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## DCBIA To Host Annual Community Improvement Day on September 21 Over 500 Washington, D.C. Volunteers to Enhance Oxon Run Park

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WASHINGTON, D.C. -- (September 19, 2019) -- The District of Columbia Building Industry Association (DCBIA) will host its 27th annual Community Improvement Day on Saturday, September 21 from 7:30am to 5:00pm at Oxon Run Park.

DCBIA's 27th Annual Community Improvement Day will deliver a major community asset for DC residents and a bonding experience for DCBIA volunteers. This year, DCBIA partners again with the Department of Parks & Recreation to bring architectural and general contracting expertise to the park.

"We are ready for Saturday's event and are excited to see our community come together with the shared goal of enhancing the lives of our neighbors for years to come," said Brad Fennell, President of DCBIA and Senior Vice President of WC Smith. "Parks are a central source of a community's well-being and our architects have carefully planned the improvement design for Oxon Run Park in collaboration with our fellow community members."

With natural resources to rival any riparian area in DC, Oxon Run Park features trails, basketball courts, horseshoe pits, an amphitheater, picnic shelters, pedestrian bridges, and playgrounds in Congress Heights near the THEARC. From years of deferred maintenance and a growing number of visitors, the park is in need of general repair and community-led programming. Improvements will include adding gathering and socialization, building spaces to congregate and hold performances, sensory stimulation, beauty enhancements, and general landscaping. You can read more about the event here.

"This is a special day for our city and the 500 dedicated volunteers who are passionate about improving a signature gathering place in Congress Heights," said Lisa Mallory, CEO of DCBIA. "On Saturday, the very best of our community will be on display as the neighborhood comes together to revamp Oxon Run Park for all who benefit from its natural beauty and diverse programs."

In March, over 50 DCBIA member companies engaged in the design charrette process, including design firms: David M. Schwarz Architects, HOK, HKS, KCCT, Lee & Associates, Perkins Eastman, and SmithGroup. General Contractors include: Clark Construction, James G. Davis Construction, HITT Contracting, Monarc Construction, SKANSKA, Turner Construction, Whiting-Turner, and DPR Construction. DCBIA Community Improvement Day is an activity of the DCBIA Community Services Corporation. Engineering firms McKissack & McKissack and Wiles Mensch also provided support.

The project is a 100% volunteer effort and a partnership with Mayor Muriel E. Bowser and the D.C. Department of Parks & Recreation. Major financial sponsors are Hines, HITT Contracting, and WC Smith.

### About DCBIA

With 500 member companies representing owners, developers, general contractors, architects and engineers, lenders, attorneys, brokers, title companies, utility companies, community development organizations and other industry members representing all facets of real estate development, DCBIA's vision is to help make Washington, DC a vibrant city that is meeting significant challenges to be a livable, competitive and thriving community for all. Its mission is: to lead (be the voice of the real estate development community); build (to enhance the capability and effectiveness of DCBIA members; and partner (with governments, business and civic organizations to strengthen the city and realize our vision).