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## **Strathmore Continues Retail & Residential Vision for Creekside** *Local Restaurant Favorites Undertaking New Strategies for Growth*

Strathmore Development Company, through its Ohio affiliate, is on track with its vision to complete the residential portion of the Creekside Development by May, and continues to solidify the retail side with a plan that allows two well known restaurant companies to implement their strategic business plans for growth.

Construction on the Residences of Creekside continues toward a May completion date for the balance of the units, with turnover to tenants as soon as March, according to Rene' Ewing, General Operations Manager for Strathmore. Currently there is a waiting list for units expected to be completed in the first quarter of 2013.

"We are currently leasing ahead of anticipated completion of construction," Ewing said. "All residences scheduled to be completed in the next sixty days have committed tenants."

On the retail side of the project, Strathmore has entered into new agreements with Sheila Trautner, President of Taste Hospitality Group, who operates The Creekside Conference & Event Center, Mezzo Gahanna and Crazy Goat Coffee at Creekside. The plan allows both companies to pursue their strategic plans for growth.

Strathmore will purchase from Taste Hospitality Group the leasehold interests of Mezzo Gahanna restaurant and Crazy Goat Coffee. Taste will continue to operate its Creekside Conference & Event Center. Strathmore is leasing the 5,000 sq. ft. former Mezzo space to a new tenant who will be opening an upscale Italian eatery concept during the first quarter of 2013, with details to follow.

Lisa Brown, owner of other successful coffee venues will be moving her popular coffee, breakfast, and lunch offerings to the former Crazy Goat location with her Three Creeks Coffee concept.

"The timing of the sale is perfect for us," Trautner said. "We are working on a new concept for Crazy Goat that requires larger square footage and a location that provides a different platform for the product. And with the uptick in business events, a large part of our 2013 business plan ramps up our projections for events at our Creekside Conference & Event Center, The Venue at Corazon Event Center, and private dining at both Hubbard Grille and Mezzo Dublin. This is a good deal for us at the right time."

Scott Chappelle, president of Strathmore Development Company indicated, "This is a perfect plan that is a winning solution for everyone."

The City of Gahanna continues to make improvements and enhancements to the Creekside project with the completion of the pedestrian friendly public sitting area and event planning.

Strathmore Development Company maintains offices in Michigan, Ohio and Florida. The company works closely with communities on all aspects of commercial and residential real estate, including the redevelopment of environmentally challenged sites, repositioning of existing developments, and historic renovations. Strathmore maintains numerous professional affiliations, including membership in the United States Green Building Council, National Trust for Historic Preservation, Urban Land Institute, American Bar Association, State Bar of Michigan, and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Strathmore Development Company has a solid track record of successfully completing challenging projects while benefiting its clients, partners, and the communities it serves. For further information, please contact: Scott Chappelle at [scottc@strathmoredev.com](mailto:scottc@strathmoredev.com) or at 517-664-4111.