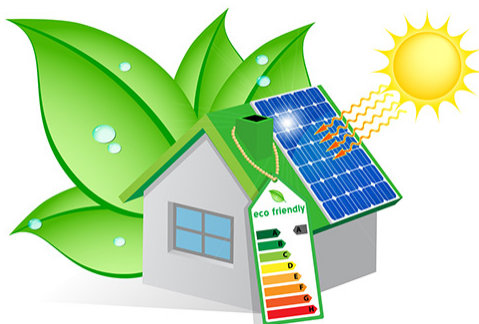


Going Green? In Florida You Have a Choice

ORLANDO, Fla. - With over 17,300 certifications since 2000, the Florida Green Building Coalition (FGBC) is by far the largest certifier of green homes, communities, hi-rise residences and local governments in Florida.



Florida Green are the only national or international green standards developed with Florida-specific criteria. They address Florida's hot-humid climate, environment, topography and natural disasters.

FGBC's process, including low builder fees, is often more affordable than other certifications. The free market aspect of FGBC certifiers keep costs low.

We need your help to lead and promote a state of sustainability with environmental, economic, and social benefits through regional education, information, grassroots outreach and certification programs.

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Welcome New Members

Robert Davenport
[Crescent Communities](#)
Charlotte, NC

Donald Rogers
University of South Florida St.
Petersburg
St. Petersburg

Florida Green: Ability Housing Breaks Ground on Orlando Affordable Property



Ability Housing, the City of Orlando and Florida Housing Finance Corp. have commenced work on Village on Mercy, a 166-unit affordable housing development.

The project will revitalize a 13-acre

blighted parcel. Ebert Norman Brady Architects is the architect and Sauer Inc. is the general contractor.

Located at 1740 Mercy Drive, the four-building property will be close to Lake Lawne and within a 15-minute drive of downtown Orlando.

Ability Housing plans to build the community using environmentally friendly materials in order to qualify for Florida Green Building Coalition certification.

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FGBC News: Lennar Unveils New Neighborhood at Babcock Ranch

Lennar Homes has introduced its new Trail's Edge neighborhood featuring five Wi-Fi Certified models at Babcock Ranch.

Homes are built to Florida Green Building Coalition standards, emphasizing energy and water conservation.



Babcock Ranch was created by Kitson & Partners with respect for the natural environment and the philosophy that smart growth and sustainability work hand in hand. Half of the town's 18,000-acre footprint is set aside as greenways, parks and expansive lakes.

David Butler
[Loxley Hawk, Inc](#)
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Michelle Powers
[Manatee County Government](#)
Bradenton

Porter McNeil
[Conserv-A-Store](#)
Orlando

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Delray Beach

Gregory Pascale
[Paradise Design-Build, Inc](#)
Marco Island

Pierre Cournoyer
Cournoyer Construction
Clearwater

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[Energy Star Webinars](#)

[Florida Solar Energy Center \(FSEC\)](#)

[Building America Webinars](#)

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Calendar of Events

June 7-8, 2018
ULI Florida Conference
The Ritz-Carlton, Naples
Naples, Florida
[\[MORE\]](#)

June 6-8
Florida Planning & Zoning Association Annual Meeting
ALOFT Hotel
Orlando, Fla.
[\[MORE\]](#)

June 26-29
Florida Association of Counties Annual Conference
Hyatt Regency Orlando
Orlando, Fla.
[\[MORE\]](#)

Thursday, July 19
Sustainable Florida Forum
SeaWorld Ports of Call
Orlando, Fla.

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'Florida Green' Certification Avoids 'Greenwashing' with FGBC Tools

The high-performance building industry continues to gain traction, which is good news for Florida builders, developers and homeowners.

But with this growth comes an emerging problem: "greenwashing."

Home Innovation Research Labs is reporting that greenwashing - or presenting a product as more environmentally friendly than is the case - can be a problem.



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Neal Communities Earns Builder of the Year from the Florida Green Building Coalition



The Florida Green Building Coalition, the leading certifier of green projects in the state, recently honored the top

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July 19-22
AIA 2018 Convention & Tradeshow
Sawgrass Marriott Golf Resort & Spa
Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla .
[\[MORE\]](#)

Aug. 15-18
2018 Southeast Building Conference (SEBC)
Gaylord Palms Resort & Convention Center
Orlando, Fla.
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August 16-18
Florida League of Cities Annual Conference
The Diplomat Beach Resort
Hollywood, Fla.
[\[MORE\]](#)

Sept. 11-14
American Planning Association Florida Annual Conference
Palm Beach County Convention Center
West Palm Beach, Fla.
[\[MORE\]](#)

Feb 19-21, 2019
The NAHB International Builders' Show® (IBS)
Las Vegas Convention Center
Las Vegas, Nev.
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Certification News

Homes
Registered: 17,420
Certified: 17,285

Commercial
Registered: 60
Certified: 19

High Rise
Registered: 67
Certified: 28

Land Developments
Registered: 62
Certified: 13

Local Government
Registered: 94
Certified: 74

"Florida Green" certified projects.

Neal Communities received a Builder of the Year award, marking the fifth consecutive time the builder has earned this honor since 2013.

At the March 23 ceremony in Orlando, Neal Communities was given the award for the most single-family homes certified.

In 2015, the Florida Green Building Coalition held a special 15-year anniversary celebration, and Neal Communities was named the No. 1 builder out of the top 15 builders from 2000-15.

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The Southeast Building Conference and the Florida Green Building Coalition are partnering to create a "Green Trends" zone of booths and exhibits and at the annual show.

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Recent Certifications

Miami
Mercy Hospital Medical Office Building
Commercial
Bronze

Miami
Aria on the Bay
High-Rise
Silver

Recent Registrations

Miami
Monte Cassini
High-Rise

Miami
Arbor
High-Rise

FGBC Committee Meetings

Board of Directors
2nd Wednesday
Monthly
3 p.m.

Commercial
1st Tuesday
Monthly
2 p.m.

Education
1st Thursday
Monthly
3 p.m.

High-Rise
3rd Tuesday
Monthly
11 a.m.

Homes
2nd Tuesday
Monthly
2 p.m.

Land Development
4th Wednesday
Bi-Monthly
2 p.m.

Local Government
3rd Thursday
Monthly
10:30 a.m.

Programs & Promotions
3rd Tuesday
Monthly
3 p.m.

FGBC Observes Earth Day Around State



During Earth Day celebrations across the state FGBC members' dedication, creativity and innovation, supported by technology and advanced, passionate grassroots engagement made a difference in Florida.

"Florida Green" local governments such as Manatee County held events as well as communities throughout the state.



Members attended Earth Day related events at Earth Day @ Kennedy Space Center, the 13th Annual Central Florida Earth Day, the Earth Day Festival at the Conservancy of Southwest Florida, the St. Petersburg Fifth Annual Earth Day Festival and the City of Hollywood Green Team Earth Day Event, the Earth Day 2018 Celebration Jacksonville Landing and the Earth Day 2018 Celebration at Washington Oaks.

Thanks!

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Funding Opportunities

[St. Johns River WMD Water Programs](#)

[South Florida WMD Water Programs](#)

[Southwest Florida WMD Water Programs](#)

[FHFC Multifamily Energy Retrofit Program \(MERP\)](#)

Job Opportunities

[APA Florida Job Board](#)

[Florida Facility Managers Assn Job Board](#)

[Green Dream Jobs](#)

Articles of Interest



Beginning in June Florida Green Building Coalition (FGBC) residential projects will be featured on Houzz®, the leading platform for home building design and remodeling.

"Houzz is both an excellent and invaluable resource not only for FGBC members but owners and buyers who search for images, products and ideas to use in their individual green projects," noted FGBC President Jeremy Nelson. "From the multitude of design websites, our Houzz channel showcases our members' most current green design, sustainable products and 'Florida Green' certified new homes."

For more information on how to get your project

LOOKING BACK: WCI's Venetian Golf & River Club Earns 'Florida Green' Standard

VENICE, Fla. -- In 2004 the Venetian Golf & River Club, by WCI Communities, Inc. reached another environmental and healthy home milestone, earning the Green Development Design Standard certification by the Florida Green Building Coalition.



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Congratulations to the Florida Green Building Coalition category winners in this year's Tallahassee Building Association Parade of Homes.

Kessler Construction
Over 1,900 square feet

Tallahassee Homes, LLC
Under 1,900 square feet

FGBC is a sponsor of the annual event. Executive Director C.J. Davila presented the "Florida Green" entry awards.

This year's Parade of Homes featured over 26 homes in Leon and Wakulla Counties.

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