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Harold Park Concession Stands Earn FGBC Green Certification

Charlotte County's Harold Park baseball and softball concession stands have been awarded the certified 'Florida Green' designation by the Florida Green Building Coalition (FGBC) after each successfully met the sustainability standards established in the FGBC Florida Green Commercial Building Certification program.

The Harold Park Baseball Concession Stand earned 124 points of the required 100-points minimum, while the Harold Park Softball Concession Stand earned 122 points.

The designation represents achievements in a number of categories, such as energy efficiency, water conservation, site preservation, indoor air quality, materials, and durability, including disaster mitigation.

FGBC-certified projects complete a technically rigorous building assessment and construction process to promote design and construction practices that reduce the negative environmental impacts of the building, improve occupant health and well-being, and reduce operating costs for the owner.

"As an FGBC certified building, the Harold Park concession stands serves as a model of sustainability for Charlotte County businesses and residents," said Suzanne Cook, Executive Director for the FGBC.

Implementation of green building strategies such as redevelopment of an existing building site, Florida Friendly landscaping, rainwater harvesting for irrigation, and over 80 percent of construction waste recycled helped protect surrounding natural resources. Other design approaches included development of an OPR (Owner Project Requirements) to indicate minimum goals to reach in each green category, a BOD (Basis of Design) that includes specifically how the performance desires of the owner will be achieved through the project

design features, and verification of energy performance that exceeds standard building code requirements.

Some of the unique green features incorporated into the buildings included:

- Energy efficiency measures that resulted in the building being 20 percent more efficient than required by the Florida Building Code
- An energy monitoring system to track real-time energy use
- Low-flow water fixtures
- Occupancy sensors that turn off lighting when not needed
- All occupied spaces receive daylight to reduce lighting demand
- Materials selection included low-emitting adhesives and sealants, healthy flooring, and healthy insulation
- 35 percent of the materials used were made from recycled content and 52 percent of the materials were made from certified wood.
- Improved indoor air quality management that includes a humidity monitoring system with automatic corrective action and a high-efficiency MERV filter.

Architectural services and oversight of green compliance measures was provided by Robert Taylor, architect and president of the Alliance Design Group in Punta Gorda. Construction services were provided by Owen Ames Kimball in Punta Gorda. A complete list of green team members and project achievements is available on the FGBC website at www.FloridaGreenBuilding.org under the “search” tab.

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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