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Between 1999 and 2003, tenants were moved to other city public housing projects to make way for renovation of the three Prospect Plaza apartment towers.

Residents were so convinced they would return, they continued to hold tenant meetings. But as the wait has dragged on, attendance at the meetings has dwindled.

"Two weeks ago, we had a tenants association meeting and only 12 people came," said Priscilla Davis, 41, who lived at 1786 Prospect Place for 19 years before being relocated to Glenmore Plaza in Brownsville.

"We used to have 40, 50. A lot of them give up. You sit there and think people are giving you their trust but really they're making it worse."

Bolton said that at least 40 project residents have passed away since being moved out.

In the years since the three towers were vacated - they remain boarded up and guarded by security - the Housing Authority has built townhouses near the towers, with few residents from the towers

as tenants.

"I did have plans on going back," said Maria Jones, 40, who had to leave her fourth floor apartment at 1786 Prospect Place in 2000, and now lives in the Ravenswood Houses in Queens.

"I feel like [the Housing Authority has] just strung us along," said Jones. "At first they said it would all be renovated and we'd come back, but I guess not."

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