



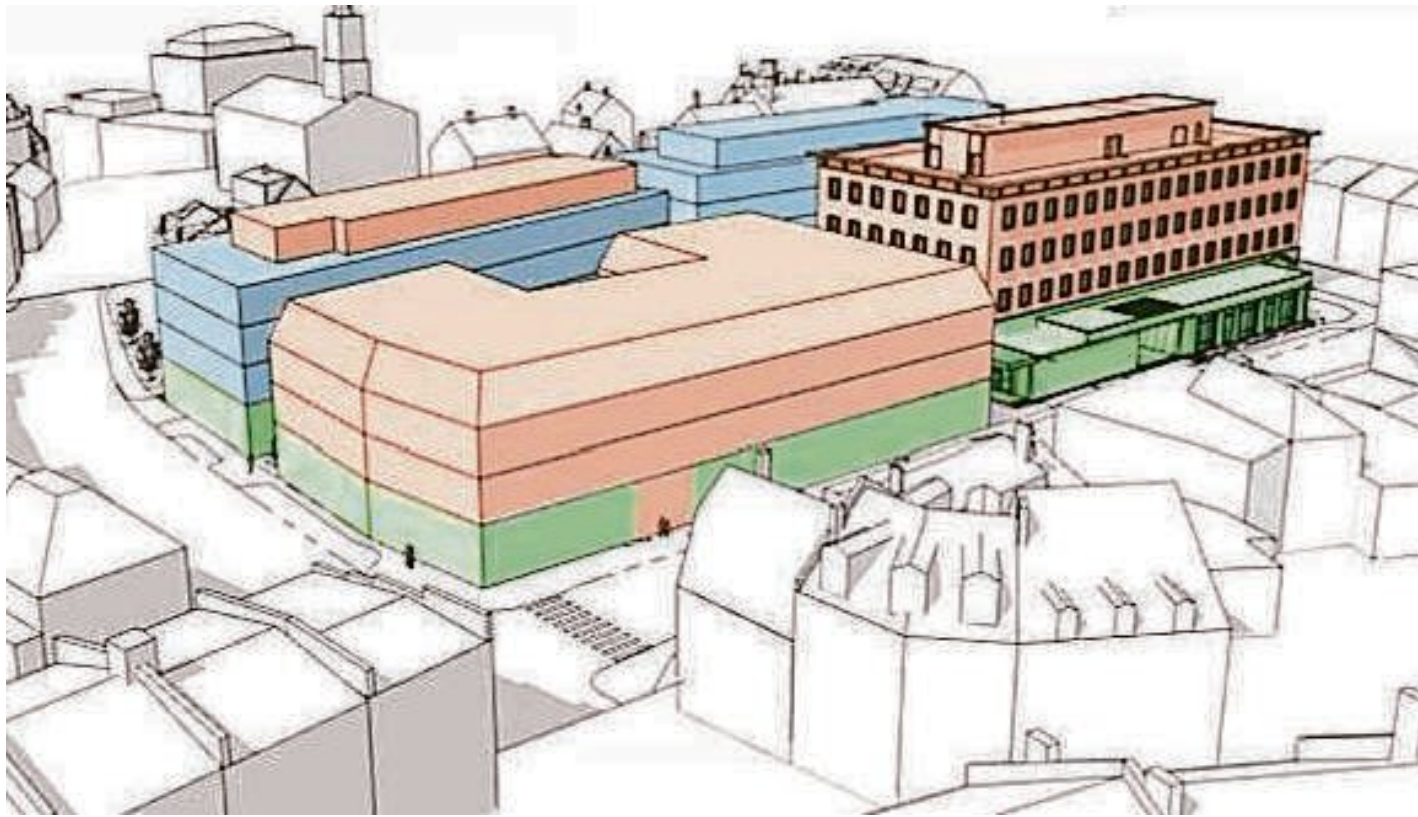
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\$200 MILLION PLAN UNVEILED FOR MCINTYRE



A view of "Concept 4" from preliminary project designs submitted by Anthony DiLorenzo for the redevelopment of the former Thomas J. McIntyre federal building property in Portsmouth. SPARC/PROVIDED BY CITY OF PORTSMOUTH

DiLorenzo goes public with long-awaited development

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PORTSMOUTH — Developer Anthony DiLorenzo has filed his initial plan for the proposed redevelopment of the iconic former Thomas J. McIntyre federal building property, which is located in the heart of downtown near the city's popular waterfront.

"The applicant, under the leadership of local resident Anthony DiLorenzo, is committed to advancing a thoughtful and contextually appropriate redevelopment of this long vacant and significant downtown landmark and redevelopment site, in close

coordination with the (Historic District Commission) and the broader Portsmouth community," according to attorney James Scully, who is representing the development team.

DiLorenzo, the owner and founder of Key Auto Group, is a Republican candidate for New Hampshire's 1st Congressional District U.S. House seat.

The initial application for the redevelopment states that "during the (city's) previous planning and design of the so-called 2022 Community Plan ... the city's goals and objectives emphasized reconnecting the site with Daniel, Penhallow and Bow

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Judge strikes down 'proof of citizenship' voting law

Todd Bookman
 New Hampshire Public Radio

A federal judge on May 28 declared that New Hampshire's 2024 law requiring first-time voters in the state to show proof of U.S. citizenship when they register is unconstitutional. The ruling is a major blow to a Republican-backed policy considered one of the strictest voter registration laws in the country.

"New Hampshire's interest in election integrity cannot justify the burden on New Hampshire voters based on the evidence in this case," said Judge Samantha Elliott in a 98-page ruling.

The decision goes into effect immediately, clearing the way for new voters who arrive at the polls without a birth certificate or U.S. passport to resume using a legally-binding affidavit to confirm their citizenship qualifications to vote.

The ruling follows a nine-day trial earlier this year, in which backers of the law were unable to provide conclusive proof that non-citizens were regularly participating in New Hampshire elections. Just one person in the past 26 years has been prosecuted for knowingly voting as a non-U.S. citizen, according to court testimony. A handful of other permanent residents with green cards were allowed to vote due to confusion by election officials.

"Such minuscule numbers strongly undercut any legitimate concern about election integrity vis-à-vis non-citizen voting and, consequently, the state's interest in addressing it," Elliott said in her ruling.

The legal challenge to House Bill 1569, which was signed into law by former Gov. Chris Sununu in 2024, came from a range of groups, including the League of Women Voters and New Hampshire Youth Movement, as well

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Housing Authority adds solar array at Margeson Apartments

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PORTSMOUTH — The Portsmouth Housing Authority recently took an important step to increase sustainability practices while lowering its operating costs at its Margeson Apartments housing facility.

The new 183-panel solar array located on the roof of the 137-unit apartment building on Middle Street is now operational, according to PHA Executive Director Craig Welch.

The solar array is expected to produce 111,659 kWh of clean energy each year, according to Welch and other PHA officials involved in the project.

"We just lit it up, obviously it's really timely given the global context right now with rising energy prices," Welch said during a May 27 interview at Margeson,

where he explained the process of adding the solar array to its system-wide portfolio of sustainable energy practices.

PHA spends \$1 million a year in utility bills

PHA worked with Revision Energy of Brentwood on the solar array project, which they showed off to visitors this week.

Revision installed the rooftop array, officials from both organizations said.

The PHA in total spends "around a million dollars a year in utilities," Welch said, and the organization seeks to add clean energy sources when it can to meet its sustainability goals "and to hedge against energy spikes like we're seeing now."

"Obviously 183 panels is not enough to

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It took a team of people to work together to make solar panels a reality for the roof of Margeson Apartments in Portsmouth. From left May 27 are Andrea Pickett, director of outreach for Portsmouth Housing Authority, Rachel Eades of Revision Energy, PHA Executive Director Craig Welch, PHA Chief Financial Officer Val Labrie and Mark Lentz, facilities director for PHA. DEB CRAM/SEACOASTONLINE

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