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**CITY OF RACINE AND GREAT LAKES COMMUNITY CONSERVATION CORPS
ANNOUNCE PROJECT TO REINVESTMENT IN CITY NEIGHBORHOOD
*Blighted Property to Receive New Single Family Home***

RACINE - Mayor Cory Mason, the City of Racine and the Great Lakes Community Conservation Corps (GLCCC) announce the re-construction of a new single-family home located at 1432 Illinois Street in Racine – the first new construction in the neighborhood in more than 50 years.

The new home will serve as a training site for Racine’s young adults to learn hands-on skills in the building trades under the direction of professional contractors. The development is a public-private partnership that includes the City of Racine, Racine County, the Racine Community Foundation, the Great Lakes Community Conservation Corps and LandQuest.

“It is a priority for the City that all of our neighborhoods benefit from the opportunities coming to the region and this development is one example of that commitment,” said Mayor Mason. “This project is not only a reinvestment in a great City neighborhood, but it trains young adults in the construction trades, puts a high-quality home back on the tax rolls, and ultimately creates a wonderful space for a family to call home.”

“There is an aspect of this development that everyone can be proud of,” said Common Council President Jason Meekma. “The City is investing in our neighborhoods and our residents so that they have great spaces to live and raise a family – that is what this project represents.”

The development will convert a blighted, vacant building into a new single family home that is generating tax revenue for the City while increasing neighboring property values. As part of the

development agreement the home will be owner-occupied and sold to an income qualifying household.

The re-construction of the home is estimated to be completed by May of 2019.

About Great Lakes CCC

The Great Lakes Community Conservation Corps (Great Lakes CCC) is a local non-profit organization that educates and trains young adults to complete public infrastructure redevelopment projects. It serves as the modern-day successor to the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) and the Works Progress Administration (WPA) of the 1930s, and was conceived by an assembly of 25 CCC alumni at the 75th anniversary event of the Civilian Conservation Corps in 2008 to address regional social and physical challenges in southeastern Wisconsin.

For more info about the Corps, visit www.greatlakesccc.org.

About the City of Racine

With a population of 78,000, **Racine, Wisconsin** is the fifth largest municipality in the state of Wisconsin. It is home to manufacturing businesses that enjoy world-wide reputations, SC Johnson, CNH Industrial, Twin Disc, Modine, and In-Sink-Erator among them. Racine is also home to diverse cultures, a thriving downtown, and world-class beaches along the shores of Lake Michigan.

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