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CHARLES COUNTY'S FIRST SYNAGOGUE COMING TO ST. CHARLES

ST. CHARLES, MD.— American Community Properties Trust (AMEX, PSE:APO) announced today that it has sold a parcel on Henry Ford Circle in St. Charles that will be used for the construction of Charles County's first synagogue.

Congregation Shaare Shalom, which has offered services in Charles County for 16 years, currently conducts services at St. Paul's Episcopal Church on Piney Church Road, said Lee Weinberger, treasurer. Congregation Shaare Shalom purchased the property to be able to establish a permanent home for Charles County's Jewish community, said Mr. Weinberger.

"With the construction of the synagogue, we will be able to expand our educational and social activities," said Mr. Weinberger, "and be able to offer all our activities and services at one location."

Congregation Shaare Shalom had been searching for a permanent home for about five years, according to Mr. Weinberger. Approximately 37 families currently attend the services offered at St. Paul's, but Mr. Weinberger believes that number will multiply as the new synagogue attracts local Jewish families who worship outside Charles County,

and families who do not currently attend services for lack of a local synagogue. Building the synagogue will be a key step “establishing a thriving Jewish community in Charles County,” said Mr. Weinberger.

Edwin L. Kelly, President and Chief Operating Officer of ACPT, welcomed Congregation Shaare Shalom to St. Charles. “Since it’s inception, our planned community has welcomed people of all cultures and faiths; in fact, we have benefited from the rich contributions people from all walks of life have made to St. Charles,” said Mr. Kelly “In that tradition, Congregation Shaare Shalom will be a welcome addition to communities of St. Charles.”

ACPT (AMEX:APO) is a diversified real estate organization with operations in Maryland and Puerto Rico that specializes in community development, multifamily rental properties, and asset management services. ACPT is currently listed on the American Stock Exchange under the symbol AmCmntyProp (APO).

For more information about ACPT, visit www.acptrust.com. For more information about the planned community of St. Charles, visit www.stcharlesmd.com.

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