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**KEEPING IT'S PROMISE: CHA ON TRACK WITH SCATTERED
SITES HOUSING UNITS**

Nearly 50 percent complete
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The Chicago Housing Authority (CHA) is on time and on budget with its rehabilitation of scattered site public housing units, CEO Terry Peterson announced at a news conference yesterday.

So far, 1300 units have been completed - nearly half of the 2,776 scheduled to be rehabbed under CHA's Plan for Transformation. With approximately \$28 million dollars spent on scattered site rehabs so far, the CHA is keeping its promise to offer public housing residents a better quality of life with better living conditions.

"If someone drove by and saw these units, they wouldn't know it was public housing. The residents appreciate that," Peterson said.

Peterson, joined by Alderman Billy Ocasio (26th Ward) and Local Advisory Council (LAC) President Maria Fonseca, toured a site at 1215 N. Maplewood, and walked through a three-bedroom unit that was recently rehabbed.

Rehab work includes new cabinets, countertops, lighting fixtures, sinks, and other updates as needed.

"We're very pleased with the work that has been done in our apartments," said Fonseca. "They look brand-new."

"I would like to commend Terry Peterson and the CHA for not forgetting about people living in scattered sites and making sure they are living in a safe and secure environment," said Ocasio.

"Public housing residents want the same things anyone else would want - a safe and comfortable place to live," said Peterson. "The residents feel like they have that now."

CHA's Plan for Transformation includes building and rehabbing 25,000 units for its lease-compliant residents, the largest overhaul of public housing in the nation's history. Scattered site housing is an integral part of that plan.