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Springfield, MA: Home City Development, Inc. (HCDI) has completed construction of 34 new affordable apartments in Pelham, MA. The grand opening ceremony will take place on Wednesday June 11 at 11 a.m. at 22 Amherst Road, Pelham. Housing Secretary Edward M. Augustus, Jr., elected officials, funders, and project partners will attend to speak and join in the celebration. Parking for the event is at 2 South Valley Road in Pelham.

“It took eight years from concept to completion, but Amethyst Brook Apartments adds locational diversity to the supply of affordable rental housing in our region,” Thomas P. Kegelman, HCDI’s Executive Director, said. “Home

City Development thanks Governor Healy, Secretary Augustus, Senator Joanne Comerford, and State Representatives Aaron Saunders and Mindy Domb who delivered the resources to produce much-needed, new affordable housing. The Pelham Select Board and numerous Town Boards and Committees have been incredibly supportive of the project. Local support for Amethyst Brook Apartments has been key to each step leading to completion of construction and resident occupancy. The need for all types of new housing throughout our region is well documented, and I congratulate the Town of Pelham for stepping up to make this development come to fruition.”

One, two and three-bedroom apartments are currently available to rent. Amethyst Brook Apartments provides modern amenities in a quiet rural setting for households earning up to 60% of Area Median Income. The all-electric buildings are highly energy efficient. A six-unit building is certified to Energy Star standards and a 28-unit building meets Passive House energy performance standards. The property contains charging stations for electric vehicles, and roof-mounted solar panels. A trail at the property provides access to a network of hiking trails on adjacent conservation land. HCDI is in the process of donating to Kestrel Land Trust 8.7 acres of land adjacent to Amethyst Brook Apartments to add to its inventory of conservation land.

HCDI was awarded the majority of the project funding from the Commonwealth’s Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities. In addition, HCDI received Community Preservation Act funds from the Town of Pelham, and construction and permanent loans from Easthampton Savings Bank. Other funders include Community Economic Development Assistance

Corporation, Massachusetts Housing Investment Corporation and Dorfman Capital.

Congratulations to a successful development team including Architecture Environment Life; Western Builders; marketing agent/property manager Appleton Corporation; Development Consultant Gerry Joseph; Tierney Development Services; Berkshire Design Group; Shatz, Schwartz, and Fentin, P.C.; Klein-Hornig LLP; O'Reilly, Talbot and Okun, and many other partners on this project.

About Home City Development: Home City Development, Inc. is a non-profit, resident-centered developer of single-family, multi-family and mixed-use properties in Western Massachusetts. HCDI was founded as Better Homes Inc. in 1968 by the Springfield Chamber of Commerce. Over 50+ years, HCDI has worked to facilitate community stability and growth in collaboration with numerous partners and residents.