Arbor eyes three phases of reconstruction

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CORNING - Early next week, significant construction work will be underway on an approximately $20 million project to reuse aging housing structures at the Lamphear Gardens project.

Jeffrey Eaton, president and Chief Executive Officer at Arbor Housing, said crews at the site are nearing completion of abating asbestos and lead from the aging housing structures.

“We have to do some final work on that, but I’m hoping next week we will start seeing significant construction activity,” Eaton said. “We are rebuilding most of these structures, building a couple new ones and a club house community building.”

Eaton said the reconstruction work will be done in three phases.

“We have to do the work in three phases because we are rehabbing units, so we have to relocate people,” Eaton said. “The entire project will take about a year-and-a-half for final completion.”

Eaton said when completed the new section of Lamphear Gardens will house 82 units.

“It’s exciting that Phase II is getting underway,” said Jenn Miller, city Planning & Economic Development Director. “The property has been blighted for many years and we appreciate Arbor’s

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Crews at the Lamphear Gardens site are nearing completion of abating asbestos and lead from the aging housing structures, preparing them for reuse. [SHAWN VARGO/THE LEADER]