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Press Conference Announcing Community Mitigation Agreement between Palmetto Railways and Community Groups in North Charleston

NORTH CHARLESTON, SC - On November 9, 2016, at 11am local leaders from the Chicora Neighborhood Council, the Union Heights Neighborhood Council the Low Country Alliance for Model Communities (LAMC), and the Metanoia Community Development Corporation, along with Palmetto Railways will hold a press conference to announce an agreement to mitigate against the potential effects of the Navy Base Intermodal Facility to be constructed by Palmetto Railways on the former Charleston Navy Base.

The agreement represents months of dialogue and hard work between community leaders and the leadership of Palmetto Railways. Some of the benefits this agreement will provide to surrounding communities are job opportunities, environmental monitoring and funding for community projects in the Chicora/Cherokee and Union Heights communities. The agreement provides \$4 million to enhance these communities which surround the new facility. Additionally, more than half of the \$4 million will go toward constructing a new recreation facility to be constructed on land donated by the City of North Charleston on property behind the Military Magnet Academy in North Charleston. Remaining money will provide funding for initiatives in affordable housing, job training, educational initiatives, environmental research, community youth initiatives, and building the capacity of local organizations.

Community leaders and Palmetto Railways will be on hand to announce this agreement and answer questions at a media event scheduled for 11am on the morning of November 9. The press conference will be held at the corner of North Carolina and Reynolds Avenues in North Charleston. The event is open to the public and refreshments will be provided.

About Palmetto Railways:

Palmetto Railways, established in 1969, promotes the economic viability of the State of South Carolina by providing safe, efficient and cost-effective rail solutions to facilitate the movement of freight and to support economic development efforts. As Palmetto Railways works to provide the state of South Carolina with a safe, efficient and cost-effective rail

solution to facilitate the movement of freight and support economic development efforts, the organizations intends and strives to be a good neighbor to the surrounding communities. They seek to partner with the community to address questions or concerns about projects and commit to open and effective communication.
visit <http://palmettorailwaysintermodal.com/>.

About the Lowcountry Alliance for Model Communities:

LAMC is the Lowcountry Alliance for Model Communities - a non-profit organization founded for the purpose of advocating environmental justice and promoting community development, education, employment, quality housing, and community involvement and empowerment for the study area neighborhoods. The LAMC board includes representatives from each of the neighborhoods as well as at-large representatives with key areas of experience or knowledge.
Visit www.lamcnc.org.

About the Chicora/Cherokee and Union Heights Neighborhood Councils

The Chicora/Cherokee Neighborhood Council and Union Heights Community Councils are groups of concerned citizens in each community who meet monthly to consider the concerns of the neighborhood and work for the betterment of the community.

About Metanoia

Metanoia, based in the southern half of North Charleston, SC, is a holistic community development corporation that operates a Youth Leadership Academy, a quality affordable housing development effort and continues to facilitate a number of community-led initiatives. Metanoia's innovative approach involves identifying neighborhood assets, both human and physical, and attracting investment to those assets so that communities become stronger from the inside out (more info at www.pushingforward.org).

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