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**Southern Management Spruces Up Five Schools in the Washington, D.C. Metro Region**

*Program Continues Local Residential Property Company's Commitment to Enhancing Residents' Quality of Life*

**VIENNA, VA – September 12, 2006** –Southern Management Corporation (SMC), the largest privately owned residential property management company in the Mid-Atlantic region, announces it will conduct its sixth annual **Spruce Up Our Schools** program at five elementary schools in the Washington, D.C. metro region this fall. Along with SMC, Complete Landscaping, McCormick Paints and Daycon will partner in the program designed to enhance the atmosphere for young students both inside and outside their classrooms.

SMC adopts several schools each year and works with the principals and the school districts to make minor modifications for an overall facelift. These refurbishments range from painting and landscaping to appliance donations and wall murals.

“We are pleased to announce that Southern Management Corporation is continuing our commitment to supporting neighborhood schools with our Spruce Up Our Schools program,” said Ron Frank, Southern Management Corporation President. “This is one of the many ways we work to enhance the lifestyle of the residents of the properties we manage.”

The five schools participating in Spruce Up Our Schools and the event dates are the following:

- Oaklands Elementary School, Laurel, MD – Saturday, September 16
- New Hope Housing, Alexandria, VA – Saturday, September 23
- Kennedy Institute, Washington, DC – Saturday, September 30
- High Point High School, Beltsville, MD – Saturday, October 14
- Columbia Park Elementary School, Landover, MD – Saturday, October 14

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**About Southern Management Corporation:**

Southern Management Corporation (SMC) is the largest privately owned residential property company in the Mid-Atlantic region. The company owns and manages 70 apartment home communities comprising nearly 25,000 apartment homes throughout the Baltimore-Washington region. Southern Management Corporation is located at 1950 Old Gallows Road, Suite 600, Vienna, VA 22182; 703-902-2000; [www.southernmanagement.com](http://www.southernmanagement.com).