



# ELLWOOD HOUSE

Safe affordable housing for seniors

Briefer on Ellwood House Extension  September 2021



Ellwood House (left) and former St. Thomas rectory, 2270 and 2262 Braeside Avenue



Architect's concept of Ellwood House with Ellwood House Extension (source: Colizza Bruni Architecture)



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# Project Vision

Ellwood House (Ottawa) Inc. provides safe and affordable housing to independent seniors in the Ottawa community—since 1987. It is a non-profit organization developed by and affiliated with St. Thomas the Apostle church and the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa. St Thomas has a rich history of service to the community, developing and supporting services for seniors, children, and families in our community. The Anglican Diocese of Ottawa has been working with several parishes to plan the best use of their land, creating several affordable housing projects that are now in varying stages. It is collaborating with Ellwood House and St. Thomas on this project.

The Ellwood House Extension project aims to continue this work by extending the current building, located at 2270 Braeside Avenue on the St Thomas campus, onto the site of the former rectory next door. The project’s vision is to increase Ellwood’s tenant community and to provide affordable housing to the ever-increasing number of seniors in Ottawa who need a stable home.

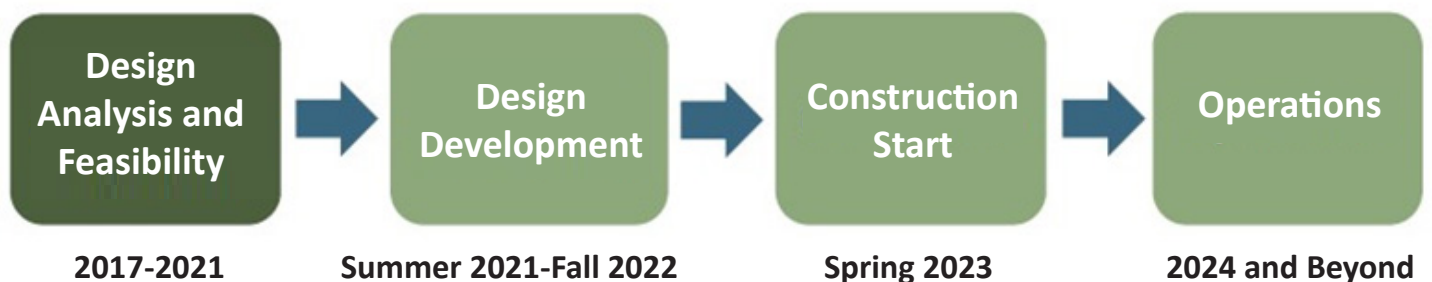
# The Need

This development responds to the need in the community for affordable and safe housing for seniors, which is well documented.

- It is evidenced locally in the City of Ottawa’s “10-Year Housing and Homelessness Plan.”
- There are currently more than 2,250 senior households on the City’s Central Housing Registry.
- In 2020, the City of Ottawa declared homelessness a state of emergency.
- The COVID-19 crisis has highlighted the strong need for affordable housing in our community.

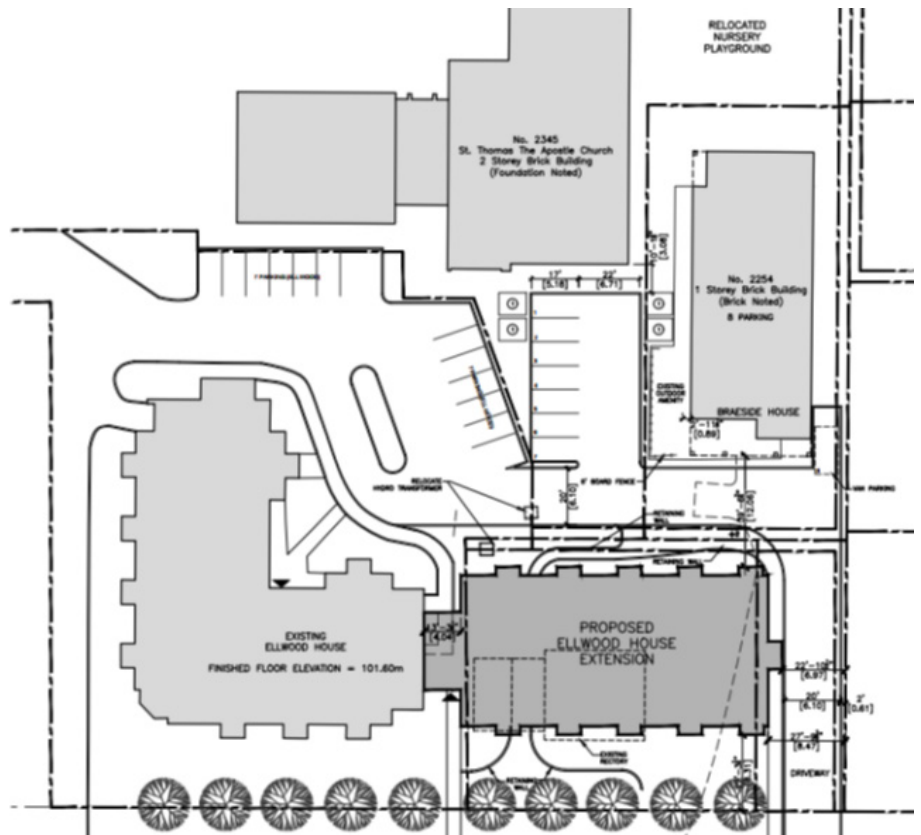
Ellwood House answers this need daily, with its partners—the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle and the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa—and through this project, will continue to provide a home for those who need it most. (Note that Ellwood House is open to all, not faith-based.)

## Projected Timeline



# Architectural Concept

The conceptual site plan below shows the St. Thomas campus with the extension to the existing 30 unit Ellwood House building. Parking layout, traffic flow, and landscape issues are still being discussed, but will follow the City's tree-retention policy. The Ellwood House Extension would feature 38 one-bedroom units over four stories including the garden floor level, which would sit slightly below grade, keeping the building height to scale with the existing Ellwood House. The upper three residential floors would include 10 units. The garden floor layout is identical to the other floors, except that two units would be replaced by service spaces. Six units would be completely barrier free, while all other units in the building would be fully visitable for those with accessibility needs. The total area of the extension would be 25,564 sq. ft. The Ellwood House Extension would be connected to the existing Ellwood House, allowing amenities such as the library and lounge to be shared by all residents.



## Design Details

Storeys	4 (including garden level)
Gross Floor Area	25,564 square feet
Unit Type	1-bedroom
Total Units	38
Accessibility	6 barrier-free + 32 accessible

## More information:

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