"Something's Coming," a song title taken from Act I of the original musical West Side Story, inspires our looking forward to a better future. As the song goes, "something's comin', something good!"

Our Westside Story is a celebration of Dwelling Place's efforts during this past decade to improve the lives of people living on the West Side of the City of Grand Rapids. It is a celebration of partnerships and collaboration with neighbors, local and state government, investors, lenders, and community institutions to ensure that quality affordable housing is permanently accessible for those who need it.

This event celebrates our response to a “Call to Action” initiated by Westside neighborhoods with concerns about the real impact that gentrification was having on affordable housing opportunities in their neighborhoods. With 116 new two and three bedroom apartments in some stage of development across four housing communities, Dwelling Place is proud to acclaim that something grand is coming to Grand Rapid’s West Side Neighborhoods.

We also celebrate our roots on the Westside where we have provided housing for over 20 years. We presently own and operate three separate housing communities on the Westside, providing 105 homes for our Westside Neighbors.

Our Westside Story is a celebration of Dwelling Place, our growing impact, and collaboration on the West Side of Grand Rapids.
Grandville Homes
Dwelling Place built 10 single family homes along Grandville Ave back in 1997. These 3-bedroom homes have been serving families for over 20 years in the Roosevelt Park Neighborhood.

Oroquis Apartments
One of the earliest Genesis Nonprofit Housing Corporation projects, Dwelling Place has managed these 27 west side, supportive housing apartments for Genesis since they opened in 2000.

Bridge Street Place
In 2009, recognizing a need for housing to serve women fleeing domestic violence, Dwelling Place developed 16 one bedroom apartments in the John Ball Area Neighborhood. This housing community is a partnership with YWCA providing permanent housing and support services to assist these women in their journey to stability.

St. James Apartments & Townhomes
In a joint venture with Genesis NPHC, the former St. James School was renovated into 36 apartments and 16 new townhomes. This housing community opened in late 2018 on First Ave in the John Ball Area Neighborhood.

Harrison Park & Pine Ave. Apartments
In 2015, Westside Neighbors and the Challenge Scholars Program supported by the Grand Rapids Community Foundation brought Dwelling Place and other community partners into a conversation around affordable housing for families being displaced on the Westside. From those intentional conversations, Dwelling Place is developing two projects that will eventually offer 68 two and three-bedroom apartments in West Grand Neighborhood. Both projects are in development with a completion date in early 2020.

Plaza Roosevelt
Plaza Roosevelt is a multi-faceted community development project bringing together eight different community organizations in the Roosevelt Park Neighborhood. Dwelling Place will create 48 two and three-bedroom apartments in two separate buildings along Grandville Avenue and Franklin Avenue. These projects will break ground in fall of 2019.