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Cecil Charlton Park Redevelopment Project Launches in Manchester, Jamaica

Kingston, Jamaica: On Wednesday, August 13th, the Manchester Parish Council, the Manchester Parish Development Committee, along with the Caribbean Local Economic Development Project (CARILED) and other project partners, will be hosting a groundbreaking ceremony at the Cecil Charlton Park in Manchester, Jamaica. The ceremony will officially launch *The Cecil Charlton Park Redevelopment Project*, a local economic development initiative towards micro and small business support, as well as the construction of 10 new kiosks.

The Redevelopment Project aims at stimulating economic growth and development by transforming the Cecil Charlton Park into an inclusive, comfortable, entertaining, and accessible space that encourages diverse users. Youth, men, women, and the elderly will be able to access a variety of goods and services provided by businesses within the Park.

This project is expected to be a catalyst that will promote the development of Manchester's first business improvement district in downtown Mandeville. It is anticipated that 30 direct and 300 indirect jobs will be created during and after construction, and the new business area will facilitate economic growth through linkages established between micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs).

CARILED is undertaken with the financial support of the Government of Canada provided through Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development, Canada and aims to promote economic development, community empowerment, and developmental local governance.

About CARILED

CARILED was launched in May 2012 and is being implemented by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), in partnership with the Caribbean Association of Local Government Authorities (CALGA), the Caribbean Forum of Local Government Ministers (CFLGM) and the Commonwealth Local Government Forum (CLGF). The program, focused on local economic development, currently works in seven Caribbean countries to develop models of LED that can be shared throughout the region. It aims to partner with local government authorities to support MSMEs.

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