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CLEVELAND -- Murals produced as part of a Depression-era public works program will be spared when a desolate housing project is razed next year. Walter Leedy is a local art and architecture historian. He says the work should be reincorporated into the development that will rise from the rubble at the site of the Valleyview Homes project overlooking Cleveland's industrial Cuyahoga Valley. The last resident was transferred in mid-December out of the flat-roofed, brick Valleyview buildings that were considered cutting-edge in design and construction when they were built in 1939.

The Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority will replace the hillside complex with different low-income housing as part of a multimillion-dollar development partially financed with federal money.

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