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Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing's Arlington Mill Residences Nominated for Affordable Housing Finance Magazine Readers' Choice Awards Vote for the Metro-DC's Only Nominee

Arlington, VA (August 5, 2014) – The <u>Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing</u> (APAH) announced that *Affordable Housing Finance Magazine*, selected APAH's <u>Arlington Mill Residences</u> as the only property in the DC Metro Area to be one of the 34 inspiring finalists in the Affordable Housing Finance annual Readers' Choice Awards competition.

Read about the innovative 122-unit, 100% affordable, Arlington Mill Residences and vote for this property as best "Urban Finalist" and "Best Overall." Voting is open to AHF magazine and newsletter subscribers. To vote by August 11, click here: Readers Choice Awards.

Arlington Mill Residences, a unique partnership between Arlington County and APAH, provides much needed affordable housing using the innovative concept of "public land for housing." Built atop the County-built parking garage, the discounted long-term lease for this public land dramatically reduced development costs in the rapidly urbanizing Arlington County, VA, enabling APAH to serve many more low income families. Arlington Mill provides 122 new apartments targeted to individuals and families earning between 30% and 60% of the area median income. Thirteen units at very low rents provide permanent supportive homes for formerly homeless individuals and vulnerable families. Over 3,000 people applied for apartments when APAH opened the waiting list, illustrating the tremendous demand for affordable housing in this community.

APAH is a nonprofit that develops, preserves, owns, and advocates quality rental housing that is affordable to low and moderate-income families and promotes opportunity for residents through partnerships and programs. APAH is celebrating its 25th year as the only nonprofit affordable housing developer working exclusively in Arlington County. Founded in 1989, APAH now helps 1200 households live in stable, secure and affordable rental homes. APAH was named Developer of the Year in 2014 by the Housing Association of Nonprofit Developers (HAND) and received the Prize for Innovation and Impact from the Arlington Community Foundation in 2011; in 2009 APAH received the HAND Innovation Award and in 2008 was named Best Nonprofit by the Arlington Chamber of Commerce.