



## EPISCOPAL HOUSING CORPORATION

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### Construction begins at Union Crossing in Westminster

Episcopal Housing and the City of Westminster celebrated the ground breaking of Union Crossing on April 23rd. Westminster Mayor Kevin Utz presided over the ceremony, which celebrated the start of phase one of EHC's new homeownership project. Union Crossing will provide nine, new, energy efficient town homes for sale to moderate income homebuyers. The project is located in downtown Westminster, adjacent to McDaniel College.



The town homes are modular, which means they are constructed inside a factory and then trucked to the site and set on foundations. The four homes in phase one traveled down from central Pennsylvania in early June and the set was complete in one week. In just a few days, the site was transformed from four foundations into four, three-story town homes. The modular construction allows for a much shorter construction period, with phase one scheduled to be completed by early August.



The houses will be Energy Star certified and will include a high efficiency HVAC system and on-demand hot water heaters. "Making the homes energy efficient was a priority for us," said Shannon Snow, EHC Projects Director, "because it's not only important to sell the home at an affordable price, but we also need to ensure that the utility costs are kept as low as possible so our homeowners can afford to live in the homes."



Phases of the on going construction at the Union Crossing project.

Funding for the project is provided through The Reinvestment Fund; CDBG and HOME funds through the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development; and an EmPOWER Clean Energy grant through the Maryland Energy Administration. Custom Building Systems is the modular builder and Southway Builders is the general contractor.

### Youth Outreach visits Remington this summer

The Church of the Guardian Angel was visited by some teen angels this summer. Two outreach groups of high-school aged youth visited Remington from June 21-25th. One group was from St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Whitmarsh, PA, and the other from Epiphany Episcopal Church in Timonium, MD.



Youth group from Pennsylvania visits in Remington.

Their schedule for the week was coordinated by EHC Community Development leader, Caitlin Sellnow. The groups spent much of their day working at a local home in need of repairs and painting, due to a recent fire. During the evening, they were involved in community activities such as Tuesday Night Porch art – a free art program for children in the neighborhood. They helped cook for the regular Wednesday night Community Dinner held at the Church and had fun working in Remington's community garden and greening the neighborhood.

These activities were interspersed with guest speakers brought in to show the youth ways to continue working towards community improvement and social justice in their adult lives. Baltimore City councilwoman Mary-Pat Clarke spoke on the importance of involvement in the community. Beth Barbush, from Art on Purpose, spoke on youth activities in an urban environment and several members from various volunteer groups talked to the teens about outreach to urban communities through volunteer work.