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George Street Project To Begin In 1961

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The 750-unit George Street Project, last of the city's large public housing developments, is expected to go into construction early in 1961, renewal officials said today.

Estimated cost of the Federally subsidized low-rent project, to be constructed in the Mount Royal-Fremont urban renewal area, is \$12,700,000.

A spokesman for the Baltimore Urban Renewal and Housing Agency said a contract for plans and specifications has been awarded to the architectural firm of Myers & Ayres.

13-Acre Site

Meanwhile, the Housing Authority of Baltimore is prepared to begin acquiring property in the 13-acre site, bounded roughly by George street, Franklin street, Myrtle avenue, Biddle street, Argyle avenue, Hoffman street and Perkins avenue.

The George Street Project, long delayed because of a dispute be-

tween city and Federal housing officials over the question of density, will give the city more than 10,000 public housing dwelling units.

Plans call for construction of four high-rise buildings, 12 to 14 stories in height, which will accommodate 570 families. An additional 180 units will be provided in nineteen low-rise structures of two and three stories.

With construction of the George Street Project, emphasis will shift from public housing to private redevelopment with public assistance and rehabilitation of existing neighborhoods.

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Some 475 residences will be razed to make room for the mammoth housing project. Renewal officials have said these structures are more than 80 per cent substandard.

Funds for construction will come from the sale of Housing Authority bonds, supported by Federal subsidy. The project will be the seventeenth such development in the city.

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