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## **GROUND BROKEN ON ‘ZERO ENERGY’ HOME IN SOUTH ALLISON HILL**

**Harrisburg, PA –Tri-County HDC, Ltd., Mayor Stephen R. Reed, and a host of local officials today broke ground on an innovative ‘zero energy’ home to be built at 340 S. 16<sup>th</sup> Street in the City’s South Allison Hill neighborhood. The ‘zero energy’ home is a model home that will be built in the Mount Pleasant Homes development as part of a 25-home, \$5 million housing development project in the neighborhood. The remaining traditional homes, each of which will have more conventional energy efficiency features, will be built in the 1400 and 1500 blocks of Swatara Street and the 300 block of South 16<sup>th</sup> Street.**

**The two-story ‘zero energy’ home will achieve energy efficiency through the use of recycled building materials, radiant heat recovery, solar panels, recaptured rain water, and “Energy Star” appliances. With no gas or electric consumption, the home is expected to save its future owners over \$4,000.00 in energy costs annually.**

**“We are breaking ground not just for a new home in the City but on a new type of home that dramatically cuts the cost of homeownership and becomes a model to be replicated everywhere,” said Mayor Reed. “As energy costs continue to increase, families that decide to purchase this and other similar homes will be the smart homeowners of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.”**

**The ‘zero energy’ home will include three bedrooms, one-and-a-half bathrooms and 1,600 square feet of living space. It will also feature an open design with a second-floor balcony overlooking the living room as well as off-street parking and a landscaped yard.**

**Design work on the ‘zero energy’ home was completed by architect Timothy Allen along with energy consultants 7Group, LLC and the landscaping design was done by Tashya Leaman, said Reed.**

**The ‘zero energy’ home program is being developed by Tri-County HDC through funding from the City of Harrisburg, the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development, the PA Downtown Center, the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency, the Federal Home Loan (FHL) Bank of Pittsburgh, and Dauphin County.**

**The ‘zero energy’ home will be available for purchase by a family living at or below 80% of the area’s median income, as is the case with all of Tri-County HDC’s homeownership opportunities.**

**Tri-County HDC, Ltd. is a non-profit certified Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) that creates affordable housing and strategically reinvests in local communities in Dauphin, Cumberland and Perry Counties. Tri-County HDC has thus far created 550 affordable housing units, not including the upcoming 25 homes slated for construction in South Allison Hill. In the last ten years, over \$25 million has been invested by Tri-County HDC and other partners in South Allison Hill.**

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