



MRK Partners and Housing Initiative Partnership Expand Affordable Housing in Annapolis with Opening of The Willows at Forest Drive

(ANNAPOLIS, Maryland) – MRK Partners and Housing Initiative Partnership, Inc. (HIP) celebrated the grand opening of **The Willows at Forest Drive**, a new 58-home affordable housing community that expands access to high-quality, affordable housing for families in Annapolis.

The development marks MRK Partners' first completed affordable housing community in Annapolis following the company's expansion into the Mid-Atlantic, reinforcing its long-term commitment to preserving and creating affordable housing throughout the region.

Serving households earning between 20% and 50% of the Area Median Income (AMI), the community helps address the region's growing need for affordable housing by providing high-quality, stable homes for working families in Annapolis. Located along Forest Drive, residents have convenient access to schools, grocery stores, parks, healthcare, employment opportunities, and public transportation.

The ground-up community includes 58 one-, two-, and three-bedroom apartments designed to meet the needs of families of varying sizes. Eleven homes are supported by Project-Based Vouchers, and five received HOME assistance through Anne Arundel County Development Services, providing deeper affordability for households with the greatest housing needs.

The community features three garden-style residential buildings surrounded by landscaped walkways, gardens, gathering spaces, a playground, and on-site parking. Built to LEED, ENERGY STAR Multifamily New Construction, and Zero Energy Ready Homes specifications, the development incorporates sustainable design and includes in-unit washers and dryers, spacious storage, three UFAS-accessible homes with roll-in showers, and two homes modified to accommodate households with hearing and vision impairments (HVI).

Beyond providing quality housing, The Willows at Forest Drive was designed to support long-term resident success. Residents will have access to a lounge, fitness room, dedicated resident services space, and programs that promote financial stability, education, health and wellness, and community engagement through MRK's resident services team.



"A safe, stable home is the foundation for opportunity," said David Holden, Development Principal at MRK Partners. "At MRK, we believe everyone deserves a place to call home where they can build stability, pursue opportunities, and thrive. The Willows at Forest Drive reflects what is possible when public agencies, nonprofit organizations, and private partners come together with a shared commitment to expanding housing opportunities in Annapolis. We're proud to be part of that effort and look forward to continuing to invest in this community for years to come."

The community is currently 100% occupied with a long wait list. For more information about The Willows at Forest Drive, visit willowsatforestdrive.com.

###

ABOUT MRK PARTNERS

MRK Partners Inc. ("MRK") is a real estate development firm specializing in the acquisition, repositioning, preservation, and creation of affordable housing. We are mission-driven and resident-centered, guided by the belief that everyone deserves safe and affordable housing. We believe secure homes and supportive communities are the foundation for opportunity and empowerment. By prioritizing our residents' needs and fostering connection, opportunity, and resilience, we create environments that enrich lives, strengthen neighborhoods, and uplift entire cities. Our approach integrates thoughtful design, purposeful amenities, resident services, sustainable practices, and operational efficiency to build affordable communities where people want to live — not just where they can afford to live. With communities across the country, MRK continues to grow by building strong partnerships and demonstrating that affordability and excellence can coexist.

To learn more, visit mrkpartners.com