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COMMUNITY DESIGN STUDIO TO SERVE AS GREEN COMMUNITIES TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDER

Christiansburg, Va. – Community Housing Partners (CHP) is proud to announce that its architectural arm, Community Design Studio (CDS), has been selected by Enterprise Community Partners, Inc. to serve as a Green Communities Technical Assistance Provider.

As part of this new initiative, CDS will provide technical assistance to the region's affordable housing developers on the design, construction, retrofit, rehabilitation, and operations and maintenance of green affordable housing. CDS will also assist affordable housing developments achieve and maintain certification under the Green Communities Criteria.

CDS has been highlighted as a regional expert in Design, Construction Review, HVAC/Air Sealing/Insulation, Construction Completion Review, and Green Operations and Maintenance.

Enterprise Community Partners has intentionally aligned the Green Communities program with standards from Energy Star™, the LEED programs, and local/regional municipal green building programs. CDS has been formally selected as an expert in the Central East Coast region to advise developers in reaching the goals set forth by the Green Communities program.

For more information about the Green Communities initiative, visit Enterprise Community Partners at www.enterprisecommunity.org, or CDS at www.communitydesignstudio.org.

About Community Housing Partners:

Community Housing Partners (CHP) is a 501(c)(3) Community Development Corporation established in 1975 to serve the needs of low-income and low-wealth individuals in the southeast. Our mission is to create affordable, green, sustainable housing opportunities and services for the people and communities we serve.

CHP's activities include sustainable development, architectural design, construction, energy services, homeownership, housing management, and resident and youth services. These efforts, in concert with public and private partnerships, enable us to create and sustain communities of choice that are environmentally friendly, economical to operate, attractive, well-maintained, and durable for the long term.

Since its inception, CHP has expanded its service area to encompass 3 states; assisted or produced more than 2,000 single-family houses; built a multi-family housing inventory of over



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4,700 units; and assisted more than 189,500 individuals with their economic, housing, and social needs. Our clients include elderly people, women and children in transition, formerly-homeless people, single female heads-of-household, the chronically mentally ill, at-risk youth and other families and individuals of low-income and low-wealth.

CHP is a chartered member of NeighborWorks® America, and a member of both the Housing Partnership Network and the Federation of Appalachian Housing Enterprises. For more information about CHP, visit www.communityhousingpartners.org.



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