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GARY CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES VOLUNTEER TO DEMOLISH GARY STRUCTURES MEDIA INVITED-MARCH 7TH AT 10:30 A.M., 11TH & Fayette St.

Gary-Indiana-While the city of Gary continues its efforts to demolish vacant and abandoned structures in the city, five major construction companies are partnering with Gary's Demolition Department to demolish houses in the city's Aetna area.

Reith-Riley Construction (Jim Wiseman), C. Lee Construction Services ("Chip" Lee), P.C. Trucking (PJ Wiltjer), Hasse Construction (Bill Hasse) and McAllister Equipment (Mike Myers) will team up this week to demolish structures beginning Tuesday, March 7, 2017. The team will work for three days in the Aetna community demolishing up to eight properties. All structures are residential properties.

Mayor Karen Freeman-Wilson says, "This is a partnership that has been forged by the corporate community. Reith Riley, C. Lee Construction and P.C. Trucking partnered with us last year demolishing properties in the Miller section. We are extremely grateful that these businesses continue to support the city in this way. We thank them all--as well, Hasse Construction and McAllister who will join the team this year. While the work of these companies represents a tremendous financial gift to the city, the value to the community is priceless and the residents are elated."

Jim Wiseman of Reith Riley said, "When I first came up with this idea it was because I wanted to give back to not only to the community we serve at Reith-Riley but also my burning desire to give back to my home town that raised me. When I see an administration working for one common goal, it only inspires me to help. Our hope has always been to make a difference in the communities we serve and to give back. More importantly we hoped that we would inspire others that would to step up and offer to help us in our outreach campaign. Well it worked!"

Demolition crews will begin work 7:00 a.m. tomorrow. **Mayor Karen Freeman-Wilson, other city representatives, company representatives and workers will organize at 10:30 a.m. at 1158 Fayette Street for a media opportunity.** Officials will discuss the partnership and the project. **The Media is asked to advise if you will cover. -30-**