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Artspace to Offer Hardhat Tours of Four Green Homes North Homes Located in Willard-Hay Neighborhood of Minneapolis April 26-27

April 24, 2014 (Minneapolis) – On Saturday, April 26, the City of Minneapolis and developer partner Artspace will celebrate the construction of four single family Green Homes North homes designed with working artists in mind. The celebration will begin with a toast and brief remarks from Artspace Vice President Heidi Kurtze, City of Minneapolis Residential and Real Estate Principal Project Coordinator Cherie Shoquist, Homewood Studios Artist and Owner George Roberts, Wells Fargo Regional Diverse Segments Manager Nicole Knuckles, and Twin Cities Community Land Bank CFO John Dolphin at 11:30 a.m. at Homewood Studios located at 2400 Plymouth Avenue. Following, attendees will be able to receive guided hard hat tours of the Artspace homes under construction.

“Artspace is thrilled to be part of the Green Homes North program and offering an innovative product type in North Minneapolis,” said Heidi Kurtze, Vice President of Artspace. “We are grateful to the City of Minneapolis for their leadership and partnership and to our funding partners the Pohlad Foundation and Wells Fargo for their generous support. The four artist homes will help anchor a growing arts district along Plymouth Avenue.”

Green Homes North is a City of Minneapolis initiative to build 100 affordable, quality, and sustainable homes in North Minneapolis to help revitalize neighborhoods within the community most affected by the housing foreclosure crisis and the 2011 tornado. Last year, seven developers, five nonprofit and two private, broke ground on 27 green homes. Another 18 are scheduled to break ground this year by nine developers.

Artspace Green Homes North homes are 3-bedroom, 2.5 bath, and 1,700 square feet single family homes. Designed with working artists in mind, the homes will feature nine-foot ceilings, energy efficient appliances, large windows for abundant natural light, and a separate working studio in the basement.

The Artspace homes are located at 2426, 2500, 2506, and 2510 Plymouth Avenue in North Minneapolis in the Willard-Hay neighborhood next to Homewood Studios, Plymouth Avenue Art Studio, and Asian Media Access. Theodore Wirth Parkway and Farwell Park provide family friendly outdoor recreation within walking distance.

Additional hard hat tours of the Artspace homes are available Saturday, April 26 from 1-3 p.m. and Sunday, April 27th from 1-3 p.m.

Headquartered in Minneapolis, with offices across the country, Artspace is the nation's leader in artist led community transformation, with 35 projects in operation across the country and another dozen in development, representing a unique \$600 million investment in America's arts infrastructure. To learn more about Artspace visit them [online](#).

For more information on the City of Minneapolis' Green Homes North initiative visit the [City's website](#) or watch this brief [video](#) about the program. Green Homes North is a partnership between the City of Minneapolis, Minnesota Housing Finance Agency, Family Housing Fund, and the Twin Cities Community Land Bank.

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