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MDC HOLDS RIBBON CUTTING AT MARCUS GARVEY PLACE

MDC partners with City of Hartford on park improvements

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(HARTFORD, CT) – On September 22, 2016 The Metropolitan District (MDC) held a ribbon cutting event for the improvements made to Marcus Garvey Place, a park located on Granby Street in the Blue Hills neighborhood of Hartford. Beginning in 2010, the Granby 2/5 sewer separation project installed nearly 9 miles of sewer and drainage pipe and took over 4 years to complete at a cost of \$25 million.

As part of the project's construction, several trees had to be removed from the area. In lieu of direct replacement of trees in the project area, the MDC worked with the City of Hartford to implement greening improvements to Marcus Garvey Place to enhance the neighborhood community. Planning efforts for the improvements included coordination with Hartford Public Works Department, the Marcus Garvey Foundation, Blue Hills NRZ, Blue Hills Civic Association, Knox, Inc. and TO Design.

The event included remarks from MDC CEO Scott Jellison, MDC Commissioner Janice Flemming-Butler, Hartford City Architect, Tony Matta, State Representative Douglas McCrory, Nicole Porter of Blue Hills Civic Association and Marcus Garvey Foundation members Dermoth Brown, Dr. Beverly Coker, Veronica Airey-Wilson, Reverend Alvan Johnson and Dr. Julius Garvey, son of Marcus Garvey.

Jellison stated, "The MDC is thrilled to be able to collaborate with the City of Hartford and residents of the Blue Hills neighborhood to do a community project like this as part of the Clean Water Project."

About the MDC: *The MDC is a nonprofit municipal corporation chartered by the Connecticut General Assembly in 1929. The MDC provides water, sewer and household hazardous waste collection services to its member municipalities: Bloomfield, East Hartford, Hartford, Newington, Rocky Hill, West Hartford, Wethersfield and Windsor. In addition, the District supplies treated water to portions of Glastonbury, South Windsor, Farmington, East Granby and Portland.*

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