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Highest Scoring Green Certified Projects Announced by Florida Green Building Coalition

The Florida Green Building Coalition (FGBC) recently announced recipients of the 2015 Green Achievement Awards for green building and sustainability excellence during its annual GreenTrends Conference held in Orlando last week.

The awards are based on the highest scoring project during the previous calendar year. Categories recognize single- and multi-family residential projects, commercial and high-rise residential buildings, land developments, and local government operations.

With over 11,000 residential units, 20 million square feet of commercial and high-rise buildings, 79 local governments, and 62 land developments participating in its programs, the Florida Green Building Coalition continues to be the leading certifier of green projects in Florida.

Category winners are:

Highest Scoring Certified Green High-Rise Residential Building

Evernia Place

Location: West Palm Beach
Builder: Eastwind Development, Palm Beach Gardens
Architect: Song & Associates, West Palm Beach

Highest Scoring Certified Commercial Building

Harold Park Baseball Field Concession Stand

Location: Port Charlotte
Builder: Owen Ames Kimball, Inc – Punta Gorda
Architect: ADG Architecture – Punta Gorda
Owner: Charlotte County

Highest Scoring Certified Green Local Government

Five (5) local governments achieved the FGBC Green Local Government Certification:

- City of Palm Bay
- City of Tamarac

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- City of Tampa
- Town of Jupiter
- Manatee County

The winner in the **Highest Scoring County** category is:

Manatee County

Gold Level
Score: 44%

The winner in the **Highest Scoring City** category is:

City of Tampa

Gold Level
Score 51.7%

HIGHEST SCORING HOME CATEGORY

Taking first place for the **Highest Scoring FGBC Certified Green Home** in the state was:

Habitat for Humanity South Sarasota County

For: 790 Dedication Court in Nokomis
Score: 245 (out of 100-point minimum requirement)
Platinum Level

In the **Highest Scoring Home Category**, the Top 10 contenders were:

<u>Builder</u>	<u>Home</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Score</u>
Big Bend Habitat for Humanity	• 1336 Victoria Street	Tallahassee	206
Dah Builders	• 834 15th Avenue	New Smyrna Beach	205
Green Key Village	• 1262 Fiesta Key Circle	Lady Lake	204
	• 1167 Fiesta Key Circle	Lady Lake	203
	• 1172 Fiesta Key Circle	Lady Lake	203
	• 1177 Fiesta Key Circle	Lady Lake	203
Habitat for Humanity South Sarasota County	• 790 Dedication Court	Nokomis	245
	• 776 Dedication Court	Nokomis	241
	• 780 Dedication Court	Nokomis	241
	• 786 Dedication Court	Nokomis	241

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MOST HOMES CERTIFIED

FGBC certified 2,378 homes last year, with a total of 80 builders participating in the FGBC Green Home certification program.

Winner of the **FGBC Green Builder of the Year** award for most homes certified in the **Single-Family category** went to

Neal Communities

Lakewood Ranch
Homes Certified: 445

The Top 5 Builders based on **Most Homes Certified – Single-Family Category** were:

<u>Builder</u>	<u>City</u>	<u># of Homes</u>
Florida Home Partnership	Ruskin	122
Neal Communities	Lakewood Ranch	445
Premier Construction & Development	Tallahassee	55
Taylor Morrison	Sarasota	180
William Ryan Homes	Tampa	77

The **FGBC Green Builder of the Year** – For Most Homes Certified in the **Multi-Family Category** is:

Atlantic Housing Partners

Winter Park
Homes Certified: 393

The Top 5 Builders based on **Most Homes Certified** – in the **Multi-Family Category** were:

<u>Builder</u>	<u>City</u>	<u># of Homes</u>
Atlantic Housing Partners	Winter Park	393
Contravest Builders	Altamonte Springs	330
Santos Isle Ltd.	West Palm Beach	50
Walker & Company, Inc	Winter Park	68
Wolgast Corporation	Saginaw, MI	80

CERTIFYING AGENT OF THE YEAR

The leading Certifying Agents based on total number of homes certified were, in alphabetical order:

Gary Carmack All Elements Mechanical Orlando
Randy Conn ES Green & Company Tallahassee
Lisa Percy All Elements Mechanical Orlando
Drew Smith Two Trails, Inc. Sarasota
Joseph Weaver Cool Green Consulting Apollo Beach

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The **FGBC Certifying Agent of the Year**, with an amazing 949 homes went to:

Drew Smith
Two Trails, Inc.
Sarasota

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Each year the FGBC selects a volunteer of the year, based on nominations received from the general membership. This award honors an extraordinary FGBC member for their passionate belief in the mission of FGBC and for their contributions to its success.

The **FGBC Volunteer of the Year** was awarded to:

Deirdre Irwin.....St. Johns River Water Management District Palatka

MENTOR OF THE YEAR

The Outstanding Mentor of the Year Award is given to an individual who has demonstrated their ability to be an outstanding role model and who unselfishly shares their expertise with others in the field to encourage competency and career development to enhance the public image of those representing the Florida Green Building Coalition.

The **FGBC Mentor of the Year** was awarded to:

Randy Conn.....ES Green & Company Tallahassee

About the Florida Green Building Coalition

The Florida Green Building Coalition (FGBC) is a nonprofit 501(C)3 Florida corporation founded in 2000 dedicated to improving the built environment. Its mission is "to lead and promote sustainability with environmental, economic, and social benefits through regional education and certification programs." FGBC certification programs are the only standards developed with climate specific criteria to address issues caused by Florida's hot-humid environment and natural disasters. Currently, FGBC is the leading certifier of green projects in Florida. For more information about the FGBC "Florida Green" certification programs visit www.floridagreenbuilding.org.

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