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## STAPLETON'S NEWEST NEIGHBORHOOD-- BEELER PARK REDEFINES EFFICIENT LIVING WITH "ZERO ENERGY" READY HOMES

**(DENVER) – July 6, 2016 –** Forest City Realty Trust, Inc. announces today that <u>Stapleton</u> will take its vision of sustainable thinking, energy-efficient homes and brilliant urban design, even further with the launch of <u>Beeler Park</u>-- Stapleton's 11<sup>th</sup> neighborhood. Beeler Park isn't just another Stapleton neighborhood. It will feature 822 newly-designed homes that reimagine how people want to live. Homes can be built as Zero Energy ready(™)...improving health, comfort and durability and making Beeler Park the most energy-efficient Stapleton neighborhood yet.

"At Stapleton, we've created a community built on big ideas, and after over 10 years, we're still writing the book on new ways to live," said John Lehigh, president of Forest City Stapleton. "This is a tremendous undertaking because only a select group of top builders in the country meet the extraordinary levels of excellence and quality specified by the U.S. Department of Energy guidelines for Zero Energy Ready Homes. But it should come as no surprise that you'll find home builders upholding these new innovations right here in Stapleton."

The Department of Energy's Zero Energy Ready Home is a high-performance home so efficient that a renewable system (i.e. solar) can offset all or most of its annual energy consumption. With a Zero Energy Ready Home, homeowners could have no energy bills, other than a monthly electric hook-up fee. And with features like thicker walls and triple-paned windows, a home can create as much solar energy from its solar collectors as the home uses—resulting in a zero "net" energy bill.

"Every Zero Energy Ready Home includes a host of features that minimize pollutants and allergens, prevent moisture build-up, and provide a continuous flow of fresh, well-filtered air," said Samuel Rashkin at the Department of Energy. "Every Zero Energy Ready Home begins with solid building science specified by ENERGY STAR® for homes. Then, advanced building, mechanical and appliance technologies are added—as well as practices from world-class research programs."

Many of the construction technologies that make a Zero Energy Ready Home more energy-efficient also make it more durable. Comprehensive water protection details, added quality assurance, detailed diagnostics, and three national performance program certifications add to the home's integrity and durability.

"The United States Department of Energy's Zero Energy Ready Home program has the most stringent building standards in America,: said Gene Myers, President of Thrive Home Builders. "As such our homes offer the best of low energy cost, healthy indoor air and low water use. We

have been building to this standard for years and believe that all new homes should be built this way."

In addition to the quality of their home, residents of Beeler Park will find themselves in the center of two very different places. To the west, the neighborhood is bordered by <u>Dick's Sporting Goods Park</u>, an energetic venue for concerts and sporting events. And to the north, is the expansive 15,000-acre Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge.

"Beeler Park is a neighborhood that has found the perfect balance," said Residential Community Development Director Lisa Hall of Forest City Stapleton. "It offers sweeping views on all sides, and makes you feel far away from everything while being only minutes from the heart of the city. Add to that a diverse collection of homes designed with careful attention to design details, both inside and out, to create a neighborhood unlike any other in Denver."

This new neighborhood will consist of 22 newly-designed home collections priced from the \$300s to \$900s from 10 different builders. From classic cottage bungalows to sleek modern designs, the homes will feature crafted details and colors inspired by nature. Each home will come with all the things people have come to expect from Stapleton including top rated schools, access to an abundance of amazing parks, nearby proximity to the Shops at Northfield, family-friendly summer events and dozens of restaurants. Beeler Park & Plaza—located at Beeler Street and 57th Avenue, welcomes visitors with shaded seating areas and inviting spaces for community gatherings.

The University of Colorado A Line is now open, providing an easy way to change your scenery—the train connects downtown to DIA, with a stop at Stapleton's Central Park Station along the way.

Stapleton has partnered with the following builders for Beeler Park:

- David Weekley Homes
- Infinity Home Collection
- KB Home
- Lennar
- Thrive Home Builders
- Parkwood Homes
- Boulder Creek Neighborhoods
- Wonderland Homes
- CalAtlantic Homes
- Creekstone Homes

## **About Stapleton**

Located on the 4,700-acre site of Denver's former international airport, Stapleton is one of the largest urban redevelopments in the United States. The core objective of the community plan is to create a living example of progressive, sustainable neighborhood design. With a walkable mix of energy-efficient new homes, retail districts, schools, offices and an extensive network of parks and open spaces, Stapleton is not only leading the way environmentally but economically and socially, too. For more information, visit <u>StapletonDenver.com</u>. The community is being developed by Forest City Realty Trust, Inc.

## **About Forest City**

Forest City Realty Trust, Inc. is an NYSE-listed national real estate company with \$8.8 billion in consolidated assets. The company is principally engaged in the ownership, development, management and acquisition of commercial and residential real estate and land throughout the United States. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.forestcity.net">www.forestcity.net</a>.

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