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## **Township Nine in the River District proclaimed shining example of public private partnership and bright spot for Sacramento**

As construction of light rail tracks between downtown and Richards Boulevard chugs away, and backhoes and bulldozers demolish aged, rusty warehouses, the noise apparently reached Washington D.C.

As [Township Nine](#)'s developer, a subsidiary of the [Nehemiah Corporation of America](#), quietly plans a groundbreaking of 191 affordable housing units just west of north 7<sup>th</sup> Street later this year, the project already shared the stage with Sprint/Nextel, a Texas developer and a Schnectedy, New York water agency recently at the U. S. Conference of Mayors. As outstanding achievement award recipients, all were deemed success stories on a national scale for being able to work side by side with cities to get their projects off the ground.

Township Nine is a 65-acre, urban scale, mixed use, transit-oriented master planned neighborhood consisting of 2,350 total dwelling units, 800,000 square feet of office space, 150,000 square feet of ground floor retail, 20+ acres of open space and a light rail station.

The City secured \$30 million from the California Department of Housing and Community Development and worked with the developer to establish new urban design guidelines and ordinances specific to its American River Parkway location. A portion of the public funds will pay for the light rail station. Regional Transit expects to be ready for passengers on [the Green Line](#) by this summer.

“One of the goals of our city is to pursue economic recovery and prosperity – specifically developing strategies to bring businesses into the downtown core. Township Nine is an early example of what can be achieved by a successful public-private partnership,” said Mayor Johnson.

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“The River District is extremely pleased to have an award winning project within our area. We’re glad to see Township Nine recognized on a national platform for the smart-growth innovation it represents,” said Patty Kleinknecht, Executive Director of [The River District](#).

“This latest award for Township Nine reinforces Mayor Johnson’s and the City’s approach to smart-growth projects, that will transform Sacramento and help revitalize our economy,” added Scott Syphax, President & CEO of the Nehemiah Corporation of America, one of the largest minority community development organizations in the nation.

Read more [about the achievement awards](#).

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