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**Habitat NYC and Westchester Celebrates Homeownership Month by Announcing
Largest-Ever Affordable Homeownership Pipeline**

Constellation Cooperatives and Claremont House reflect Habitat's growing impact and the city's renewed commitment to expanding affordable homeownership under Mayor Mamdani's Block by Block plan

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Brooklyn, NY — July 6, 2026 — In celebration of Homeownership Month, Habitat for Humanity New York City and Westchester County announced the New York City Council's recent approval of its "Constellation" development, a 108-unit, 100% affordable homeownership project spanning eight sites across multiple neighborhoods in Brooklyn. The approval marks a major milestone in advancing the organization's largest-ever affordable homeownership pipeline and reflects the growing momentum behind New York City's renewed commitment to creating more pathways to affordable homeownership.

"Homeownership in New York City has become out of reach for too many families, and these developments are about changing that," said Sabrina Lippman, CEO of Habitat for Humanity New York City and Westchester County. "During Homeownership Month, we are proud to celebrate projects that will create nearly 180 permanently affordable homes and give families a real opportunity to build stability and long-term equity in the communities they call home."

Together with the December approval of Habitat's Claremont House project in the Bronx—a 71-unit development set to become the largest Habitat for Humanity homeownership building in the world—Constellation reflects a significant expansion of the organization's pipeline. Together, the two developments represent an approximately 53% increase in planned affordable homeownership production and underscore the kind of permanently affordable, equity-building housing that Mayor Mamdani's Block by Block plan has identified as essential to a more affordable city.

"Every New Yorker deserves the opportunity to build a life in our city," said Mayor Zohran Kwame Mamdani. "By supporting affordable homeownership opportunities like Constellation, we are creating pathways to stability, wealth, and belonging for working people who have should not be priced out of that dream. Our administration is proud to invest in new homeownership opportunities while protecting existing homeowners through Block by Block, our comprehensive plan to tackle the housing crisis. Together, we can make it possible for more New Yorkers to put down roots and stay in the neighborhoods they love."

Constellation is an eight-site cooperative homeownership development spanning multiple neighborhoods in Brooklyn, with sites in Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brownsville, East New York, and East Flatbush. Upon completion, the project will deliver approximately 108 permanently affordable homes for first-time homebuyers.

Constellation and Claremont House will be part of the Interboro Community Land Trust, ensuring long-term affordability and community stewardship. Through resale restrictions tied to income-qualified buyers, the homes will remain permanently affordable, preserving access to homeownership for future generations of New Yorkers. That model closely aligns with the vision outlined in Mayor Mamdani's Block by Block plan to expand affordable homeownership opportunities and support permanently affordable cooperative housing for working-class New Yorkers.

Originally proposed as a 77-unit development, Constellation grew to 108 units made possible by the changes under the City of Yes for Housing Opportunity initiative while Claremont House grew from initial designs at 40-units and will now serve 71 first-time homebuyer households – making it the largest Habitat for Humanity building in the world. These changes were made possible through extensive engagement with local stakeholders, including local residents, Community Boards, the Brooklyn and Bronx Borough Presidents, and City Council partners. The result is greater housing production, deeper affordability, and more family-sized homes than initially envisioned—demonstrating how zoning reform, public partnership, and community-centered planning can work together to advance the kind of ambitious housing production goals now reflected in Block by Block.

Constellation was originally awarded through the New Infill Housing Opportunity Program (NIHOP) by the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) in 2017. Claremont House was awarded to Habitat NYC and Westchester, Camber Property Group, and Almat Urban in 2021 as a result of the Jerome Avenue neighborhood rezoning.

Groundbreakings are anticipated following financing closings, expected in 2027, with estimated two-year construction timelines.

About Habitat for Humanity New York City and Westchester County

Habitat for Humanity New York City and Westchester expands access to permanently affordable homeownership by creating, preserving, and scaling equity-building housing solutions across New York City and Westchester County. We work with families, particularly households

of color and single mothers, to promote long-term housing stability, community resilience, and generational equity. Through public-private partnerships, innovative development and preservation strategies, policy leadership, and scalable financial models, Habitat helps unlock pathways to sustainable homeownership and a more equitable housing system.

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