

Buildings Implode in Real Time, Slo-Mo

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When buildings come down and the sound “boom” is involved, people tend to take notice.

That happened in Jersey City, NJ, on Aug. 29, when a demolition team imploded the Montgomery Gardens public-housing complex. According to The Jersey Journal, three of the six buildings in that complex tumbled as part of a project to build new, affordable housing on the site.

EarthCam partnered with city officials and Prestige Building Companies to create a [video documentation of the implosion](#).

Using a StreamCam 4K, the company’s 1 minute, 20 second video captured the action first in real time, and then shows the buildings falling again in slow motion.

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According to the newspaper, the implosions of the 10-story buildings drew a crowd of spectators who watched the buildings be reduced to rubble before a plume of dust rose into the air. The city’s mayor, Steve Fulop, pushed the button to bring down the buildings.

City spokesman Ryan Jacobs told The Jersey Journal that air quality from the implosion isn’t a concern, but that it will take three months to clear away the debris left behind.

The 62-year-old public housing complex is being replaced with 126 units of mostly affordable (10 at market-rate) low-rise structures, the paper reported. A fourth building is being renovated and will become low-income housing for seniors.

In total, the project will cost the city \$104.5 million, the newspaper said. Construction on the new low-rises will begin in March 2016.

