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Final North Jackson Ward and Dove Street Revitalization Area Master Planning Meetings and Presentations Scheduled

Richmond, VA - The Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority (RRHA) will conclude its planning process for the revitalization of the North Jackson Ward community and the Dove Street Revitalization Area by hosting the last two public meetings and presentations. The meeting for the **North Jackson Ward** community is scheduled for **Tuesday, February 3rd** from **6:00p.m. until 8:00p.m.** at the **Calhoun Family Investment Center**, 436 Calhoun Street. The meeting for the **Dove Street Revitalization Area** will be held **Wednesday, February 4th** from **6:00p.m. until 8:00 p.m.** at the **Overby-Sheppard Elementary School**, 2300 First Avenue.

During the meetings, ICON Architecture Inc., of Boston will present alternative plans for each community which reflect the Authority's revitalization goals and input received during the master planning process.

RRHA selected ICON as the firm to lead the agency's planning process for the revitalization of North Jackson Ward, which includes Gilpin Court and Fay Towers and the Dove Street Revitalization Area. ICON serves 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 and financial analyses.

The ICON team engaged stakeholders, including residents, community leaders, and city political and business leadership, in a participatory process where input and design elements were guided by realistic and sound market principles. This multi-faceted master planning effort concludes with these two meetings.

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Residents of the North Jackson Ward community, The Dove Street Revitalization Area 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.

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