

The Jourdain Franklin Portland Gateway - Phase II



What

The Jourdain features 41 units of quality affordable housing in the Phillips community of Minneapolis. The Jourdain is the second phase of the Franklin Portland Gateway development which will transform a formerly blighted and vacant urban intersection into a vibrant place to live and work. The Franklin Portland Gateway is a partnership between and Aeon and Hope Community, Inc.

Where

Southwest corner of Franklin and Portland avenues in Minneapolis

Impact

- Catalyze further development of the area
- Ensure long-term affordable housing options in a changing community
- Implement the Ventura Village neighborhood plans for a quality mixed-income, mixed-use development that is family-, pedestrian-, and transit-friendly

Total cost

Approximately \$8.7 million

Building name	The Gateway development collaborative chose to name this building “The Jourdain” to honor Winifred Jourdain, a former long-term Ventura Village community member from the White Earth Reservation. Winnie Jourdain, “Godmother of White Earth,” moved to Minneapolis in the mid-1920s and bought a home at the corner of Franklin and Portland in 1944. Her home became a refuge for hundreds of American Indians who needed community connections to help them navigate life in the city.
Residential space	The building’s 41 units of housing range from studios to three-bedroom “town home” styled family units. It includes 6 small efficiencies, 6 studios, 6 one-bedrooms, 18 two-bedrooms, and 9 three-bedrooms. Underground parking helps preserve the grounds for green space and a playground.
Affordability	The Jourdain offers a total of 41 rental units: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24 units for people earning 50 percent of the area median income (AMI) • 17 market-rate units
Commercial space	The Jourdain features 4,000 square feet of neighborhood-scale commercial space with a mini-market grocery store.
Funders	Aeon • Empowerment Zone • Family Housing Fund • Franklin National Bank • Glaser Financial • Greater Metropolitan Housing Corporation • Hennepin County • Hope Community • Local Initiatives Support Corporation • Metropolitan Council • Minneapolis Community Planning and Economic Development • Minnesota Housing Finance Agency
Architect	Cunningham Group and UrbanWorks Architecture
Contractor	Watson-Forsberg Company
Timeline	Construction completed November 2006
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Aeon is a nonprofit developer, owner and manager of high-quality affordable homes in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area. Established in 1986, the award-winning nonprofit has built or renovated 1,705 apartments and townhomes, which provide stability to more than 3,000 people each year – including individuals and families with low to moderate incomes and formerly homeless individuals. The organization’s inspiration to create community assets that last for generations stems from its name “Aeon,” which means “forever.” Its vision is that every person has a home and is interconnected within community.

Hope Community, Inc., founded in 1977, is creating a model of urban community transformation that includes affordable housing and community engagement. Real estate development, community-based learning, leadership and community building activities help build long-term sustainability in one of the most challenged and diverse neighborhoods in Minneapolis.