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## Retail, residential building nears completion on Birmingham's Southside

By Michael Tomberlin -- The Birmingham News

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The \$35 million Cityville Block 121 is starting to resemble the final version of the massive project as envisioned by developers and architects. (Birmingham News/Tamika Moore)

The \$35 million Cityville Block 121 project has rapidly risen in the city block between 20th Street and Richard Arrington Jr. Boulevard and First and Second Avenues South in Birmingham.

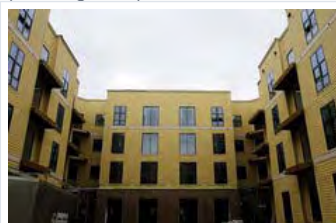
Leasing for the 21,000 square feet of retail space on the ground floor along 20th Street has started and some potential tenants have signed letters of intent but have yet to finalize leases, according to Robert Simon, principal with Birmingham's Corporate Realty Development, the developer of the project along with Dallas-based Inland American Communities Group.

Inland already has more than 300 prospects signed up on its "VIP" list at [cityvilleblock121.com](#). Leasing for the 255 apartments will start in May, and the building is expected to open in August.

The apartments consist of 52 studios, 118 one-bedroom, one-bath units, and 77 two-bedroom, two-bath flats. The loft apartments are made up of six one-bed, one-bath and two two-bed, two-bath units. The apartments will have wood flooring and carpeting in the bedrooms, gourmet kitchens with granite countertops, designer lighting, GE appliances, garden tubs and other high-end touches.

The development includes a clubroom, Internet cafe, fitness center, swimming pool, controlled access and a covered parking deck.

Birmingham's Golden & Associates Construction LLC is general contractor and Atlanta's Niles Bolton & Associates is architect. Birmingham's Walter Schoel & Associates is civil engineer. BBVA Compass provided financing.



Workers install stucco finishing to Cityville Block 121 on Monday. (News Staff/Tamika Moore)

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