

At Maple Farm, Garden Spot Village will spend another \$2 million to \$3 million to convert the facility from an institutional-style setting into "households."

Each "household" will have about 20 residents. They will share a kitchen, living room and dining room but have private bedrooms.

Garden Spot Village converted the 73-bed skilled-nursing center at its New Holland campus to the "household" model in 2006, a change that has proven extremely popular, said Lindsey.

As part of the change, Maple Farm will trim its capacity from 119 beds by temporarily not accepting new residents. The new capacity has yet to be determined.

Cornerstone Architects has been hired to design the changes to the 604 Oak St. facility, measuring 41,000 square feet on a 61-acre property.

Cornerstone will draw on the input of Maple Farm residents and staff, said Lindsey. Renovations are expected to start in fall 2010 and last 12 to 18 months.

Maple Farm got its start in the 1930s as a summer resort. Over the years, it evolved into a skilled-care facility.

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