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The “Smurf Village” houses, which were slated to be demolished this summer, have a one year stay of execution since the 2011 federal budget has not been passed yet.

“The money for the demolition of the College Arms and construction of the new Heritage Heights homes is earmarked in the 2011 Army budget, but until the federal budget passes, the money is not available,” said Ty McPhillips, Project Director for Balfour Beatty. “So we are going to keep using the College Arms homes for one more year.”

“The delay supports the incoming class because we can now place students into the College Arms homes for one more year,” said Heidi Puente the Community Manager for Balfour Beatty. “If the development (housing demolition) occurred we would be asking some families to live in town due to lack of inventory.”

In July 2012 the remaining 69 College Arms homes as well as the Farm House will be torn down to make way for the building of 56 new Heritage Heights homes.

“We plan on building approximately 24 homes during the 2012-13 school year, with the remainder being built by summer 2014,” said McPhillips.