



The Lincoln

Located adjacent to Brockton's historic downtown, and contributing to the City's revitalization, The Lincoln has begun welcoming thirty-seven low- and middle-income senior households to live in a building that has been transformed from a vacant former school into a vibrant residential community. The Lincoln School was one of many landmark buildings, including Brockton City Hall, designed by the prolific local architect, Wesley Lyng Minor. The school was originally constructed in 1896 with wings added in 1911. They were designed by Minor as well with the same Romanesque Revival architectural style.

Brockton is one of the state's Gateway Cities, a midsize urban center historically home to industry that offered residents steady jobs and a "gateway" to the American Dream. Well located in the market with exceptional connectivity to transportation networks, it is a prime location for housing and business. In recent years, the city has made significant strides in its plans to redevelop its underutilized assets to create much-needed housing and reenergize the area. NeighborWorks, a regional non-profit organization with a strong track record in the city as an affordable housing developer and service provider, was selected to rehabilitate the dilapidated Lincoln School.

The design team transformed a vacant, blighted building that was falling into further disrepair with each passing year into a beautifully restored architectural gem. A gem that is home to area seniors for generations to come. While it took time for this complex project to come to fruition, it was time well spent to bring the former school back to life. The project architects and engineers meticulously navigated complex structural elements, the original building design, and unique historic features to preserve its historical splendor while ensuring long term viability.

As baby boomers reach retirement age, there has been a significant increase in households seeking housing-affordable, accessible, and supportive housing. Given the shortage of options in the market, more seniors are being pushed into homelessness without access to proper housing. The beautifully restored Lincoln School meets that demand with its safe high-quality housing and supportive services.

The historic rehabilitation highlights the incredible efforts of the development team and partnership with the City of Brockton. What was originally home to students has been thoughtfully transformed into beautiful homes for seniors. It truly meets the needs of an evolving community through meaningful historic preservation and economic investment in the City of Champions!