Fall Creek Place reaches another milestone
City completes $13 million in infrastructure improvements

INDIANAPOLIS – Mayor Bart Peterson today announced that hundreds of Fall Creek Place residents will be driving on newly paved streets and enjoying new neighborhood parks and greenspace thanks to the $13 million in infrastructure improvements recently completed in this near north side neighborhood. The finished infrastructure work marks another important milestone in the transformation of Fall Creek Place, a once blighted, crime-ridden community.

The completed enhancements include new sidewalks, streetlights, alleys, parks and open space and neighborhood gateway markers. Residents also will benefit from new streets and new water and sewer utility infrastructure.

“The vision for Fall Creek Place was to form a diverse community of families and well-acquainted neighbors, sharing in the dream of homeownership and enjoying the neighborhood around them,” said Mayor Peterson. “These improvements, especially the new parks and greenspace, will help create a strong sense of community and add a great deal to this unique neighborhood.”

Fall Creek Place residents, especially those who have lived in the neighborhood prior to the revitalization effort, have noticed the difference in their surroundings.

“I feel real good about [the neighborhood improvements],” said Betty Thomas, a Fall Creek Place resident of 32 years. “The neighborhood will be a lot more beautiful . . . [and] my husband and I have enjoyed the new sidewalks.”

After losing close to 80 percent of its housing stock, Fall Creek Place is being transformed into a thriving, diverse community as the result of a $4 million Home Ownership Zone grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The Fall Creek Place development was spearheaded by the City of Indianapolis and its project partners: Mansur Real Estate Services, King Park Area Development Corporation and the Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana.

Currently, 250 families reside in Fall Creek Place. Upon completion, Fall Creek Place will provide close to 400 new homeownership opportunities through both new construction and rehabilitation of vacant homes. More than half of the total number of houses in Fall Creek Place are reserved for affordable housing, or households earning 80 percent or below the area median income.

Fall Creek Place is expected to be complete in 2005.