



**Celebration of North Brentwood’s New Henry and Isabella Randall Entrepreneur Park  
Prince George’s County, Maryland  
EVENT SUMMARY**

On Monday, December 1, 2025, the Town of North Brentwood, together with leaders from the Prince George’s County Redevelopment Authority, the Anacostia Trails Heritage Area, 47A District Delegation, Prince George’s County Council District 2, Gateway Arts District, artists and community members celebrated a new pocket park honoring the rich tradition of Black enterprise prominently located along the Rhode Island Avenue Corridor in the Town of North Brentwood, Maryland.



The event began with welcoming and opening remarks provided by Mayor Petrella Robinson, who thanked town staff who helped make this project come to life. She explained that the Henry and Isabella Randall Entrepreneur Park is located where Henry Randall once lived, who was the town’s founder and first entrepreneur. Mayor Robinson described that the “We Endure” artwork at the entrance of the sign reflected the motto of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Town of North Brentwood. Mayor Robinson reminded the crowd that many other entrepreneurs would be honored at this site, including Martha Holmes and Clarence Walls, to ensure that this history is known, not lost.

Mx. Baco then recognized special guests of honor including Senator Malcolm Augustine; Delegate Diana Fennell; Delegate Julian Ivey; staff from Councilmember Fisher’s office; Perry Paylor, Executive Director of the Prince George’s Redevelopment Authority, and Andrea Anderson, the Community Impact Grant Program Manager; Tom Litke from Common Resilience Partners; Jacqueline Goodall, Town Manager for the Town of North Brentwood; and Valerie Woodall, Associate Director of the Anacostia Trails Heritage Area. Baco also thanked the artists, Nehemiah Dixon and Wesley Clark.

Mx. Baco concluded by introducing Perry Paylor from the Redevelopment Authority for remarks and a check presentation.





Mr. Paylor’s remarks touched on the history of the Town of North Brentwood, and how the Prince George’s Redevelopment Authority had partnered with the Town of North Brentwood to make large capital investments to bring the history of the town to life in projects like Sis’ Tavern (very nearby to the new park). Mr. Paylor’s final words were poignant:

*“This park stands on the shoulders of entrepreneurs who built with limited means but unlimited vision. It honors those who served their community when others denied them service. It reminds us that progress is strongest when it honors the past and invests in the future.”*

Mr. Paylor then presented a Community Impact Grant check to the Anacostia Trails Heritage Area on behalf of the Town of North Brentwood and Mayor Robinson cut the ribbon for the new Henry and Isabella Randall Entrepreneur Park. Attendees were invited to walk over to Sis’ Tavern for a tour and for refreshments to conclude the event.

About 30 people attended the event and it was covered by local news sources including [Prince George’s CTV News](#), [The Hyattsville Wire](#) and the Streetcar Suburb News’ Hyattsville Life and Times.



## **MEDIA**

[Prince George’s CTV News Clip](#)  
[Hyattsville Wire](#)  
[Event Photos](#)

## **BACKGROUND**

The Henry and Isabella Randall Entrepreneur Park is a place where history comes alive, builds a stronger public arts scene, and provides context to progress. It boasts a sculpture with the positive and powerful message, “We Endure,” motto of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the town. This artwork was created and installed by artists Wesley Clark and Nehemiah Dixon. As people enter the park, they are greeted with colorful posts that will share the audio stories of the numerous local entrepreneurs. The historical research and support for those stories was completed by Rhys Burns, a recent graduate from the University of Maryland who participated in an archaeological excavation of the site in 2022.

Funding for the Park came from the Prince George’s County Redevelopment Authority’s Community Impact Grant (CIG) Program to the Anacostia Trails Heritage Area, along with site development grants from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development’s National Capital Strategic Economic Development Fund and Maryland Department of Natural Resources’ Program Open Space, the Town of North Brentwood and partners such as the University of Maryland Historic Preservation Program, Neighborhood Design Center, and Common Resilience Partners.

*North Brentwood, Maryland has an interesting, storied history. What was flood prone land was sold to Black soldiers who served in the Civil War, flourished to become Prince George’s County’s first African American settlement. Now, the Town of North Brentwood is a diverse, thriving community with appreciation for our rich cultural heritage.*

*The Anacostia Trails Heritage Area (ATHA) is the 501c3 nonprofit that manages the state-designated heritage area for Prince George’s County. Our mission is to preserve and promote the region’s historical, natural, cultural, and artistic assets. Learn more at: [anacostiatrials.org](http://anacostiatrials.org).*