfield Commons will provide much needed housing solutions for the greater Somerset area,” said Marc Landry, president of High Road Hospitality. “The affordability component was very important to us, and we are grateful to the town and community for their support and input that led to this achievement.”

The Residences at Slade Farm is part of the Fairfield Commons development – a suburban mixed-use project that includes a 111-room hotel, 7,500 s/f retail building featuring restaurants and a growing roster of convenient services.

DiPrete Engineering is managing all aspects of site planning, surveying, engineering, and permitting for the project. The project team also includes, NDL Designs for interiors, John C. Carter & Co., Inc. for landscaping, BLW Engineers for MEP/FP, and JSN Associates for structural. The project began foundation work in May 2024 and expecting Fall 2025 occupancy.

The project team includes:

HDS Architecture - Architect

Bentley Companies - Construction Manager

RS Anctil Plumbing - Plumbing

DiPrete Engineering - Engineering & Permitting

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