Statewide Green Building Award Winners Announced
By the Florida Green Building Coalition

TALLAHASSEE – The Florida Green Building Coalition (FGBC) has recently announced winners of its annual Green Achievement Awards. The competitive awards, based on green certification scores, recognize residential, commercial, high-rise residential, and land development projects, as well as, local governments for exceptional sustainability achievements in a number of categories, such as energy efficiency, water conservation, indoor air quality, site preservation, resource (materials) efficiency, and durability.

The local government program criteria evaluates energy and water usage, air quality, health issues, land use, recycling and waste disposal, maintenance policies, educational programs, purchasing practices, and regulatory policies. It is designed to help protect and conserve the community’s natural resources, enhance the efficiency of government, thus reducing the cost to taxpayers, and raise public awareness about the benefits of environmental stewardship.

This year’s FGBC Green Achievement Award winners are:

**Highest Scoring Land Development**
**Abacoa in Palm Beach County**
Score  207
Developer:  Cypress Realty of Florida
Owner: Abacoa Property Owners Assembly
Highest Scoring Green High-Rise Residential Building
Gables 4585 Ponce, Coral Gables
Score: 52
Builder: Gables Residential

Highest Scoring Green Home
Big Bend Habitat for Humanity - Tallahassee
For: 1621 Harris Street in Tallahassee
Score: 212, Platinum Level

1621 Harris Street, Tallahassee built by Big Bend Habitat received a score of 212 to earn it "Highest Scoring Green Home" in the FGBC 2014 Green Achievement Awards. Construction Manager Skip Sawyer

(l-r) Certifying Agent Randy Conn, Habitat

(l-r) FGBC Designated Professional
Jennifer Languell, Owner Representative
Sheldon Powell
Green Builder of the Year  (for most homes certified):

Single-Family Category
Neal Communities, Bradenton – 257 Homes Certified

Multi-Family Category
McIntyre Elwell and Strammer General Contractors, Sarasota – 68 units

FGBC Certifying Agent of the Year
Drew Smith, Two Trails, Inc. in Sarasota with an incredible 721 homes certified.

Eight (8) local governments achieved the FGBC Green Local Government certification (or recertification) in 2013: Dunedin, Fort Lauderdale, Gainesville, Oldsmar, Tallahassee, Tarpon Springs, Osceola County, and Pinellas County.
**Highest Scoring County** went to:
Pinellas County  
Gold Level  
Score: 55

Pinellas County takes top honors as the highest scoring county in the 2014 FGBC Green Achievement Awards. Pictured (L to R): Mary Campbell, County Extension Director, Commissioner Karen Seel, FGBC Executive Director Suzanne Cook, and Ramona Hector, Pinellas County Regional Specialized Agent, Urban Sustainability who led the green team during the recertification process.

**Highest Scoring City** went to:
City of Dunedin  
Score 71  
*The first government to achieve platinum-level certification.*

(lr) Christina Perez – Dunedin  
Sustainability Coordinator, Cindy Hall-  
FGBC Awards Committee Chair

Dunedin is the first local government to earn a platinum-level certification from the Florida Green Building Coalition.
Each year the FGBC Board of Directors selects a volunteer of the year. This award honors FGBC members for their passionate belief in the mission of FGBC and for their contributions to its success. Selection is based on initiative, sustained commitment, and impact of their tireless efforts to make a difference. This year’s nominees included:

- Larry Hale, Larry Hale, LLC, Sarasota
- Deirdre Irwin, St. Johns River Water Management District, Palatka
- Lisa Pearcy, All Elements Mechanical, Orlando
- Nate Ritter, GreenBuilt Solutions, Orlando

The **FGBC Volunteer of the Year** winners (tie) were:
**Larry Hale**, Larry Hale, LLC, Sarasota  
**Deirdre Irwin**, St. Johns River Water Management District, Palatka

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**About the Florida Green Building Coalition**

*The Florida Green Building Coalition is the leading certifier of green projects in Florida. To date it has 8,200 residential, over 15 million s.f. of commercial and high-rise, 53 land developments, and 72 local governments participating in its 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.*

*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." For more information about the FGBC “Florida Green” certification programs visit www.floridagreenbuilding.org.*

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