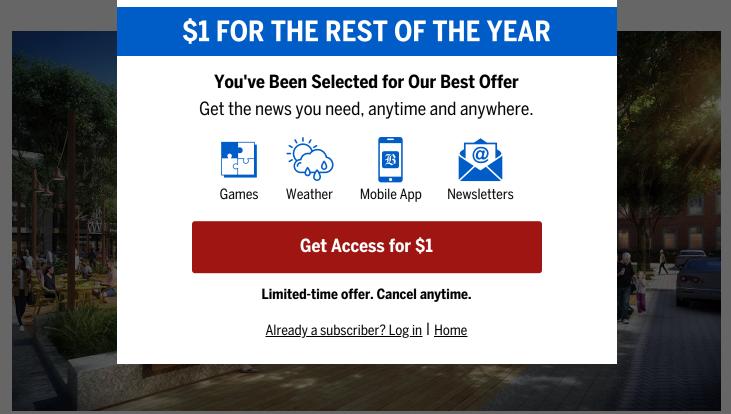
OPINION

Newton and other communities must reform housing approval process

Facing a crippling housing crisis, our region needs to make it easier to build dense multifamily homes

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A rendering of Northland's plans for an apartment complex in Newton. NORTHLAND INVESTMENT CORP.

Last Tuesday, almost 60 percent of <u>Newton voters supported</u> the highly contentious Northland Newton Development. The mixed-use development — the largest in the city's history — will provide 800 units of housing, 140 of which will be <u>affordable</u>. Housing advocates are celebrating the success of this referendum, and the infusion of housing it will provide in one of the region's most advantaged suburbs.