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## **URBAN MEADOW COMPLETED IN MIDTOWN**

*New green space created by GreenWorks for HACC Outdoor  
Classroom & Living Laboratory*

Harrisburg, PA – The Dauphin County Commissioners, Jeffrey Haste, Dominic DiFransesco, II, George Hartwick, III, joined HACC President Edna Baehre, Ph.D, and Doug Neidich, Chairman of GreenWorks Development LLC, at dedication ceremonies for a block-long pedestrian walkway called the “Urban Meadow.”

The new Urban Meadow connects the HACC Midtown II building with the Midtown I building. The walkway replaces the former Boyd Street alley between the 1500 blocks of N. Third and N. Fourth Streets, north of Reily Street.

Last year, The County approved \$182,000 in Growing Greener II grant funding for construction of the Urban Meadow

The Urban Meadow provides new greenspace for students and residents of Midtown and also serves as an outdoor living laboratory for HACC Midtown Center students. The Urban Meadow has enhanced HACC’s horticulture and landscape design programs, and it will also be the location for a previously announced solar energy demonstration project.

“The Urban Meadow is a spectacular and innovative integration of park space, a transportation corridor and a learning environment,” said Dr. Baehre. “It is a wonderful and unique feature of our Midtown academic center.”

The City of Harrisburg designated Boyd Street for restricted pedestrian use allowing for the development of a true college campus environment and providing safe pedestrian passage between campus facilities. The scope of the project includes traffic and pedestrian crossing improvements at the Urban Meadow intersection points on N. Third and N. Fourth Streets.

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According to GreenWorks Development Chairman, Doug Neidich, work on the Urban Meadow included; the removal of all existing hardscape and its replacement with new native grasses, trees and other greenery; the installation of benches, waste receptacles and accent lighting; the addition of new pedestrian cross-walks and decorative pavers; and additional curb, street and infrastructure improvements. The design emphasized Pennsylvania-made products and native plants.

“The Urban Meadow is much more than just a new walkway,” said Haste. “It has been designed and constructed by GreenWorks Development to allow for its ‘green’ oriented features, such as holding swales, stormwater removal systems, plantings and other elements to be incorporated into the many educational programs being conducted nearby at HACC, thus serving as a ‘living laboratory’ for students.”

“The Urban Meadow is a demonstration of innovative and sustainable development practices in urban revitalization,” said DiFrancesco “We are proud that our investment allowed this wonderful student and community asset to be constructed.”

”The project highlights the power of public private partnerships to improve the quality of life for residents in the City of Harrisburg and Dauphin County,” said Hartwick.

Future plans foresee the Urban Meadow expanding east to Seventh Street and west to River Front Park, creating a true urban greenway in Midtown.

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GreenWorks Development LLC is a local ‘green’ development company dedicated to integrated community development projects in previously developed areas in South Central Pennsylvania.

HACC, Central Pennsylvania’s Community College, was established in 1964 as the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania’s first community college. HACC offers nearly 200 associate and transfer degrees, certificate and diploma programs to more than 20,000 credit students and 50,000 workforce development and continuing education students in an eight-county area at campuses in Harrisburg, Gettysburg, Lancaster, Lebanon and York. More than 80 percent of HACC graduates live and work within a 25-mile radius of the campus they attended.