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**Joint Press Event on May 28, 2024**

**Jackson Redevelopment Authority and 2°C Mississippi Announce \$1.5 Million Investment in the Historic Farish Street District**

**JACKSON, Mississippi** - On Tuesday, May 28 at 10:00 am, the [Jackson Redevelopment Authority](#) (JRA) and [2°C Mississippi](#), will hold a press event for the official signing of their partnership agreement for the implementation of a green infrastructure project in the historic Farish Street District. This \$1.5M project is funded by the Urban and Community Forestry Grant awarded to 2°C Mississippi by the US Forest Service.

**WHO**

Christopher Pike, Jackson Redevelopment Authority Executive Director

Alex Lawson Jr., Jackson Redevelopment Authority Board Chair

Dominika Parry, PhD, 2°C Mississippi President and CEO

Candace Partridge-Sykes, PhD, 2°C Mississippi Board Chair

**WHAT**

Announcement of \$1.5 Million Investment in the Historic Farish Street District

**WHEN**

Tuesday, May 28, 2024

10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

**WHERE**

213 N. Farish Street (Rain Location: 300 W. Capitol St.)

Jackson, MS 39201

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## **Jackson Redevelopment Authority and 2°C Mississippi Establish Formal Partnership for Green Infrastructure Project in Farish Street Historic District**

Jackson, Mississippi – May 22, 2024

The Jackson Redevelopment Authority (JRA) and 2°C Mississippi (2CM) are pleased to announce the official signing of their partnership agreement for the implementation of a green infrastructure project in the historic Farish Street District. This \$1.5M project is funded by the Urban and Community Forestry Grant awarded to 2°C Mississippi by the US Forest Service and represents a significant commitment to sustainable development and environmental conservation in Jackson.

The signing ceremony will take place on May 28, 2024, at 10:00 AM at 213 N. Farish Street in Jackson (Rain location will be Union Station). The event will bring together representatives from JRA, 2°C Mississippi, the US Forestry Service, and other stakeholders to commemorate the partnership and discuss upcoming initiatives in the Farish Street Historic District.

The project will develop a nature-based solution to mitigate the negative effects of Urban Heat Islands on JRA-owned properties on Farish street. It also lays the groundwork for an institutional partnership to build equitable climate resilience in Jackson with a goal of improving the overall quality of life for Jacksonians, businesses, and visitors.

Christopher Pike, Executive Director of the Jackson Redevelopment Authority, expressed his excitement for the signing ceremony, stating, "This partnership represents a significant step forward for the Farish Street Historic District and our city as a whole. We are grateful for the support of the US Forestry Service and look forward to working with 2°C Mississippi to make our community greener and more sustainable."

Dominika Parry, PhD, CEO of 2°C Mississippi, echoed Pike's sentiments, emphasizing the importance of collaboration in achieving sustainable development goals. "By working together with JRA and the National Forestry Service, we can create a more equitable and climate resilient future for the Farish Street Historic District and inspire other communities to do the same," Dr. Parry said.

The signing ceremony will mark the official beginning of the partnership between JRA and 2°C Mississippi and serves as a symbol of their shared commitment to sustainability and environmental stewardship in Jackson.

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**About Jackson Redevelopment Authority**

The Jackson Redevelopment Authority (JRA) is governed by a seven-member board of commissioners nominated by the City of Jackson's Mayor to create safer housing, develop innovative businesses, and build a stronger infrastructure. Through strategic partnerships with the City of Jackson, Hinds County, the State of Mississippi, and other public and private partnerships JRA promotes social equity, environmental sustainability and economic growth.

**About 2°C Mississippi**

2°C Mississippi (2CM) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that works with municipalities and communities to co-create equitable and prosperous climate adaptation, mitigation and educational solutions in Mississippi. 2CM collaborates with communities in Jackson, Mississippi helping to build climate resilience by increasing clean energy and carbon independence while helping to develop economic growth and healthy and sustainable communities.