



The Century Sunrise development at 135-139 Baldwin St. in the Village of Johnson City is a mixed-income, mixed-use redevelopment project that includes 104 residential units ranging from one- to three-bedroom apartments and a 3,500-square-foot multi-level restaurant with garden space.

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\$33M development opens at former shoe factory

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A \$33 million mixed purpose building is now open at the former Endicott-Johnson shoe factory in Johnson City.

RuthAnne Visnauskas, the commissioner for New York State Homes and Community Renewal, announced the project's grand opening Monday at the building at 135 Baldwin St.

"Century Sunrise transforms historic warehouse buildings in the heart of Johnson City into affordable homes for more than 100 students and professionals who will be working and studying at the Binghamton University Pharmacy School and nearby SUNY Binghamton," said Visnauskas in a statement.

The project includes two buildings, Century and Sunrise. Both buildings were formally part of the Endicott-Johnson, which was the largest shoe company in the world during the 1940s when it employed more than 30,000 people.

Century Sunrise contains 105 apartments and 9,000 feet of commercial space. The project is part of Southern Tier Soaring, the state's plan for revitalizing and growing local communities

and economies.

The development includes a playground, laundry facilities, recreation area and off-street parking.

The ground floor will be used by Binghamton Brewing Company, which plans to open a microbrewery and restaurant in the space.

Apartments are available for individuals and families on varying income levels. Some of the apartments are reserved for people who have intellectual and developmental disabilities.

"For decades, the Century and Sunrise buildings were eyesores and a constant reminder of a bygone era," said Assemblywoman Donna Lupardo, D-Endwell, in a statement. "By providing affordable housing and commercial space, Century Sunrise will become an anchor in the community once again."

The two buildings are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The development received funding through Empire State Development, NYSHCR tax-exempt bonds and Low Income Housing Tax Credits, the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation Tax Credit programs and the Office of Storm Recovery provided Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery funds.