

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF GREATER ORLANDO AREA BREAKS GROUND ON BUTLER'S PRESERVE

ORLANDO - Habitat for Humanity of Greater Orlando Area recently broke ground on its second community in Central Florida - Butler's Preserve. More than 100 people attended the groundbreaking ceremony, including City of Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer.

Located in the West Orlando community of Greater Washington Shores, the nearly \$8 million development will feature 51 single-family homes and four duplex units - slated for completion in 2018 (the first five homes will be completed in November 2014). The community is named after Mable Butler, the first African-American woman to hold an elected office in Orlando. A longtime advocate for affordable housing, Butler's work as District 6 Orange County Commissioner was the driving force behind buying the property nearly 20 years ago.

"Bringing Mable's dream to fruition is a major triumph for the Washington Shores area,"

said Diane DiFebbo, board chair of Habitat of Greater Orlando. "Not only will we renew a once-abandoned piece of property, we will create an opportunity for 59 families to become homeowners."

Butler's Preserve will be an example of "new urbanism" - a walkable community with green amenities and ENERGY STAR "-rated appliances in each home. Many of the energy-efficient features will be sponsored by OUC - The Reliable One.

Wells Fargo will also play a role in supporting the community. Development of the site, including the installation of sidewalks and the extension of water and sewer lines, is being funded by a Priority Markets Initiative grant of \$100,000 from the Wells Fargo Housing Foundation. The grant is part of the bank's Leading the Way Home® program, a nationwide effort focused on affordable housing and community revitalization programs.

"Wells Fargo is committed to supporting local nonprofits that assist our communities to grow and thrive," said Larisa Perry, Central Florida regional president. "We are proud to support Habitat for Humanity of Greater Orlando and applaud them for their efforts to revitalize neighborhoods in Orlando."

"Contributions from businesses will also extend to surrounding residences," added DiFebbo. "Through our Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative, we will partner with organizations and focus on painting owner-occupied homes and performing minor repairs in nearby residences. Our work is more than building a single home ... we want to build lasting communities."

For more information about Butler's Preserve, visit [www.habitat-orlando.org](http://www.habitat-orlando.org).



Local dignitaries and Habitat of Greater Orlando staff "break ground" on Butler's Preserve