

Allendale acts to buy site for affordable housing

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ALLENDALE – Borough officials exercised an option to buy a West Crescent Avenue site that would be redeveloped into affordable housing, Mayor Vince Barra said Monday.

The property, across from the borough's recycling facility, is a 2.1-acre parcel that the town could pick up for \$2 million.

But first officials will conduct en-

vironmental studies to make sure the property is suitable for housing, Barra said.

"Assuming it is, we'll probably get moving in 2010," Barra said.

The owner of the property currently operates Foreit Construction on the site – using it for offices and to park construction vehicles. A call to the company was not returned late Monday.

The borough, in partnership with the Bergen County United Way, would build 19 or 20 units, with five

or six units for persons with special needs, about four units for senior citizens, and two or three rental units. The rest could be purchased at affordable rates, Barra said.

This development and a six-unit complex slated for Orchard Commons that will house developmentally disabled adults would take care of the borough's affordable housing obligations through 2018, the mayor said.

