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RRHA Announces Plans for Revitalization of North Jackson Ward and Dove Street Areas

Richmond, VA- The Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority (RRHA) will wrap up the master planning series with two final presentations. RRHA along with ICON Architecture will present the preferred alternatives which have evolved through the master planning process with residents, stakeholders, and community members, detailing RRHA's goals, resident feedback and newly designed layouts of the neighborhoods.

The preferred alternatives illustrate what residents, stakeholders, community members, leaders and RRHA feel is critical to the vitality and sustainability of the neighborhoods. The preferred alternatives feature mixed-income and mixed-use development, economic diversity and community facilities such as schools, parks and several other resources.

The preferred plan for the North Jackson Ward revitalization features some 2,000 new residential units, along with improved access to the neighborhood, a new community-based school, neighborhood open spaces, a new commercial/retail spine along North First Street, and additional mixed-use commercial and institutional development along the I-95/ I-64 and Chamberlayne Parkway edges.

The Dove Street area preferred alternative creates 186 units of mixed-income housing – both rental and homeownership - in the early phase of development. Later phase options provide for the development of 120 to 220 additional units of housing, connecting existing neighborhoods to one another and to the proposed Greenway, and providing for new community open spaces, and the redevelopment of the Armory site, with a new or substantially-renovated community school.

Although the preferred alternatives have been developed, the master planning process continues. RRHA will now analyze the financial feasibility of the plans as it continues to move forward with the implementation of the plans. Additionally, the Resident Relocation Services Plan and the Housing Options Plan continue to be developed.

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The public is invited to join RRHA and ICON Architecture for the upcoming public meetings to present these alternatives. The meeting for the North Jackson Ward Revitalization will be held on Tuesday, February 3, 2009 from 6:00-8:00p.m. at the Calhoun Family Investment Center, 436 Calhoun Street. The meeting for Dove Street Revitalization Area will be held on Wednesday, February 4, 2009 from 6:00-8:00p.m. at the Overby-Sheppard Elementary School, 2300 First Avenue.

For more information on the North Jackson Ward and Dove Street Area revitalization contact the RRHA communications office at 804-780-4344 or email us at info@rrha.state.va.us or visit www.rrha.org.

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