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## 1150 Ripley Street, Silver Spring

A 17-stories multi-family building was ground breaking October 2010. The 306,000 s.f. building will have 286 rental units, and is being heralded by developers as the “first major construction project within the Ripley District in nearly 20 years.” On October 5th, Montgomery County officials together with the president of developer to place a ceremonial shovel in the ground and provide remarks on the bright future of the Ripley District in the area.

The building design, a generous use of glass textured by streaking and crisscrossing lines of metal as well as tall brick columns, is courtesy of the Lessard Group. Sitting on 1.16 acres of land, the apartment building will offer the usual assortment of amenities: business center, conference rooms, rec rooms, and a fitness center. Stocked with the standard array of studios and one and two bedrooms, the structure will stand atop three and a half levels of below grade parking totaling over 300 spaces. The ground floor will feature 7,000 s.f. of service retail.



The Ripley District, a triangular parcel of land in downtown Silver Spring, is bounded by Bonifant Street, Georgia Avenue, and the CSX Railroad. Sitting adjacent to the MARC railway and Silver Spring Transit Center, this is the type of transit-oriented development that county officials are hoping to encourage. The county’s Department of Housing and Community Affairs has offered \$5 million in mezzanine financing, and hopes their visible cooperation and financial help will spur future smart growth in the area.

**Universal Stones** awarded this subcontract, will use Baltic Brown and Golden Crystal for the color mixture of the 286 units, a list of engineered stones will be used in the common and amenity area. The full delivery for the units will be in two years.

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