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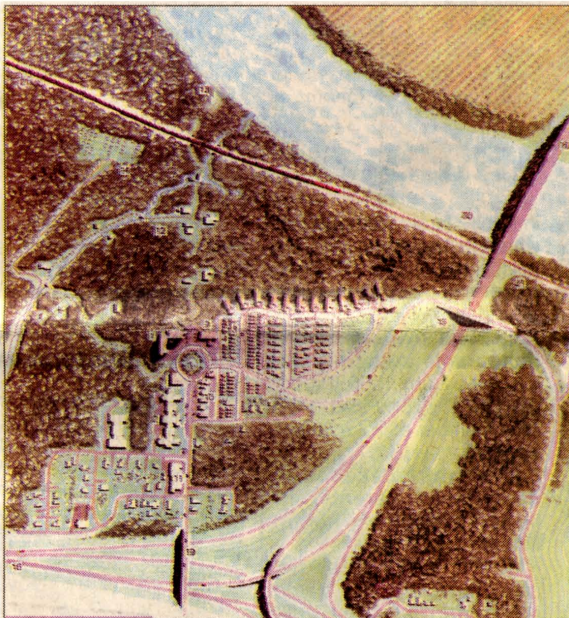
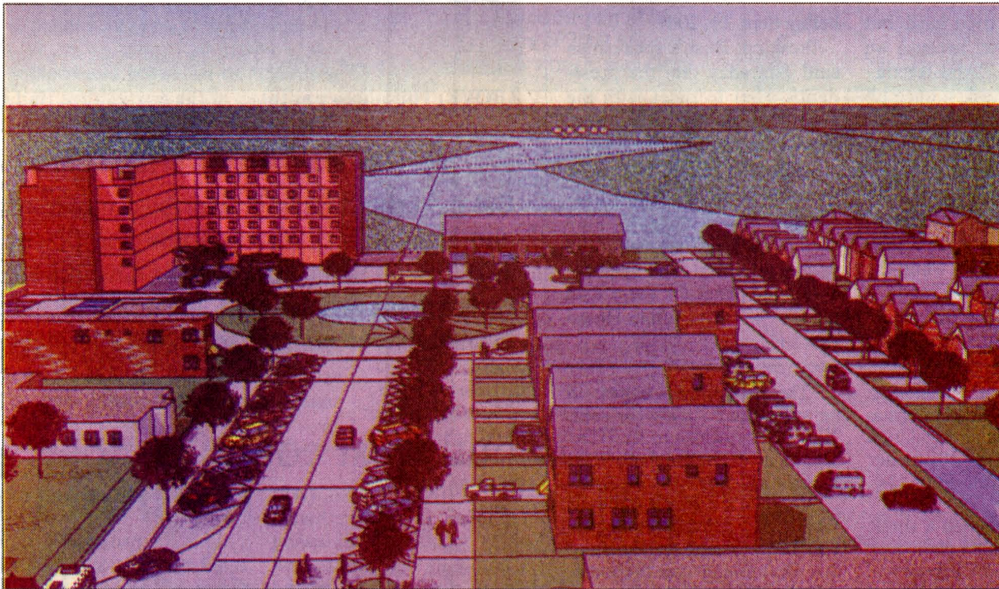
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DEVELOPMENT

A new view for Quindaro



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Pictured are two renderings of the River's Edge/Quindaro Landing housing development. The area, to be situated near the Quindaro Ruins, would feature a mix of lofts, apartments and single-family housing. The center of the development is a visitor's center for the ruins along 27th Street north of Interstate 635.

From ruins to redevelopment, Quindaro area ready to blossom

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A small group of northeast residents got their first glimpse of a proposed residential housing project slated for the Quindaro Ruins area late last week.

Representatives from the Unified Government and the African Methodist Episcopal Church unveiled a plan to construct a mix of apartments, loft apartments, townhomes and a nursing home called the River's Edge/Quindaro Landing project just south of the ruins along 27th Street.

River's Edge would be focused around a visitor's center planned for the Quindaro Ruins Archaeological Park Project, a joint preservation effort of the UG, AME Church and Kansas City Kansas Community College.

The time is ripe to begin further development of the area, according to LaVert Murray, Unified Government director of development.

"Now it's time. Now that we know what we are doing with the ruins, we can look at what to do with the land around it," said Murray.

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Of the 276 planned units, 100 would be contained in a high-rise apartment building situated immediately west of the visitor's center on a cul-de-sac.

Thirty-eight small and 23 large townhouses would be built in a three-block section of new streets to the east of the visitor's center. A similar number of "carriage house" lofts would rest adjacent to the townhomes.

Carriage house lofts are optional housing units built above garages.

Thirteen "executive homes" and 13 larger carriage house lofts would form the north edge of the development.

A renovated nursing home containing 28 units is also planned. It would use the frame of a long abandoned building a few feet northwest of the John Brown statue at 27th Street and Sewell Avenue.

Murray said the UG Commission had previously passed a resolution to hold off development in the area until the Quindaro Ruins had achieved historic designation. The title was awarded in 2002.

The AME Church is a logical partner in the development effort