



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

News

For Immediate Release

September 8, 2015

Contact: Michael A. Walker
(609) 989-3033

TRENTON'S EAST STATE STREET BROWNFIELDS REVITALIZATION PROJECT RECEIVES NATIONAL AWARD FOR INNOVATION IN BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT

Trenton, N.J. — The Phoenix Awards, which highlights outstanding brownfield redevelopment and revitalization, has given the City of Trenton a Community Impact Award for its East State Street Brownfields Revitalization Project.

"I am proud to accept this Phoenix Award on behalf of the City of Trenton," said Mayor Eric Jackson. "My administration is dedicated to investing in our neighborhoods through creative development that improves our city and the lives of our residents."

The Revitalization Project involved the transformation of three former industrial sites, several dilapidated and abandoned row houses, and a small park that was transformed into a brand new park and named after former NBA basketball star Greg Grant. In addition, renowned late architect Michael Graves designed 20 new homes that were built on one of the sites.

Specifically, the project led with the remediation and redevelopment of properties once occupied by Standard Roofing, V&S and Thropp. The dilapidated row homes and obsolete park were redeveloped into 20 new, affordable single-family homes—now known as East Trenton Homes—at a cost of \$4.3 million. A \$3.5 million grant from the Balanced Housing Grant/Loan Program funded construction, while financing also came from \$85,000 in Regional Contribution Agreement Funds (RCA); \$712,626 from the Better Community Housing of Trenton's "100 Homes" Campaign; and \$260,000 from Mercer County.

The new \$1.7-million Greg Grant Park was made possible through a \$350,000 grant from the New Jersey Green Acres Program; \$250,000 from Mercer County; and \$500,000 from the federally funded Community Development Block Grants program. Environmental assessments and cleanup were funded with \$303,161 from the New Jersey Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund; \$200,000 in grants from the U.S. Department of Environmental Protection; and \$101,303 in U.S. Department of Environmental Protection assessment grants. Assessments identified contamination from heavy metals, polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons and PCBs.

- more -

TRENTON'S EAST STATE STREET BROWNFIELDS REVITALIZATION PROJECT RECEIVES NATIONAL AWARD FOR INNOVATION IN BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT

The Phoenix Awards honor groups that revitalize blighted or contaminated areas with sustainable development initiatives. The Awards typically spotlight abandoned industrial sites that have been transformed into safe and productive community assets. The selection committee chooses winners based on a project's magnitude, innovative techniques, solutions to regulatory and social issues and impact on the community.

The Phoenix Awards program is part of the National Brownfields Conference, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Environmental Protection, the International City/County Management Association (ICMA), and many other partners. This year's ceremony in Chicago, Illinois, recognized winners from the 2014 and 2015 pools of entries.

#