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## Full-Service Hotel Places Visitors at Center of Historic Pullman Area

Soon visiting family and friends, in town for a golf weekend or a sports event at the Pullman Community Center or Gately Park Indoor Running Track or in the area to explore the Historic District or Big Marsh Bike Park will have an option never before available –a full-service hotel.

Under the leadership of owner/developer Andre Gardner and his Chicago-based, Black-led Pullman Hotel Group, a four-story, full-service, 101-room Hampton by Hilton Hotel will be constructed on 111<sup>th</sup> Street, at Doty Avenue. Adjacent to the businesses of Pullman Park and the restaurants along 111<sup>th</sup> Street, the hotel will provide a business center, exercise center, indoor pool and street-level parking,

Financed by private equity and public investment from Federal Covid-relief resources and Chicago’s Recovery Program, the 62,000-square-foot hotel is being built on a four-acre property now owned by US Bank.

CNI President David Doig said the organization is pleased to help facilitate the development, which will continue to bolster a region that is home to Gotham Greens, Method Products, and SC Johnson facilities, a Whole Foods Distribution Center, and the Pullman Community Center.

“The fact that 101 hotel rooms will soon be available to visitors in the center of historic Pullman, with all the foot traffic that implies, will only serve to further revitalize the neighborhood and support its businesses, as well as bring more visitors to the historic sites and natural surroundings,” he said. “This is just the sort of project that CNI exists to catalyze.”

“This project will bring the first nationally-branded hotel to historic Pullman and will add to the vibrancy of this revitalizing community,” said Alderperson Anthony Beale, whose efforts over two decades to bring attention and resources to Pullman have been critical.

“We could not be more excited about a project,” said Andre F. Garner, managing partner of the Pullman Hotel Group, which focuses on bringing high-quality, nationally-branded lodging properties to communities that lack them.”

