



Mayor Rawlings-Blake Breaks More Ground with Vacants To Value

Once neglected and vacant lots will serve as new home for residents

BALTIMORE, MD (April 17, 2012) – Today, Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake joined Baltimore Housing Commissioner Paul Graziano, Empire Homes and the French Company for the groundbreaking of the new Lillian Jones Apartments. The former site was plagued with vacant properties and lots in the 1300 block Greenmount Avenue and will be the new location for the 74- unit apartment building containing a mix of 1BR, 2BR and 3BR apartments on an approximately 1.4 acre parcel of land in the Johnston Square neighborhood. The development expands on the investment made in the Station North Arts District and historic Midtown Baltimore.

"We've been working hard to coordinate our Vacants to Value efforts in this community," said Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake. "Today we have another landmark event, removing blighted properties and making way for new homes."

The development team brings its extensive experience in green building design in an effort to create a healthy and affordable living environment for residents. The Lillian Jones Apartments will complement Mi Casa, Inc.'s 30 units of affordable homeownership in the 700-800 blocks of Preston Street, the new City Arts project in the 1500 block of Greenmount Avenue, and the renovation of approximately 35 Housing Authority of Baltimore City properties in the area.

"The growth and opportunities in this community are amazing," said Commissioner Graziano. "This complex will further strengthen what has already begun and bring new energy to an already vibrant community."

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