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## Hilton Garden Inn Officially Opens with Ribbon Cutting

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representatives from Hilton Garden Inn, developer First Bristol Corp and construction company Consigli joined together to cut the ribbon on the first new hotel built in East Boston in 14 years.

The hotel was erected on a long neglected parcel of land along Boardman Street and McClellan Highway after Fall River based developer First Bristol received Boston Redevelopment Authority for the \$32 million project to build a Hilton Garden Inn in Eastie.

In 2012, First Bristol, known for the development of Hotels and high-end residential units in Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut purchased the 6 acres of vacant land at 415 McClellan Hwy. for \$3.75 million in 2012.

Over the past year and half, the jungle of overgrown weeds and trees was transformed into an attractive hotel complete with landscaping

The hotel is a five story, 177 rooms Hilton Garden Inn hotel. First Bristol also used the remaining 10,000 sq. ft. to to construct a casual dining restaurants.

The newly opened hotel has 346 parking spaces, new sidewalks, street trees, planters, and lighting.

The project was developed in two phases with the 5-story, 102,525 sq. ft. hotel built first followed by a 6,270 SF restaurant/retail building and a 4,035 SF restaurant/retail building both facing Boardman Street.

The project provided 200 construction jobs and 69 to 80 permanent jobs. The developer has also provide \$100,972 to a neighborhood h

ousing trust as well as \$20,143 to a neighborhood jobs trust.

First Bristol bought the parcel from Sawyer Enterprises, the Boston firm that owns the W Hotel and Residences in the Theater District in 2013.

Over the years, First Bristol has compiled an impressive portfolio that includes retail shopping plazas, professional office building like the Bank



Steven Haley, Director of Sales (Hilton Garden Inn Boston Logan Airport), Pat Moscaritolo, President & CEO, Greater Boston Convention & Visitors Bureau, Kevin Buchanan, General Manager (Hilton Garden Inn Boston Logan Airport), Jeff Karam, Vice President, First Bristol (Developer), Christian Riordan, LEED AP, Project Executive, and Consigli's Rusty Powell, Superintendent, Consigli cut the ribbon and officially open the new Hilton Garden Inn on Boardman Street.

of America and GE buildings in Warwick, R.I., hotels like the Marriott Residence Inn in Middletown, R.I. which was ranked the number one hotel by Trip Advisor and residential developments that have helped spur a resurgence of Fall River.