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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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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.
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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

**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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During Earth Day celebrations across the state FGB C 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!

See the photo gallery.

Share your photos, video and stories.
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.

Overall, The Venetian, based in Venice, Fla., was the fourth and development to pass the group's community-wide green building standards.

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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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