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Officials to mark end of 1st phase of Jackson Square redevelopment, start of 2nd phase

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rendering of 225 Centre St.

By Matt Rocheleau, Town Correspondent

Elected leaders and development officials will host a dual ribbon-cutting and ground-breaking ceremony next week to mark the completion of the first phase of a 14-building, \$250,000 million redevelopment plan in Jackson Square.

The event at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 29 will formally unveil a new building at [225 Centre St.](#), which features 103 apartments and 16,000 square feet of retail, according to officials from development company The Community Builders, Inc.

Developers will then break ground on another project, [Jackson Commons](#), a 39-apartment affordable housing development that will open on a new roadway at 75 Amory Ave.

Both projects are part of the [Jackson Square Redevelopment Initiative](#), which is being constructed across about 11 acres of public and private land at a key crossroads between Jamaica Plain and Roxbury, steps from the Jackson Square MBTA station.

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225 Centre St., which broke ground in May 2012, was the first and largest aspect of the massive redevelopment initiative conceived in a master plan residents and city officials crafted a decade ago to revitalize the area.

The square, where Columbus Avenue and Centre Street intersect, was among the areas that suffered decades ago after demolitions to make room for a planned extension of Interstate 95. After a public outcry, the addition was never built.

The redevelopment initiative is being led by three nonprofits that comprise Jackson Square Partners – the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Development Corporation, Urban Edge, and the Hyde Square Task Force.

The plan calls for building properties with a mix of uses, including commercial, retail, rental and ownership housing, green space, [indoor recreation](#) and parking.

The various projects involve a mix of city, state, federal and private funding sources.

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