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## **ULI WASHINGTON ANNOUNCES 2023 PROJECT AWARDS**

**Washington, DC (March 2, 2023)** – Making its debut as a stand-alone event, ULI Washington hosted its 2023 Project Awards at the REACH at the Kennedy Center. This awards program was originally launched in 2015 as part of ULI Washington’s former Annual Trends Conference. With nearly 200 real estate industry professionals in attendance, this year’s Project Awards were announced at a celebratory luncheon followed by tours of the REACH.

The 2023 Project Awards Winners are:

- Excellence in Housing Development: The Wray, located at 515 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, NW, Washington, DC 20037
- Excellence in Affordable Housing Development: Carpenter’s Shelter & The Bloom at Braddock, located at 930 North Henry Street, Alexandria, VA 22314
- Excellence in Office Development: 670 & 680 Maine Avenue, located at 670 & 680 Maine Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20024
- Excellent in Sustainability: American Geophysical Union Headquarters, located at 2000 Florida Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20009
- Excellence in Institutional Development: District of Columbia Public Library (DCPL) Southwest Library, located at 900 Wesley Place, SW, Washington, DC 20024
- Excellence in Mixed-Use Development: City Ridge, located at 14 Ridge Square (3900 Wisconsin Avenue, NW), Washington, DC 20005

ULI Washington received numerous competitive applications for the 2023 Project Awards. Winners were selected by a Project Awards jury led by Co-Chairs Katie Bucklew, ULI Washington’s incoming Chair of Mission Advancement and Vice President, Mixed-Use at AvalonBay Communities, and Blanton Smith, Director of Asset Management at Blackfin Real Estate Investors. Each competitive application showcased notable excellence across the real estate spectrum. A panel of skilled jurors devoted several days deliberating the submissions, and ultimately toured 13 semi-finalist properties prior to selecting the winners.

“It’s an honor to showcase the amazing work of so many stakeholders in our region,” said Katie Bucklew. “These projects are the culmination of incredible teamwork – developers, government officials, architects, and more collectively created these great places, and ULI Washington is thrilled to celebrate and honor them.”

Regarding the winning projects, Julie Smith, Chief Administrative Officer of the Bozzuto Group and Chair of ULI Washington’s 2023 Project Awards, shared, “these projects are a true representation of ULI’s mission to shape the future of the built environment for transformative impact in communities.”

For more information on the Project Awards – including detailed information on each project, visit <https://washington.uli.org/events/awards/trends-awards/>.

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