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Miniscalco Construction, L.L.C. Breaks Ground on Hawthorne Park

Philadelphia, PA– On Tuesday, March 15, 2011, representatives of [Miniscalco Construction, L.L.C.](#) (Miniscalco Construction) joined [Mayor Michael A. Nutter](#) and Deputy Mayor Michael DiBerardinis of [Philadelphia Parks and Recreation](#) for the groundbreaking of Philadelphia’s newest open space, Hawthorne Park. The event took place on location, currently a vacant lot, at 12th and Catharine Streets and was presided over by Fairmount Park Executive Director Mark A. Focht.

“Hawthorne Park’s construction highlights Philadelphia Parks and Recreation’s commitment to add 500 acres of publicly accessible open space to Philadelphia by the year 2015 as part of our Green Works plan,” said Mayor Nutter. The \$2.2 million project is possible through funding by \$1.1 million from the [Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources](#), as well as the financial support of many city, state, and private agencies.

The project will be led by General Contractor, [Miniscalco Construction](#), who will work with two other prime contractors and sub-contractors in order to complete the park by October 2011. Miniscalco Construction’s efforts will consist of the land clearing and debris removal of the approximately one-acre site, as well as removal of existing concrete walkways and chain link fencing. [Miniscalco Construction](#) will also be installing planting soil for the planting of plant beds and trees, as well as hardscape installations, including concrete seat walls and retaining walls, foundations, granite pavers and cobbles, permeable pavers and other various site furnishings such as tables and benches.

The park, which was designed by a consultant team led by [Lager Raabe Skafte Landscape Architects](#), Inc. will provide a green area for the community, designed in an amphitheater style, in which local residents and groups will have an area to stage various events while enjoying the many trees, lawns, plant beds, artwork, seat walls, and hardscape designs.

Pennsylvania’s Department of Conservation and Natural Resources provided some assistance for Hawthorne Park to be selected as one of 150 national pilot projects to test out a new program for greening landscapes – the Sustainable SITES Initiative. SITES is a national collaboration that has produced the first voluntary set of performance benchmarks to encourage the sustainable design, construction, and maintenance of landscapes. Hawthorne Park’s design was chosen because it “gives back” to nature through native plantings and shade trees, reduced use of water, open pavers and low energy lights. The park will retain as much storm water on site as possible through the installation of bio-soils, underdrains, and permeable pavers.

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Photo Insert (from left to right): Patricia Bullard, President of the Hawthorne Empowerment Coalition, Mayor Michael A. Nutter, Deputy Mayor Michael DiBerardinis, Henry J. Miniscalco, Ron Miniscalco and Henry "Hank" Miniscalco.



Photo Insert (from left to right): Scott Dressel, Miniscalco Project Manager, Henry J. Miniscalco, Henry "Hank" Miniscalco, Henry Miniscalco, Mayor Michael A. Nutter, Ron Miniscalco, Rodney Petty, Miniscalco Construction, Kevin London, Miniscalco Construction, and Carl Melton, Miniscalco Construction.