

Nassau IDA OKs Bartone project in Farmingdale

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The Nassau County Industrial Development Agency approved tax breaks on Tuesday for a proposed \$38 million apartment/retail project in downtown Farmingdale.

The project by Bartone Properties includes 19,400 square feet of ground floor retail space and 154 rental apartments above, and promises to create 178 construction jobs and 55 permanent jobs.

County officials had previously released a statement saying that the Bartone development will provide “much needed affordable rental options for young professionals” and provide a boost to businesses in downtown Farmingdale.

Construction of [the project dubbed The Plaza at Farmingdale](#) is slated to begin soon on the site at the corner of Secatogue Avenue and South Front Street, a stone’s throw from the Farmingdale Long Island Rail Road station.

The Bartone project, some six years in the making, [originally included an 85-room Hilton Home2Suites](#) hotel and condominiums instead of rentals. But financing couldn’t be secured for the hotel and the for-sale condo market has slowed, hence the switch to rental apartments.

“This project represents the future of smart, transit-oriented housing on Long Island, while providing much needed workforce housing,” County Executive Mangano said. “This project, close to the downtown shops and restaurants of Farmingdale, will bring much-needed rental options to young professionals in Nassau County and generate economic activity throughout eastern Nassau County and the Route 110 Corridor.”