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Curry Architects finalizes design of the Towson Circle III in MD

TOWSON, MD — Curry Architects is finalizing the design of the Towson Circle III (TCIII) project situated in downtown Towson, on the 100 block of E Joppa Rd. The project is seeking LEED Silver certification and will be the largest LEED project in the area. The developers, Heritage Properties in partnership with

The Cordish Company commissioned Curry Architects to envision a mixed use facility that will expand their already successful Towson Circle project, which includes Bahama Breeze, Trader Joes, Barnes and Noble, and Pier 1 among others, and will give the entire Towson circle area a large, pedestrian oriented walk.

The plans include a 60,000 s/f, 2,200 seat movie theater sitting atop of a 700 car, Baltimore Cty. owned parking garage and 125,000 s/f of retail, restaurant and office space.

Currently the bulk of the nearly 4.5 acre site is on-grade asphalt parking which is bisected by Shealy Avenue and peppered with three small buildings.

The project design is based on principals of urban living and offers various facades to create the town center sense of place. The "T"-shaped plaza will include areas for "bistro-style" outdoor dining, and provides a pedestrian corridor deep into the project site from Joppa Rd. The plaza acknowl-

edges Shealy A. and incorporates the historic Schmuck Cemetery, which memorializes some of Towson's early founders. Shealy Ave. will be closed to vehicular traffic and be transformed in to an environmentally friendly "pedestrian boulevard" in keeping with Towson's recent Urban Design Assistance Team (UDAT) study and walk-ability guidelines.

In keeping with the pursuit of LEED certification the project not only will provide for the collection of recyclable materials for the full time building workers but for all users. Educational signage will stimulate interest and inform users of the features of sustainably designed living. ■