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Thankful Chases Pathway – Harwich

An Award Winning USGBC LEED Certified Affordable Housing Project

The Valle Group has received an award for its LEED platinum certified affordable rental housing project in Harwich, MA. The 12-unit project, finished in the late fall of 2010, has been given an honorable mention from United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for Producing Sustainable Housing.

Thankful Chases Pathway, as the community is called, consists of 4 buildings containing three apartments each. Two apartments are dedicated as handicapped accessible. Each building has a photovoltaic array on the roof which powers the electrical usage for the apartments. Other unique features include exterior rigid insulation on the building shell, high r-value blown-in insulation in the wall and roof cavities, high-efficiency boilers, low-flow plumbing fixtures and native, non-invasive, low maintenance irrigation and landscaping. The United States Green Building Council (USGBC) has certified the project as LEED platinum, the highest level achievable for LEED

The project was built for the Lower Cape Cod Community Development Council (CDP) with major funding provided by The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), The Affordable Housing Trust Fund (AHTF), The Community Economic Development Assistance Corporation (CEDAC) and the Barnstable County Home Funds. Funding for the solar panels was secured through the Cape Light Compact's Green Homes initiative.