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## **North Jackson Ward Master Planning Design Charrette / Open House and Public Presentation and Discussion Scheduled**

**Richmond, VA-** The Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority (RRHA) has announced that the planning process for the revitalization of the North Jackson Ward community is continuing with the hosting of design charrettes / open houses and a public presentation and discussion. The design charrettes/ open houses will be held Tuesday, October 28 and Wednesday, October 29 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The public presentation and discussion will be held on Thursday, October 30 from 6:00p.m. to 8:00p.m. All meetings will be held at the Calhoun Family Investment Center, 436 Calhoun Street, Richmond, VA.

On Tuesday and Wednesday ( October 28 and 29) RRHA and ICON Architecture, Inc. will host the design charrettes and open houses as an opportunity for the North Jackson Ward residents and the public to come and meet one-on-one with the design team and offer comments and suggestions about master planning concepts. The Thursday session (October 30) will be a public presentation of information and analysis of existing conditions gathered during the first phase of the master planning process and a presentation and group discussion of early master planning concepts, including feedback received from the meetings held Tuesday and Wednesday.

RRHA selected ICON Architecture Inc. of Boston as the firm to lead the agency's planning process for the revitalization of North Jackson Ward which includes Gilpin Court and Fay Towers. ICON will serve as the Master Planner for the revitalization process, leading a team which will create a document which describes, in narrative and with maps, an overall development concept including both present property uses as well as future land development plans. The ICON team will also prepare financial analyses, and engage all stakeholders, including residents, community leaders, and city political and business leadership, in a participatory process where input and design elements will be guided by realistic and sound market principles. This multi-faceted master planning effort will occur over the next four months.

Residents of the North Jackson Ward community and the public are invited to attend. For more information contact the RRHA Communications Office at 780-4344 or email RRHA at [info@rrha.state.va.us](mailto:info@rrha.state.va.us).

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