

**MASSACHUSETTS' 8TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

# Trading Shootings for Shelter

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**N**EW TOWNHOUSES line both sides of Dudley Street, just a block away from the Uphams Corner commuter rail station here. The sidewalks are busy with families and senior citizens.



Dudley Village. (Photo by Bendix Anderson)

The affordable apartments at Dudley Village replace a string of vacant city-owned lots and the notorious, now-demolished Fundonzinho Lounge, site of at least four murders and uncounted shootings.

"Dudley Village will be a new center for the community," says Jeanne DuBois, executive director of the Dorchester Bay Economic Development Corp. (DBEDC).

This much-needed affordable housing will provide services to the entire neighborhood, ranging from job and technology education to youth activities and seniors meal services.

Five units of the 50 low-income family apartments at Dudley Village are reserved for ex-offenders returning to the neighborhood from prison through the Boston Re-Entry Initiative.

DBEDC also holds monthly meetings with police, local business leaders,

## Dudley Village

**Developer:** Dorchester Bay Economic Development Corp.

**Number of units:** 50

**Income targeting:** 43 at no more than 60% of the AMI; two at no more than 50%; five at no more than 30%

**Total development cost:** \$19 million

**Total development cost per unit:** \$380,697

and residents and calls special meetings when residents demand increased police patrols for street corners or lots.

The \$19 million, four-story brick buildings will also do their part to help reduce global warming. The federal Energy Star-rated property is designed to use 30 percent less energy than conventional construction and includes a wastewater recycling system to irrigate its gardens. ■

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