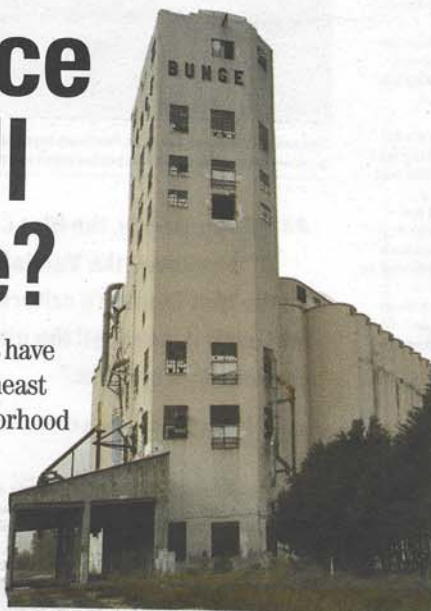


## A place to call home?

The Bunge elevators have towered over a southeast Minneapolis neighborhood for 70 years. Now, developers hope to convert the landmark building into housing.



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**T**he pieces are finally falling into place for an ambitious multi-income housing project that will showcase the reuse of one of Minneapolis' iconic architectural forms — its grain elevators.

Project for Pride in Living has signed a memo of understanding with developer Jeffrey Laux to partner on the redevelopment of the former Bunge grain elevators on a 3.1-acre site along Van Cleve Park in southeast Minneapolis.

The development team includes two other participants, Habitat for Humanity and Minneapolis-based Cabrini

Partnership, which will contribute to the effort to build 90 affordable apartments and townhomes on the site. Twenty of those units will be reserved for formerly homeless families, who will also receive supportive services from Cabrini.

But from the street and from surrounding neighborhoods, the most conspicuous feature in this project will be Laux's effort to redesign and rejuvenate the landmark Bunge elevators that have towered over the site for 70 years.

Laux plans to convert the elevator's head house — the

200-foot-tall tower whose pulleys and hydraulics were used to convey grain to the elevator's silos — and 12 of the circular silos into 139 distinctive market-rate apartments, many with views of the downtown skyline and the city's east-side neighborhoods.

Leading Laux's design team is Bob Brantingham, a Minneapolis architect who collaborated with Laux on his Ivy Tower and Lumber Exchange Building redevelopments in downtown Minneapolis.

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