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To some it's a growing trend; more people interested in living in downtown Roanoke. Realtors say more urban housing could be on the way. Alex Lawson has the story.

**Alex Lawson:**  
WDBJ 7 Reporter

Parts of this building on Jefferson Street are more than 100 years old. But the apartments on the inside paint a different picture.

**Mike Sutton:**  
The Suites Leasing  
Manager

"These buildings have a lot of history behind them. We tried to do a modern, yet classical architecture and I think that appeals to a lot of people."

**Alex Lawson:**  
WDBJ 7 Reporter

The Suites is one of many places now open or under construction in downtown Roanoke.

And those in real estate say there's a good reason, young professionals want to live downtown.

**Amanda McCreary:**  
Designer  
Building Specialists

"People my age are looking to go somewhere like New York or DC because they are looking for that urban living. And now that that is going to be available in Roanoke, people are getting excited because they don't have leave

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Amanda McCreary is the designer for the Lofts on Church, place she says offers a unique living style that someone usually finds in larger cities.

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Designer  
Building Specialists

"All the bedrooms and the living and dining is completely open around the central core, gives you a New York, hip, fun style.

The floor plans are very open. We have a central core that has a kitchen and half bath and there's another core that has a full bath, laundry and utility

**Robert Fetzer:**  
President  
Building Specialists

"They are really just great 2nd and 3rd floor living units. And, you're going to see a boom in housing in downtown Roanoke."

**Alex Lawson:**  
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especially with more property becoming available in the near future, and possible changes to the market in downtown.

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