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**#GreenNFit Neighborhood Rebuild in Memorial Square to Launch Without Volunteer Labor**  
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**Springfield, MA** - On Friday, March 13, 2020, Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker signed an order banning gatherings of 250 people or more to slow the spread of the coronavirus.

Baker's order — which is effective immediately — applies to large social gatherings and recreational activities, including but not limited to faith-based events, sporting events, concerts, conventions, fundraisers, fairs, festivals, parades, community events, and other activities that call for large groups in a single space.

Due to the Coronavirus outbreak and guidance to employ social distance, Revitalize CDC is announcing that it's #GreenNFit Rebuild for the first time in the Memorial Square Neighborhood will continue without volunteer labor on Saturday, April 25, 2020.

Revitalize CDC staff have been working since last Fall on this project and will continue to work with licensed building contractors on the most critical repairs needed to homes in and around Calhoun Park that include Montmorenci, Massasoit, Lexington and Chestnut Streets. These repairs include replacing leaking roofs, broken windows, repairing heating systems and more.

Unfortunately, the enormous people power that have provided the energy to our #GreenNFit initiative will not be available but the work goes on. Our organization has become known for inspiring a thousand volunteers to work from dawn to dusk in transforming neighborhoods. Our success in Springfield's Old Hill Neighborhood has led us to launch a similar effort in Springfield's North End.

Volunteers are the lifeblood of our work and our organization, so we regret that our usual workforce will not have the on the ground experience to serve others. At the same time, we are committed to starting work in a new neighborhood to extend our legacy of making transformative change in Springfield for families in need.

We will also cancel our planned breakfast celebration concluding our work in the Old Hill Neighborhood that was to be held Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at Springfield College.

We continue to need your moral and financial support to do this life-changing work. If you have any questions, please email me at [CLoveless@RevitalizeCDC.com](mailto:CLoveless@RevitalizeCDC.com) or call: 413-788-0014. Please stay tuned and we will be in touch soon!

Sincerely,

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