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Chestnut Street Pump station Groundbreaking

October 30, 2008 11:00am to 12:30pm. 632 Chestnut Street, Orange New Jersey

The City of Orange Township is pleased to announce the long-awaited groundbreaking for our Chestnut Street Pump Station (CSPS) on October 30, 2008, 11:00 am to 12:30 pm at 632 Chestnut Street.

In Orange, the water supply infrastructure was outdated and the State required City approval of the new pumping station in order to allow future redevelopment projects. After Orange awarded the contract for the construction of the new pumping station, the State approved the water main extension permit for the Valley Renaissance redevelopment project.

This project will build 29 loft housing units and three floor of artist work space in the former F. Berg Hat factory. Other redevelopment projects in the pipeline include the Grand Central at Orange and the Harvard Complex redevelopment projects, 45 and 128 market rate and affordable condominium units respectively. These developments are imperative to revitalizing and bringing new life to Orange.

Statement by Mayor Eldridge Hawkins, Jr.

“With the cooperation of the City Council, we broke the redevelopment logjam last month and secured approval for construction of our new pumping station. Although we are in a recession, the real estate bubble has burst, and bank loans have temporarily dried up, now that the pumping station issue is resolved, developers have begun to knock on our door. They’re taking a new look at Orange.

“The real estate community is beginning to understand that with our strategic location, our 20 minute train ride to mid-town Manhattan, our easy access to I-280, our inventory of attractive redevelopment sites, a skilled workforce and an administration that encourages development, Orange is a good place to invest for the future.

“This groundbreaking marks an important milestone in the redevelopment of Orange.”

Statement by Valerie Jackson, Acting Director of Planning and Economic Development

“I invite all Orange residents and businesses to join us in celebrating this important milestone in revitalizing our City. Our new pumping station is an important step in assuring the quality of our water supply. It is also the key to enabling redevelopment to provide new housing and to attract new tax paying businesses.”

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