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## **Partners for Progress, Inc. and East Baton Rouge Parish Housing Authority Partner on New Townhome Developments in North Baton Rouge**

### *Autumn Place Nestled between McClelland-Hollywood; Willow Creek Going Up Behind Earl K. Long Hospital*

April 20, 2012—Baton Rouge, La.—A groundbreaking ceremony celebrating two new townhome developments in North Baton Rouge was held Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, on the site of the 42-unit Autumn Place which is situated between the 5600 blocks of McClelland and Hollywood Streets.

Construction of Autumn Place and Willow Creek, also a 42-unit townhome development to be built at the former site of Hospital Plaza Apartments on Quida Mae Drive, are both scheduled for completion December 2012. Willow Creek is located behind Earl K. Long Hospital.

“These townhome communities are in highly developed urban areas,” said Richard Murray, chief executive officer of the East Baton Rouge Parish Housing Authority (EBRPHA), “which means convenient access to interstate and highway travel, as well as shopping centers, schools, churches and bus routes,” he added. “The sites will be landscaped with indigenous Louisiana plants and include a community center, playgrounds and walking paths in an effort to create safe, close-knit communities.”

The Autumn Place development is located on a pie-shaped wedge of 4.550 acres on the site of the former Colonial Courts Apartments. Both apartment complexes were demolished in January 2012. Willow Creek is on a 4.555-acre site.

The two, three and four bedroom townhomes have an open floor plan with a laundry area and first floor half baths. At least 20 percent of the construction materials will be manufactured locally and 25 percent will contain recycled content.

The townhomes are being developed by National Development of America—Centerpointe Regional Housing Development of Baton Rouge I.LLC, under the auspices of Partners for Progress, Incorporated, (PFP), the affordable housing development group under the Housing Authority.

The East Baton Rouge Parish Housing Authority was awarded a \$750,000.00 low income housing tax credit allocation for each project, distributed through the Louisiana Housing Finance Agency (LHFA). Funding was made available for the projects by The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the Louisiana Housing Finance Agency, Capital One Bank, Hudson Housing Capital, the East Baton Rouge Parish Redevelopment Authority, and the Affordable Housing Program.

Construction is by National Development Builders, Incorporated, (NDB) and the townhome communities will be managed by a local office of NDC Real Estate Management. Watts Didier & Associates, AIA, and SJB Engineering designed the townhomes.

For more information, contact Morise Duffin, chief operating officer of Partners for Progress, Inc., at 923-8100, ext. 2005.



From left to right: Mark Goodson, EBR Redevelopment Authority; Pastor Guevara Johnson, Interdenominational Faith Assembly; Brenda Evans, Louisiana Housing Finance Agency; Ronnie Edwards, Councilwoman, District 5; Tonia Dunn, Member, EBRP Housing Authority; Dr. Barbara Carpenter, Chair, EBRP Housing Authority; Richard L. Murray, CEO, EBRP Housing Authority; Morise Duffin, COO, Partners for Progress, Inc.; Dr. Ernie Hughes, Chair, Partners for Progress, Inc.; Cheryl Williams, HUD; Rick Miller, National Development of America, Inc.; William Callihan, Capital One Bank

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