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A new mixed-use apartment community planned for Washington, D.C.'s Fort Totten neighborhood promises to bring to the urban enclave much needed workforce housing, local retailing and a stronger sense of neighborhood identity. Fort Totten Square, an 826,000-square-foot project that will include 350 apartments and 130,000 square feet of retail anchored by a Wal-Mart, has as its architectural firm Washington, D.C.-based Hickok Cole Architects. The developers are The JBG Companies and Lowe Enterprises, the general contractor Clark Construction Group LLC, and the landscape architect Parker Rodriguez Inc. The site's transit orientation was a key factor in putting this development on the drawing boards. "Currently the site is a vacant lot, but it's within a quarter mile of one of the Metro [rapid transit] stations, the Fort Totten Station that serves the Red, Yellow and Green Lines," Laurence Caudle, AIA, director of housing and associate principal at Hickok Cole Architects, tells MHN.

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