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AIA Baltimore Honors The Hammond at Greenmount Park with The Social Equity Design Award

The Hammond at Greenmount Park was awarded The Excellence in Design Award for Social Equity by AIA Baltimore on October 16, 2026 at the Parkway Theatre in Baltimore, Maryland.

Somerset Development Company congratulates our development partners – New Community Partners and ReBUILD Metro – and the entire team involved in the design and building of The Hammond: Quinn Evans Architects, Harkins Builders, Carroll Engineering, Colbert Matz Rosenfelt, MIN Engineering, Core Studio Design, ARC Environmental, Ardinger Consultants, and Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The Hammond at Greenmount Park, designed by Quinn Evans Architects, exemplifies design leadership through a strategic, deeply collaborative process with a community that has faced decades of disinvestment, resulting in a project that is both visionary and grounded in authentic co-design.

The building brings 109 mixed income units to the neighborhood along with community amenities that serve the needs of families and residents of all ages, most notably the Enoch Pratt Free Library Johnston Square branch on the ground floor. The incorporation of the branch within the multi-family residential building underscores how library amenities can serve as civic anchors, while public spaces that are rare and valuable assets in this neighborhood create a welcoming, stabilizing presence. Sustainability measures that reduce residents' energy bills strengthen long-term livability and ensure that the benefits of reinvestment remain with the community.

Today, Johnston Square, anchored by The Hammond, stands as a model for neighborhood turnaround reflecting a fundamental shift from fragmented investment toward a coherent, multi-decade strategy that rebuilds the neighborhood without displacing those who define it.

The Social Equity Design Award recognizes community-driven projects that advance the health, social justice, environmental sustainability, and the true character of a place by creating design that honors the people who live, work, worship and do business there.

Somerset Development Company, LLC focuses on the development and preservation of affordable housing as well as mixed income, mixed-use and market-rate residential properties, specializing in the revitalization of urban communities through the redevelopment of distressed properties. Since our founding in 2000, our mission is to achieve comprehensive and sustainable community revitalization by partnering with tenant associations, community organizations, non-profits, local businesses, and organizations in the public sector that share Somerset's vision, while also investing in quality resident services programs to support our residents in these underserved communities.

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