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High school “House Build” program will construct on Renninger subdivision lot
City sells land at reduced rate for affordable housing and hands-on learning

Next school year, high school students learning the trade of home construction will be building new houses in the Renninger subdivision. The City and Borough of Juneau is selling a subdivision lot to local nonprofit Juneau Housing Trust for \$95,000, which is 50 percent of its appraised value.

The land will go to the House Build program, a collaboration of the Juneau School District, University of Alaska Southeast and Juneau Housing Trust that brings affordable homes to the local housing market.

“House Build is a powerful educational tool that provides hands-on training and practical experience. It provides students skills that last a lifetime and the opportunity to join the workforce after graduation,” Lands Manager Greg Chaney said.

The lot, just over an acre, is zoned for up to 15 homes. It gives the House Build program an opportunity for long-term planning and stability. The sale price of a finished home doesn’t include the cost of the land, which stays with the Juneau Housing Trust, allowing families to get into homeownership for less money.

“This partnership is an example of CBJ utilizing its resources to meet the workforce housing goals noted in the Housing Action Plan. The project will be great for the overall economy and for the future residents of these homes,” CBJ Chief Housing Officer Scott Ciambor said.

The Renninger subdivision, located across from Dzantik’i Heeni Middle School, was a multi-year undertaking for CBJ’s Lands Department and just completed last year. CBJ has so far sold two lots, also at reduced values, to the Alaska Housing Development Corporation and is in the process of selling another to the same agency.

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