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Arlington Mill Residences Named EarthCraft Virginia Multi Family New Construction Project of the Year

Arlington, VA (March 30, 2015) -- [Arlington Mill Residences](#), owned and developed by the Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing ([APAH](#)) was named Multi Family New Construction Project of the Year, as part of [EarthCraft Virginia](#)'s 6th Annual Sustainable Leadership Awards, the organization's yearly awards presentation to recognize Virginia leaders in the adoption of green, sustainable housing.

"Arlington Mill Residences is an innovative public/private partnership using "public land for public good" to provide 122 units of much needed quality, new affordable housing," said Nina Janopaul, APAH President/CEO. "Built to EarthCraft Virginia standards, Arlington Mill's energy-efficient and environmentally friendly features includes 15 SEER HVAC systems, gas tankless hot water heaters and EnergyStar-rated windows and appliances."

APAH was honored on Thursday evening at a ceremony in Richmond which brought together over 100 individuals representing home builders, non-profit and for-profit housing providers and developers, affordable housing advocates and those interested in creating green housing opportunities in Virginia. Awards were presented in a variety of categories to cover new construction, renovation, single family homes, multifamily housing and more.

“Our annual Sustainable Leadership Awards recognize the best initiatives in sustainable housing in Virginia over the past year,” says EarthCraft Virginia Executive Director, K.C. Bleile. “Now in its sixth year, we feel privileged to honor the dedicated individuals who continue to amaze us with their passion for high performance home building. This year’s nominees and winners have all gone above and beyond standard building expectations to become the leaders in transforming Virginia’s housing market.”

Details about the 6th Annual Sustainable Leadership Awards are available at http://www.earthcraftvirginia.org/events_annual/earthcraft-virginias-sustainable-leadership-awards/.

APAH’s Arlington Mill Residences, designed by [KGD Architecture](#), is built atop the County-built parking garage that is shared with the adjacent Arlington Mill Community Center. Together they serve as an anchor in the revitalization of Columbia Pike. Opened in 2014, Arlington Mill Residences is 100% affordable with 39 apartments renting to households who are very low income and 83 apartments designated for low income residents earning 60% of the Area Median Income (or \$64,000 for a family of four). Arlington Mill has 73 two-bedroom and 25 three-bedroom apartments to accommodate families. Over 3,000 households signed up to apply for an apartment at Arlington Mill; 80% of the households that moved in were residents of Arlington, Va.



L-R: K.C. Bleile, EarthCraft Virginia; Chris Gordon, KGD Architecture; David Perrow, APAH.
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About EarthCraft Virginia

EarthCraft Virginia, a 501c3 non-profit, was established in 2006 in partnership with the Home Builders Association of Virginia and Southface Energy Institute with assistance from the Virginia Community Development Corporation. The EarthCraft program, originally founded in 1999 by non-profit Southface and the Greater Atlanta Home Builders Association, serves as a blueprint for energy and resource efficient homes built in the Southeast. Throughout the Southeast, the program has certified over 8,000 homes and 25,000 multifamily dwelling units (with 13,500 of these multifamily units in Virginia alone). For more information on EarthCraft or EarthCraft Virginia, please visit www.earthcraftvirginia.org.

EarthCraft Virginia's partners include Southface Energy Institute, the Home Builders Association of Virginia, Habitat for Humanity of Virginia, and Virginia Housing Development Authority.

About APAH

APAH is a nonprofit that develops, preserves, owns, and advocates quality rental housing that is affordable to low and moderate-income families and promotes opportunity for residents through partnerships and programs. APAH works exclusively in Arlington County. Founded in 1989, APAH now helps 1200 households live in stable, secure and affordable rental homes. In 2014 APAH was named Developer of the Year by the Housing Association of Nonprofit Developers (HAND) and APAH's Arlington Mill Residences was awarded Best Housing Development in Virginia at the Virginia Governor's Housing Conference. APAH received the Prize for Innovation and Impact from the Arlington Community Foundation in 2011; in 2009 APAH received the HAND Innovation Award and in 2008 was named Best Nonprofit by the Arlington Chamber of Commerce.