

A Step Forward for Local Housing: 38 New Units Coming to Zumbrota

The brand new Keller-Baartman Bridge View Apartments are in full swing construction in Zumbrota! This past Spring, an old bank building was demolished in order to make way for this new housing development on previously owned EDA property that was sold to a local business owner.

In an interesting twist, during the initial ground-breaking process, a time capsule from 1961 was discovered! What wonders from the early 60s were found: a 1960 phone directory, a newspaper, design documents from the bank being built, a book entitled *Zumbrota: The First One-Hundred Years*, and even a 1925 silver dollar.. The contents of this time capsule will be on display at the Zumbrota Historical Society.

This apartment complex is an exciting project for the community. After a housing study several years ago and acknowledgement from civic and community leaders, confirmation for a growing demand for quality home options led to efforts to bring more housing have been underway. This significant undertaking was made possible through a strategic partnership and vital financial support, including a \$2.9 million workforce housing grant. The grant, meticulously prepared and secured by CEDA, underscores the community's commitment to sustainable economic growth and accessibility for its employees.

The expected construction completion for the 38-unit Bridgeview Apartments is February of 2027. This complex will offer a unique urban living experience while supporting the community and long-term vitality of Zumbrota as a whole, its businesses, and its downtown district.

