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**DCBIA Launches Multi-Year Effort with DCHA for Benning Terrace Community in Ward 7  
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(Washington, DC) – On Saturday, October 1, 2016, DCBIA volunteers will perform beautification and key upgrades to the District of Columbia Housing Authority's Benning Terrace Recreation Center in Ward 7 at its 24<sup>th</sup> Annual DCBIA Community Improvement Day, signaling the launch of a multi-year joint effort to build a thriving sports, recreation, and activity space for Benning Terrace residents of all ages – from young people to seniors.

In partnership with the District of Columbia Housing Authority (DCHA), Saturday's activities will optimize the existing features and expand the uses of the nearly 60-year old recreation center and its surrounding outdoor areas. Projects include: performing minor interior repairs, interior painting, installing new kitchen cabinets and appliances, building work stations, adding furniture, installing lockers, creating a foosball playing area, polishing floors, adding outdoor storage for the Benning Terrace Soldiers football team equipment, repairing concrete steps around the site, and other needed enhancements.

Over the next few months, DCHA will implement stormwater management facilities that are needed on the site to allow DCBIA volunteers to return in 2017 to complete the extensive design plans. The plans for Phase Two are even grander and they include the creation of a fitness trail and exercise stations, extensive landscaping, adding shade structures and trees, adding bleachers, creating a new baseball diamond, and much more. The final outcome is to significantly modernize the recreation center and its outdoor space for peak sports, recreation, and activity uses for residents of all ages.

"DCBIA members continue to build community by adding to the fabric of this vibrant city through our Community Improvement Day each year," said Sean Cahill, President of the DCBIA Community Service Corporation and Senior Vice President of Property Group Partners. "We think the facility and landscaping upgrades to the Benning Terrace Recreation Center this year are spectacular and we are committed to return to the site in 2017 to make an even bigger impact."

DCBIA members including Pinnacle and Premier Sponsors Eagle Bank, Pepco, an Exelon Company, and Property Group Partners provided financial support. As Title Sponsors, Hines and DBT Development contributed significantly to the project. Other major sponsors include: Clark Construction, Forest City Washington, Fort Lincoln New Town Corporation, Fidelity National Title Insurance Company National Commercial Services | D.C., Grosvenor, The Anderson Company, David M Schwarz Architectural Services, Monarc Construction, Monday Properties, MILLER, RAMCO of DC, BB&T, Bundy Development Corporation, The Bozzuto Group, Cushman & Wakefield, ECS Mid-Atlantic, Elm Street Development, Lewis Real Estate Services, The Wharf DC, Bohler Engineering, Boston Properties, CIH Properties, Cox Graee + Spack Architects, EHT Traceries, R.D. Jones & Associates, Thomas P. Genis, AIA and Williams Mullen. In-kind support was also provided by Greening Urban, Jefferson Millwork, Marshall Moya Design, Spielmann Studio, Wiles Mensch Corporation, Bradley Site Design, Manganaro, Casey Trees, Price Modern and Dynaelectric.

DCBIA Community Improvement Day (CID) is a program of the DCBIA Community Services Corporation, a separate 501 c (3) organization led by President Sean Cahill, President of Property Group Partners. The 2016 Community Improvement Day Co-Chairs are Valerie Berstene, AIA | CNU-A | LEED AP of SmithGroupJJR and Risa Abraham of PN Hoffman, marking the first all-women



CID Co-Chair volunteers. Design services are provided by: Cunningham Quill, David M. Schwarz Architects, HKS Architects, HOK, Kimley-Horn, and SmithGroupJJR. Contractor services provided by: Balfour Beatty, Clark Construction, Coakley Williams Construction, Gilbane, HITT Contracting, James G. Davis Construction, Monarc, and Turner Construction.

“We are so grateful to our DCBIA Board of Directors for its leadership, our financial sponsors, the Community Improvement Day Design and General Contracting Co-Chairs and their teams, and all the members of DCBIA who volunteer their time and expertise,” said Lisa Mallory, CEO of DCBIA. “Our desire with this impressive and impactful multi-year project is to continue our partnership with DCHA to realize the vision that Benning Terrace residents have for their community space.”

“DCBIA, under the leadership of Lisa Mallory, is once again applying its wealth of knowledge and resources to help DCHA’s customers thrive,” said Adrienne Todman, Executive Director of the District of Columbia Housing Authority (DCHA). “We are excited about the work they will begin at Benning Terrace this weekend and their commitment to future upgrades at the site.”

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