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Aubertine's measure will help keep affordable housing in Potsdam

Assemblyman Darrel J. Aubertine (D-Cape Vincent) announced Assembly passage of his measure that would allow the Potsdam Housing Authority to continue offering affordable housing to lower-income families (A. 8789).

Under Aubertine's legislation, the Potsdam Housing Authority would be able to transfer ownership of its housing projects to a private not-for-profit organization — opening up funding opportunities that currently aren't available to it.

“The housing projects are literally falling apart. These dilapidated buildings are in desperate need of renovation, but the Potsdam Housing Authority doesn't have sufficient funds to pay for the makeovers they need,” said Aubertine. “My legislation will make more funding available for the necessary rehabilitation of these buildings.”

Aubertine noted that if the housing projects continue to deteriorate, their residents will be placed at risk by the dangerous living conditions. Low-income families will eventually be forced from their homes, and unless more housing projects are built, they could possibly be left without affordable housing.

“Because of cuts to public housing authorities, there are few options left that will remedy the housing problem,” said Aubertine. “My legislation will ensure that low-income families in Potsdam have access to safe, affordable housing.”