

Buying of Land For Housing Is Begun in City

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**Sites Not Announced But
Both Believed to Be
in Waverley Area**

Acquisition of land for two new low cost housing projects, estimated to cost \$2,100,000, has been started by the Columbia Housing authority following the signing of the formal contract with the United States Housing authority.

William R. Geddings, acting executive director of the Columbia authority, said today that the projects would be erected on two sites but declined to divulge the location of the sites.

It has been unofficially reported that the site for the building for white tenants will be located on Forest Drive across from the Providence hospital and the building for negro tenants also would be erected in the Waverley section. Authority officials have declined to confirm or deny this report.

It is expected that between 350 and 400 units will be included in the two projects. University Terrace, which cost \$750,000, has 122 units.

The United States Housing authority allocated about \$1,800,000 for the projects and the local authority will furnish about \$300,000. Mr. Geddings said that the projects would not cost the city of Columbia "one penny."

Members of the Columbia Housing authority are: W. S. Hendley, chairman; S. L. Latimer, vice chairman; Geddings H. Crawford, Dr. E. C. Coker and L. Cooper Smith.