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Mayor Dixon and City Council President Announce Expansion of “Healthy Neighborhoods” Initiative

Baltimore, MD (July 25, 2007) – Mayor Sheila Dixon and City Council President Stephanie Rawlings Blake announced the expansion of “Healthy Neighborhoods, Inc.” into seven new Baltimore City neighborhoods. The goal of the program is to help strong but undervalued neighborhoods increase home values, market their communities, create high standards for property improvements, and forge strong connections among neighbors.

“The investments in these neighborhoods are paying significant dividends for the city,” said Mayor Dixon. “Now that we are including more neighborhoods in this initiative, Baltimore’s diverse communities will continue to grow for many years to come.”

"Baltimore is a city of neighborhoods, and Healthy Neighborhoods ensures that these communities receive the resources necessary to thrive," said City Council President Stephanie Rawlings Blake. “By supporting strong but undervalued neighborhoods through Baltimore, the City is investing in our future and allowing neighbors to once again feel good about where they live."

Already operating in ten neighborhoods throughout Baltimore, Healthy Neighborhoods uses different investment strategies to improve the local real estate market. In those neighborhoods, the median number of days a house stays on the market dropped drastically as the sale prices increased. Additionally, by educating potential homeowners prior to a home purchase, the rate of foreclosures in the partner neighborhoods dropped significantly.

The new Healthy Neighborhoods, Inc. neighborhood partners are:

- Brooklyn Curtis Bay Coalition
- Coldstream Homestead Montebello CC
- Coppin Heights CDC
- Greater Homewood CC
- Cylburn/Levindale Communities
- Glen Neighborhood Improvement Association and CHAI
- Edmonson Village

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