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## WCS Construction Selected for the Strand Theater Core and Shell

Washington, DC (January, 2021) – WCS Construction, LLC has been selected by The NHP Foundation for the core and shell of the historic, Strand Theater. Built in 1928, the Strand served as a 600-seat movie theater, dance hall, and pool room for more than 40 years. According to the DC Preservation League, the building, designed in a “stripped-down version of the Renaissance Revival style,” was the first movie theater built for Black patrons east of the Anacostia River. The League listed the theater on their list of endangered places starting in 2007.

The 6,000-sf historic theater will be converted into a restaurant with the idea and hope to provide jobs and amenities to the residents of the Strand Residences next door. Core and shell work will include improvements to the building envelope including new windows, roofing and interior preparation for a restaurant.

The project has a targeted completion date of September, 2022.

### About The NHP Foundation

Headquartered in New York City with offices in Washington, DC, and Chicago, IL, The NHP Foundation (NHPF) was launched on January 30, 1989, as a publicly supported 501(c)(3) not-for-profit real estate corporation. NHPF is dedicated to preserving and creating sustainable, service-enriched multifamily housing that is both affordable to low- and moderate-income families and seniors, and beneficial to their communities. NHPF also provides a robust resident services program to nearly 18,000 community residents. Through partnerships with major financial institutions, the public sector, faith-based initiatives, and other not-for-profit organizations, NHPF has 49 properties, including more than 8,000 units, in 15 states and the District of Columbia. For more information, please visit [www.nhpfoundation.org](http://www.nhpfoundation.org).

### About WCS Construction

WCS Construction is a CBE certified general contractor headquartered in Southeast Washington. The company’s experience includes new construction of office, commercial, multifamily and mixed-use projects as well as substantial rehabilitation of multifamily projects. To learn more about WCS Construction, LLC, please visit [www.wcsconstruction.com](http://www.wcsconstruction.com)

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