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## **County Partners Celebrate Groundbreaking for Exciting New Housing at 520 N. Market Street**

FREDERICK, MD – County Executive Jan Gardner today joined with [Interfaith Housing Alliance, Inc.](#), (IHA) and [PIRHL](#) to celebrate the groundbreaking for an exciting new workforce housing apartment community at 520 N. Market Street. This initiative will transform a former school and office building, previously owned by Frederick County Government, into a modern residential rental property for young professionals, seniors and families. Fifty-three of the 59 apartments will target households earning between \$20,000 and \$60,000 annually. The building is within walking distance of shopping, restaurants and employment, and will add new vibrancy and activity to this part of North Market Street.

“The new housing community fills a need for affordable housing options so more people can live and work in Frederick County,” commented Executive Gardner. “This reinvestment in our core community will provide modern amenities and attractive housing for people of all ages. Working together with all our partners, we are following best practices for infill development and Smart Growth and will help to bring a historic former school building back to life.”

“We are excited to join our partners in creating a beautiful and much needed housing community in downtown Frederick. We look forward to serving a diverse community of families, singles and seniors who want to enjoy all that the downtown area has to provide. It truly is an opportunity to live and work in the same community. We are grateful to the Frederick community for embracing this goal and helping to make it a reality,” added IHA President/CEO Patricia Motter.

PIRHL Vice President of Development CJ Tyree concluded, “We appreciate the contributions from the many partners in the project that have gotten us to closing. We are excited to turn the page from the planning phase of the project to the construction phase. We look forward to turning the next page when the project is completed to provide high quality, affordable housing in the heart of Frederick.”

For more information, visit [www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/workforcehousing](http://www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/workforcehousing) or contact IHA Community Relations Director Mary Ellen Mitchell at 301-662-4225 or via e-mail at [memitchell@interfaithhousing.org](mailto:memitche@interfaithhousing.org).

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