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MIDTOWN PREPARES FOR HACC STUDENT INFLUX

Work on the new HACC Midtown campus is on schedule for a planned August opening, when more than 2,500 college students will begin attending classes at their new campus in the 1500 block of N. 3rd Street in the heart of Midtown. The \$17 million project involves the complete restoration of the former Evangelical Press building into 130,000 sq. ft. of modern classroom, administrative and laboratory space for HACC.

Powers & Associates Vice President Matthew Tunnell today said that the midtown development firm has now expanded its work area from just the Evang. Press building to other parts of the 12-acre redevelopment area, in preparation for the construction of temporary surface parking lots and the initial phases of the Urban Meadow greenspace.

More than 700 parking spaces are needed for the coming influx of students," said Tunnell, "so as to avoid their taking the on-street spaces used by residents. This effort may involve some temporary inconvenience to midtown residents and commuters as the company has heavy equipment working in the 200 to 500 blocks of Reily Street that may cause minor traffic delays. We appreciate everyone's understanding and patience as they move about midtown, as the end result will be of major benefit to everyone."

Tunnell said some may notice that top soil for the project is being temporarily stored on vacant ground the company owns at the corner of Green and Reily Streets, a site which has sat vacant and blighted for years. Following the completion of work further to the east, the site will again be cleared until additional building construction is warranted.

Powers & Associates and Harrisburg Mayor Stephen R. Reed and the Dauphin County Commissioners last month unveiled the Midtown Master Plan, a major redevelopment initiative for the Midtown area that involves the construction of up to one million new square feet of commercial, retail and structured parking space in the mostly vacant 12-acre site. The first phases of the project involve the restoration of the Evangelical Press building, which will join HACC's existing Community Center for Technology and Arts building at N. 4th and Harris Streets, as a new college campus for Midtown.

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Also planned and currently leasing is a 65,000 sq. ft. retail and commercial building on the southwest corner of N. 3rd and Reily Streets, where the former Baker Garage has sat vacant for years. The new structure, named the Campus Square Building, has been designed to reflect the historic style and appearance of 1920's era buildings that once occupied the site.

For more information on Powers & Associates and the HACC Midtown Campus or the Campus Square Building please contact the firm at (717) 238.2646, or on the web at Powers-Associates.com. Leasing is currently underway for the Campus Square Building at N. 3rd and Reily Streets, as well as at Powers & Associates' other midstate development projects in Carlisle and Steelton.

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