

TBG Residential held their grand re-opening on October 24, 2019 of the \$11.3 million Taylor Village Apartment community here in Hawkinsville. Formerly,

the Taylor Memorial Hospital, TBG has repurposed the hospital to house 34 one and two-bedroom apartments.

At the time Taylor Memorial Hospital was built, it was the only medical center south of Macon, Georgia and was a source of pride for Pulaski County. This Historic building closed its doors 40 years ago in 1977 and has since been unoccupied. TBG preserved the architectural integrity of the historic landmark, while redesigning the interior to accommodate the need for affordable rentals in the local community. There are also 34 newly constructed apartment homes located adjacent to the Hospital that are built in a more traditional layout.



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R.J. Taylor Memorial Hospital

HAWKINSVILLE - PULASKI COUNTY

ATLANTA, April 17, 2020— The Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation announced 24 awards recognizing the best of preservation in Georgia and R.J. Taylor Memorial Hospital rehabilitation project was awarded a 2020 Excellence in Rehabilitation Award.

The R.J. Taylor Memorial Hospital, located in Hawkinsville, was a private nonprofit regional medical facility built in the 1930s that served multiple counties in the central Georgia region. This historic hospital was built in the Georgian Revival style by well-known architectural firm Dennis & Dennis. Vacant for 40 years, weather damage combined with earlier renovation efforts caused significant deterioration to the building's roof which led to the demise of the exterior and interior finishes. In 2018 the rehabilitation project began with stabilizing and repairing the



roof. Tile walls and floors were cleaned and restored inside the "Operations Room." Elements of the original anesthesia system were maintained and accentuated so that the room's original function could still be interpreted. Another success story took place in the hospital's lobby where rosewood woodwork, classical door surrounds with en-



tablature, cornice moldings and an arched motif on the wall were all retained. All historic flooring had been removed, so the team used historic photographs and the ghost outlines of flooring on the concrete subfloor as references to choose a square tile floor covering. Some of the original historic windows that were found in the basement were carefully matched to historic drawings and reinstalled. The interior ceilings were returned to their original heights with a plaster finish. The hospital is now home to several apartment units

for workforce housing, which helps offset the city's housing shortage.













