

The Woods at Dairy Lane

Supportive Housing for Adults with Mental Illness



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12-16 one-bedroom
apartments



Proximity to 24/7 Care
Center



Building for group activities
and services



Quiet rural setting near
transit, jobs, and amenities

The Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board Serving Athens, Hocking, and Vinton Counties (317 Board) will develop and own a small housing project to provide safe, stable homes for adults living with mental illness. The housing will be located on historic mental health land on Dairy Lane that Ohio University is transferring to the Ridges New Community Authority. The 317 Board has 40% of the funding needed to complete this project and has identified sources for the remaining 60%. Construction is projected to begin in 2027 and completed in 2028.

Why This Project is Needed

Affordable housing remains a critical gap in Athens County. The 317 Board will help address this community shortage by providing new housing units that will help residents stay healthy, maintain independence, and avoid homelessness.

Impact

This project aligns with the 317 Board's mission to champion behavioral health services that are accessible, effective, and stigma-free. The Woods at Dairy Lane will provide safe, affordable homes, improve health outcomes, and reduce reliance on costly inpatient and emergency services. This project strengthens our community by supporting neighbors living with mental illness to live fully integrated and independent lives.

Trusted Community Partners

The 317 Board has a proven track record managing six properties.

The 317 Board will partner with Hopewell Health Centers to provide supportive services based upon a similar model that has demonstrated success. In the current project, 100% of tenants have maintained housing stability for at least one year and 67% have lived in their apartment for more than five years.



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