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Mayor Fulop Unveils Additional Affordable Housing Options for Families at the former Montgomery Gardens Site

JERSEY CITY – **Mayor Steven M. Fulop**, alongside the **Jersey City Housing Authority (JCHA)** and **The Michaels Organization**, announce the official opening of Mill Creek Gardens, a 126-mixed income low-rise apartment building in Jersey City. Of the 126 units, Mill Creek Gardens will offer 121 new, modern affordable housing units to working families on the site of the former Montgomery Gardens Public Housing Apartment Complex. **On Tuesday, March 26th, Mayor Fulop will unveil the first 21 units at a ribbon-cutting event at 11 a.m.** The remaining units will be available in phases over the next 2 months as construction is completed.

“Preserving and increasing the amount of safe and affordable housing throughout the City is a major priority as our community continues to grow,” said **Mayor Fulop**. “We started on this site with the opening of the Catherine Todd Senior Living Center in 2017, offering nearly 70 affordable apartments for low income and homeless seniors. This next phase is a big step towards providing more working families with an affordable and safe place to call home.”

The new family community encompasses a low-rise walk up consisting of 126 one-to four-bedroom units. Established in 1953, the prior Montgomery Gardens site was comprised of 6 high-rise elevator buildings consisting of 440 residential family designated units. Demolition for this phase occurred in 2016.

“We are thrilled to offer 121 new, modern affordable housing units to Jersey City residents,” said **Vivian Brady-Phillips, Executive Director of the JCHA**. “We are most grateful for the support of our residents as we go through the process of preserving and revitalizing the City’s public housing. Every day we strive to accomplish our mission of offering residents safe, affordable and welcoming homes that comprise vibrant communities.”

"It has been our privilege to be JCHA's long-term partner, revitalizing neighborhoods and transforming their vision for modern high quality affordable housing into reality" **said Jonathan Lubonski, Vice President of Development for The Michaels Organization**. "We are grateful to Jersey City's political leaders and to all the community stakeholders whose strong support has made this milestone possible."

Within the development three streets are being named in commemoration of three distinguished Jersey City residents: Dr. Jonathan C. Gibbs, Jr., Professor Jean Anyon, and Ms. Mary Ward. Dr. Gibbs was a Jersey City practicing surgeon and physician and Founder of the Gibbs Memorial Health Center. Professor Anyon was a scholar of education policy at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York who studied inner-city school systems. Ms. Ward was a social visionary who helped found the first African-American Catholic church in Jersey City: Christ the King on Ocean Avenue.

The Mill Creek project is funded in part by \$2.5 million from the Jersey City Housing Authority and another \$2 million from the Jersey City Affordable Housing Trust Funds.

“Jersey City is developing rapidly. To see the rebirth of the distressed Montgomery Gardens site and its beautiful new construction that will serve as the new home to dozens of low income Jersey City families is the reason why HUD exists,” said **Lynne Patton, HUD Regional Administrator for New York and New Jersey**. “It’s an honor to contribute \$6 million in HUD federal funding, plus HUD federal subsidies to this community-driven transformation. I look forward to participating in the next steps that will complete this Jersey City community.”

Anyone interested in residing at Mill Creek Gardens can apply online at <https://bit.ly/2JSchOf>.

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