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Needham-based **Nauset Construction** has broken ground on St. **James Place**, a long-delayed 46-unit condominium complex in Cambridge's Porter Square neighborhood.

Acorn Holdings LLC is developing the project at 2013 Massachusetts Ave., a lot adjacent to St. James's Episcopal Church that houses an out-of-use car wash. The project will also feature 2,000 square feet of retail and an 11,400-square-foot parish hall that will house classrooms for children's programs, a library, a neighborhood food pantry and music practice rooms.

"This is really the type of project that we should be celebrating in our community," Cambridge Mayor **Marc McGovern** said in a statement. "Not only is it bringing much-needed housing to the community, it's bringing the (historic) garden out to the street so that everyone can enjoy it. It's also providing much-needed stability for this incredible congregation that means so much to the neighborhood and does so much to help those who are vulnerable. It really is a win all around."

Developers originally proposed St. **James Place** in 2008, according to **a report from CambridgeDay**. Several lawsuits from Cambridge residents delayed construction, the newspaper reported.

Site work on St. **James Place** is expected to begin this week. Architectural firm Dumont, Janks, Goldberg, Reed LLC designed the condominium complex.