



Rental Assistance Demonstration RADblast!



A New Photo Essay Highlights RAD in Far Rockaway, New York

HUD has just released a new [Photo Essay](#) highlighting the real-life impacts of the renovation of Ocean Bay Apartments, a former public housing property in Queens, New York that has converted to a long-term Section 8 contract through RAD. This property is located on the Rockaway Peninsula in Southern Queens, nestled between the Atlantic Ocean and Jamaica Bay.

The conversion of this 1,395-unit public housing complex occurred in 2016. Since then, almost every bit of Ocean Bay has been refurbished through \$235 million in construction work. The units received new floors, windows, bathrooms, kitchens with updated appliances, and a fresh coat of paint. The lobbies and entryways were revamped and include new elevators. The work performed also included new outdoor spaces, such as walkways, benches, basketball courts, and playgrounds in addition to new vegetable gardens and landscaping, all of which provided a renewed sense of dignity in the neighborhood.

Read today's photo essay [here](#) to find out more about Ocean Bay Apartments, the largest RAD conversion in the country to-date and the first step in a broader initiative to substantially rehabilitate the housing authority's public housing portfolio.

Thanks!
-The RAD Team



"When they started fixing the place up and whatnot, everything changed."

This photo essay is part of the [RAD Photo Essays](#), a series that documents the resident experience for properties that go through a RAD conversion. The purpose of RAD is to preserve and improve affordable housing so that residents can live in stable, healthy, and safe environments. This series highlights the quality-of-life impact of RAD on people. After all, the success of RAD isn't measured in dollars but in people.

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