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USGBC Awards Gray's Landing LEED® Platinum Certification

New South Waterfront district building provides 209 affordable, healthy homes

PORTLAND, Ore. – February 1, 2013—[REACH Community Development](#) today was awarded LEED Platinum certification by [U S Green Building Council \(USGBC\)](#) for achievement in green homebuilding and design for Gray's Landing. Gray's Landing, a mixed-use new construction building with 209 affordable homes and 17,000 sq ft of commercial space, is only the third project in Oregon to achieve LEED for Homes Mid-Rise Platinum certification.

[LEED for Homes](#) is a green building certification program that rewards buildings that are designed and built to be energy- and resource-efficient; and more healthy and durable for the occupants. LEED-certified projects complete a technically rigorous process which includes onsite inspections to verify that the building is built to be energy and water efficient, environmentally sound, and a healthier place to live.

Gray's Landing was constructed by [Walsh Construction Co.](#) and designed by [Ankrom Moisan Architects](#), both of whom are known for their expertise in building LEED projects in the Pacific Northwest. Gray's Landing utility costs will be substantially lower for the residents, and the environment made healthy by several green innovations including the largest eco-roof in the Portland metropolitan region – part of an innovative storm-water management system; a roof mounted solar panel array which provides approximately 50% of the building's hot water; fresh air ventilation in each unit; and an air-tight building envelope.

"As a LEED-certified building, Gray's Landing serves as a model of greener living for the entire community," said Nate Kredich, Vice President of Residential Market Development for the USGBC. "This building sets the example that we can all live better by reducing our environmental footprint, cutting our utility bills, and coming home to a greener place."

"REACH believes strongly that livability and sustainability are closely aligned," says Interim Executive Director Kathy Kniep. "By incorporating renewable, energy-efficient practices into our current and future affordable housing developments, REACH is promoting greater environmental and social health for our community and the planet. We're proud to have received LEED Platinum Certification from the US Green Building Council."



A healthy community begins at home

About REACH CDC

For 30 years, REACH has built innovative and affordable housing for low-income families and individuals in the Portland metropolitan region. REACH develops and manages affordable housing and provides supportive services to our residents, as well as free home repairs to senior homeowners. Today, REACH's portfolio includes 1,607 units including single family homes, apartment buildings, and mixed-use developments located across the region. REACH has won numerous state and national awards for its creative approach to building healthy communities and its innovative housing projects. More information at <http://reachcdc.org>.

About LEED for Homes

LEED for Homes is a third-party certification system for building and designing high-performance green homes that are energy-and-resource-efficient and healthy for its occupants. Developed and administered by USGBC, LEED for Homes awards points to projects in eight categories of environmental performance: Innovation & Design Process, Location & Linkages, Sustainable Sites, Water Efficiency, Indoor Environmental Quality, Energy & Atmosphere, Materials & Resources, and Awareness & Education. To date, more than 18,000 units have achieved certification with LEED for Homes program, and over 75,000 have registered and are in process. More information at <http://usgbc.org/homes>.

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