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Design Team Selected for Cumberland River Waterfront Redevelopment Master Plan

Nashville, Tennessee Hargreaves Associates has been chosen by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Metro Nashville Parks Department to lead a team of experts in the creation of a Cumberland River Waterfront Redevelopment Master Plan for the city of Nashville. In addition to Hargreaves Associates, the design team will include local firms Hawkins Partners (landscape architects) and Everton Oglesby Architects; Kennedy, Coulter, Rushing and Watson of Chattanooga; Moffatt Nichol of Raleigh; Christopher Leinberger of Washington, DC; and Glattig Jackson K.A.L.R. of Orlando.

The Master Plan process, which will include public meetings to gather feedback on components of the plan as it is developed, will be completed by early 2007. The Master Plan study area encompasses nearly six miles of waterfront—centered on downtown Nashville—and includes both the East and West banks of the river.

Hargreaves Associates is a professional design firm comprised of landscape architects with offices in San Francisco, California; Cambridge, Massachusetts; and New York City. Founded in 1983, the firm employs over sixty full-time staff. The Cumberland River Waterfront Redevelopment Master Plan design team will be led by Hargreaves Associates principal Gavin McMillan.

Since its founding in 1983, the firm has developed particular expertise in reclaiming neglected or abandoned sites for public and private redevelopment, mostly on waterfronts or in urban centers. The firm's organization centers on projects encompassing a wide range of scales and locations, both national and international.

The firm's work embodies a commitment to 'civic' vitality and creative solutions and has led to 27 American Society of Landscape Architecture awards. Significant Hargreaves Associates projects include: participation on the winning team for the World Trade Center Site Competition in New York City; the Olympics 2000 in Sydney, Australia; the Louisville Waterfront Park in Louisville, Kentucky; Guadalupe River Park in San Jose, California; Crissy Field Golden Gate National Park in San Francisco; the William J. Clinton Presidential Library in Little Rock, Arkansas; Riverfront Promenade and Plaza in Detroit, Michigan; Chattanooga 21st Century Waterfront in Chattanooga, Tennessee; South Lake Union Park in Seattle, Washington; Trinity River Balanced Vision Plan in Dallas, Texas; Waterfront Park in San Diego, California; Davenport and Rock Island

River Vision Plan in Illinois and Iowa; North Tract Recreation Center in Arlington, Virginia; South Pointe Park in Miami Beach, Florida and currently the Riverfront Master Plan in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Hargreaves Associates work is characterized by a philosophy of strong, simple design that responds in innovative ways to the unique set of forces exerted upon each site from cultural, economic and environmental processes.

The process of creating a Cumberland River Waterfront Redevelopment Master Plan began in September, 2005, when Mayor Bill Purcell appointed a 23-member Steering Committee to guide the master plan process and ensure that Nashvillians had ample opportunity to share their ideas and concerns about redeveloping the riverfront. In early December, 2005 a series of public meetings were held to engage citizens in a discussion of what should be maintained, changed or added to the riverfront in the Master Plan study area.

The Steering Committee charged with guiding the master plan process is made up of downtown residents and business owners, Metro department heads and others with a stake in the future of the downtown riverfront. The Steering Committee also participated in the selection process that led to the awarding of a contract to create the master plan to Hargreaves Associates and their team of local and national firms. The Nashville Civic Design Center has been providing coordination for the steering committee and helped facilitate the public meetings held in December, 2005. The Civic Design Center was chosen because of its connection to the Plan of Nashville, which places high priority and emphasis on river amenities, public access and neighborhood connections, and because the Center regularly provides community meetings on development proposals in Nashville.

Funding for the creation of the master plan has been provided by a Planning Assistance to States grant from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and will be matched with funds for downtown greenways planning allocated in the Metro Parks and Greenways Master Plan. The Metro Council approved the agreement between the city and the Corps of Engineers at its August 3, 2005 meeting.

Additional information about the Cumberland River Waterfront Redevelopment Master Plan, the results of public meetings and maps and photos of the master plan study area are available at www.civicedesigncenter.org.

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