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Residents of Memphis housing projects, Foote Homes are fighting to maintain their residency.

The city of Memphis has plans to demolish the housing units in order to build a 1 billion dollar renovation.

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The graduate program of City and Regional Planning at the University of Memphis held a research symposium entitled: What Do We Know About Public Housing?

The symposium was in response to the planned demolition of Memphis housing projects Foote Homes.

In 2008 Memphis published a $1 billion plan to renovate an area south of Beale Street and FedEx Forum that involved tearing down the housing projects, where more than 400 poor families currently live.

Dr. Ken Reardon, a professor at the University of Memphis leads the initiative in a fight to save Foote Homes.

The University of Memphis discussed via live chat what could be done in order to save Foote Homes with three professors from around the country. Whose backgrounds focus on urban planning and rebuilding low-income housing.

Community members in the Foote Homes area have been very vocal about their plans to remain where they are.

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**Kristin Rodgers /Downtown Memphis »**

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**"I’m standing across from Foote Homes where community members are fighting to maintain their residency. They’ve signed petitions, they’ve marched, and they’ve attended city council meetings. " »**

Despite the protest, city council meetings, press conferences, and the move to have Foote Homes placed on the National Registrar of Historic places, the city is still moving ahead with its plan to demolish the housing projects.

**Ken Reardon /University of Memphis Professor »**

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**If the past is any indicator of the future, would mean that very very few of current foote homes residents would be able to come back. Uh, probably less than 15%.**

Several families will be displaced because of this, and the city hopes to reassure those that the failed attempt at placing past residents of the housing project once known as Hurt Village will not happen to them.

The plan is to provide current Foote Homes residents with section 8 vouchers that will enable them to find affordable housing.

Kristin Rodgers, Insight News.

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