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Viridian moving ahead

Huffines Communities receives city approval to transform 2,000 acres in north Arlington into a green mixed-use new urbanism community

ARLINGTON, TX – *FOR RELEASE May 21, 2008*: Huffines Communities has received the Arlington City Council’s approval to proceed on its 2,000-acre riverfront mixed-use development, Viridian. “We have been working with the City of Arlington and their planning and engineering teams for over 18 months, so we are excited to be moving forward,” noted Phillip Huffines with Huffines Communities.

“Located just south of the DFW Airport, this landmark property is one of the largest ‘infill’ urban tracts within the U.S., and certainly the greenest with over 1,100 acres of

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open space, lakes and wetlands; consequently, it will certainly be the most significant development within Arlington and the mid-cities. We will be proceeding with infrastructure development, and then continue development with the first phase of 500 residential units.”

Huffines Communities has teamed with world-renowned town planner Peter Calthorpe from California and a design team consisting of the nation’s best environmentalists and landscape architects. “With all these superior professionals working on this community, Viridian unquestionably will be both breathtakingly beautiful and unique, a future national landmark,” according to Bob Kembel, President of Huffines Communities. The 2,000-acre riverfront property will be transformed into a vibrant, sustainable residential community with 500,000 square feet of office and 200,000 square feet of retail, and an estimated value at completion of \$1.5 billion.

“The City of Arlington is pleased to welcome Viridian. This has been a true joint effort between Huffines Communities, the City Council and the City of Arlington, and everyone is excited that Viridian will be moving forward. As one of the largest mixed-use developments of its kind within the U.S., and with a lifestyle based on the principles of sustainability and new urbanism, Viridian is destined to become a mixed-use

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development in a class by itself. It will be a significant benefit to our city and to its residents, and will be one more step in this city's metamorphosis into a world-class vibrant, metropolitan city," noted Arlington Mayor Robert Cluck

"We view this as an incredible opportunity to create a green environment within the city of Arlington that provides an important connection with nature, plus all the advantages that come with a small-town life. The foundation for the lifestyle of residents and employers is based on the principles of sustainability and new urbanism," Kembel added.

Viridian's premier location, just west of Highway 360 and two miles north of I-30 on Collins Boulevard, puts it only minutes to the airport, Six Flags, the new Dallas Cowboys Stadium, restaurants and entertainment venues. It is also adjacent to the beautiful River Legacy Park with 12.8 miles of nature and jogging trails.

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