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Workers from C.D. Smith Construction of Fond du Lac work on the newest riverfront development project under way along the Fox River and College Avenue bridge in Appleton. The 32-unit apartment building is called 'Evergreen.' / Sharon Cekada/Post-Crescent Media

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APPLETON — Redevelopment of Appleton’s Fox River corridor continues to chug along, with residential and commercial ventures either in the works or planned.

Drivers using the College Avenue bridge in recent weeks have likely noticed the concrete elevator tower and framework being erected for the new apartments at the RiverHeath development.

“The new road should be finished by the end of the year with grade and gravel and the concrete will be poured next summer,” said Mark Geall, developer for the project with Tanesay Development. “The apartments are scheduled to open in the spring for a June move-in.”

If you go

What: Update on the residential development at the former Foremost Dairies site on the Fox River.
When: 5:30 p.m. Tuesday
Where: Sixth Floor, City Hall, 100 N. Appleton St., Appleton
More info: The Appleton Redevelopment Authority will [meet](#) to discuss an updated traffic impact analysis. Developers Vetter Denk are expected to give an update

Those 32 apartments are the first phase of a multiyear project along the river and will be called “Evergreen,” Geall said.

The name of the CD Smith Construction-built project pays homage to the tributary Evergreen River that feeds into the Fox River.

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on the project.

Several of the market-rate studio to three-bedroom apartments have already been rented. Information on the development is posted on the company's website

riverheath.com or at the office at 1155 Banta Court.

Geall said each unit has a deck and below-ground parking. Some office space will be included in the structure, along with a café that has yet to sign a tenant. The project is slated to have a public [access](#) boardwalk that hugs the shoreline.

On the opposite side of the bridge, closer to the Banta Bowl, luxury townhomes are being built. Two more structures are set for groundbreaking this fall.

Across the river is another major residential development at the former Foremost Dairies site, but competition isn't a concern for Geall.

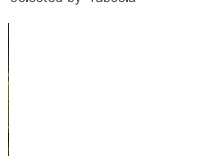
"We favor all development along the river, a rising tide lifts all boats," Geall said. "We [support](#) anything on the river that makes it a more vibrant place to be. I expect the Newberry Trail, Fox River heritage parkway, the Lutz Park and Telulah Park connections will continue."

Foremost meeting next week

Developers targeting eight acres of prime land on the Foremost Dairies site unveiled plans this summer for 120-unit townhomes.

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