MAYOR BALLARD, COMMUNITY LEADERS DEDICATE THE NATIONAL APARTMENTS
Rehabilitated Brownfield is Site for Development in Smart Growth Renewal District

INDIANAPOLIS – Mayor Greg Ballard today was joined by community leaders and Martindale Brightwood residents in dedicating the National Apartments, a new Smart Growth Renewal District development that combines affordable housing and sustainable design elements. The 62 apartments located at 2105 and 2115 Yandes St. are a mix of affordable and market rate units located in the proposed National Design District, a developing live/work village northeast of Downtown.

“This neighborhood has long been a part of our city’s rich heritage. As we continue on a path of smart growth renewal here, we’re not creating something from scratch as much as we’re restoring a classic to its original, vibrant state,” Mayor Ballard said, speaking in front of the former National Automobile Factory site. “The National Apartments are positioned to become a centerpiece of this revitalized district.”

Sustainable elements used on the 2.31-acre site include permeable pavers in parking areas, porous concrete on curbs and two rain gardens. These elements will keep an estimated 53,000 gallons of stormwater runoff out of the sewers during a normal storm event.

The National Apartments and The Project School, a K-8 Mayor-sponsored charter school, serve as the first two major initiatives in the National Design District. Future community infrastructure will contribute to the revitalization of a 46-acre industrial area and ultimately help create an urban village in the middle of this historic neighborhood. This planned District will cater to creative industries focused on advanced design, art, architecture, engineering and product development. The former National Automobile Motor Factory serves as a significant physical anchor for the District.

Funding sources included $266,750 from HOME funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development, $250,000 in Housing Trust Funds as well as $2.6 million from the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority. Through this funding, DC Development Group has worked as the developer with sponsorship from Garcia Construction, Thompson Thrift, Williams Creek, Kuhl & Grant, Cripe, and Merchants Bank.

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