

1920s Flint hotel gets a makeover

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FLINT, MI (MICHIGAN RADIO) - The Durant Hotel has been deteriorating for more than thirty-five years. The old beauty sits on a slight hill on the north end of Flint's main drag.

The Genesee County Land Bank, city officials, and private investors have redeveloped the hotel into apartments for rent and commercial spaces. They paid for the project with tax credits, grants and loans.

Richard Karp is one of the developers. He says many people are taking pride in the building's redevelopment. He says, "It provides a validation and a security that hope is not lost in the city of Flint."

The Durant Hotel opens August 15th. So far about one third of the units are rented, mostly by students, professors, and health professionals.

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