

Ruppert Landscape **NEWS**

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Tom Barry Promoted to Vice President of Ruppert's Landscape Management Division

Laytonsville, MD – Ruppert Landscape is pleased to announce **Tom Barry** as the new Vice President of our Landscape Management Division.

Barry joined the company in late 2014 as Chief Financial Officer and has taken on this new role to better position the company and the division to deliver excellent quality and value to customers while creating additional opportunities for employees.

"Over the past few years, we have experienced significant growth in the landscape management division," said Phil Key, President. "That fact, coupled with our plans for future growth, led us to search for a person to lead the division." He continues, "Tom has been with Ruppert for just over a year in the role of CFO and has also been an integral member of Ruppert's Executive Committee and influential in our future direction and strategy. With his background in real estate and property management, Tom brings a unique outside perspective, which will be a strong asset. In his year with Ruppert, he's gained a sincere appreciation for our values and culture and we look forward to the contributions he will make in his new role."

As Vice President of the Landscape Management Division, Barry will oversee all aspects of the division, from business development to operations, across all 14 landscape management branch locations which employ over 800 people.

Prior to joining the company, Barry was the Chief Investment Officer of The Oliver Carr Company, Carr Hospitality and Carr City Centers, where he oversaw acquisitions, dispositions, financing, partnership structuring and a range of contract negotiations. Prior to that, Barry worked with the Real Estate Equity Research Group of FBR Capital Markets.

Barry earned his Master of Business Administration from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania and his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from American University in Washington, D.C., where he graduated Magna Cum Laude. He currently resides in Glenwood, MD with his wife, Kristin, and son.

Ruppert Landscape, a family and employee-owned business, provides commercial landscape construction and management with 18 branches serving seven primary markets in Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington D.C., Richmond, Raleigh, Charlotte and Atlanta. The company has a long-standing tradition of growing its team and giving back to the community. Visit us at www.ruppertlandscape.com.

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