

Trees fall to make way for retirement home project

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GURFINKEL, THE ANN ARBOR NEWSCut trees are being fed into a chipper on the Gordon Hall property in Dexter Township on Tuesday afternoon.

Motorists driving by the Gordon Hall property near the corner of Island Lake and Dexter-Pinckney roads may have noticed a number of trees being cut along the current driveway.

Clearing some trees is part of the preliminary site plan work that will make way for a senior housing project.

The United Methodist Retirement Communities purchased 15 of the 67 acres of the Gordon Hall property two weeks ago and plans to build about 60 individual units on the northwest portion of the property. The development will be called the Cedars of Dexter, and land is being cleared in that area.

Trees are also being cut in front of the historic home to make way for a new driveway entrance for the retirement community, said Paul Bishop, chairman of the Gordon Hall Management Team.

"These are second- or third-growth trees," Bishop said. He said that in some areas new trees will be planted.

The trees to the east of the current lane to Gordon Hall will remain, he said.

Although some may be surprised by the changes on the property, "Everything is proceeding according to the site plan," Bishop said