



## THE PONDS

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### **Dorchester County to Construct EMS/Fire Station at The Ponds**

**Summerville, S.C., April 24, 2008** – Dorchester County in conjunction with Greenwood Communities and Resorts will soon break ground on a new Fire/EMS station at The Ponds, a 1,950-acre master-planned community set between the town of Summerville and the Ashley River Historic District in South Carolina. The groundbreaking ceremony will take place on April 30 at 4 pm. (Editor note: for a rendering of EMS station, go to <http://www.discovertheponds.com/ThePonds/SiteAssets/files/main/PondsFirestation.pdf>.)

The 8,200-square-foot facility will include capability to house three fire trucks and two emergency service vehicles. Also included will be sleeping quarters for personnel, office space, a full-service kitchen, dining and recreation space. In addition, the building will include a sheriff's department sub-station office. The station will offer 24-hour staffing and regularly patrol the property throughout the day and evening.

Greenwood dedicated two acres of land on the property (\$200,000 value) along with \$500,000 for the station while Dorchester County donated the remaining \$750,000.

“The safety and security of our residents is of our highest concern,” said John Morgan, Greenwood's general manager for The Ponds. “In addition to offering quality homes and luxurious amenities, it was very important that each family feel a deep sense of well being.”

The building will be one story with a combination of exterior brick and pre-finished metal wall panels while the roof will be comprised of fiberglass shingles. The front entry will be framed by a wood trellis that runs across the front of the building to shade the front windows and provide a feature element to the design.

“This project provided a challenging opportunity to meet the design goals of Greenwood Communities and Resorts, Dorchester County, Old Fort Fire Department and the county's E.M.S.,” said John Dumas, architect with Southeastern Design and Development, Inc. “We believe that this project will provide a much needed benefit and service to both the residents at The Ponds and the surrounding region.

Emergency and fire personnel will be able to respond quicker to the needs of the citizens of our county from this facility.”

Other contributors in the construction of the facility include Eugene Brislin as structural engineer, Watermark Engineering as electrical/mechanical engineer, Thomas & Hutton Engineering Company as civil engineer and Atrium Builders, Inc. as general contractor.

### **About The Ponds**

The Ponds is a 1,950-acre master-planned community set between the town of Summerville and the Ashley River Historic District. In addition to a 1,100-acre nature preserve, residents of The Ponds will enjoy the benefits of an onsite Summerville Family YMCA, EMS/Fire Station and village center with retail and shopping. Greenwood has also set aside land for a proposed K – 8 public school.

The Ponds’ first offering includes custom homesites priced from the low \$100s. Single-family homes are priced from the low \$300s, the first of which are complete. The first of four amenity complexes is already complete, including a pool, outdoor pavilion, 11-acre multi-purpose field, and a restored historic farmhouse. The first phase also includes a waterfront outdoor amphitheatre and several neighborhood parks. A 60-plus-mile sidewalk and trail system connecting to The Ponds’ 1,100-acre nature preserve will be phased in as development progresses. An early part of the system, however, linking the community trail head at the restored farmhouse to hundreds of acres of woods, pastures and ponds, is now complete and in service. For more information, please call 843.832.6100 for details, or register online at [www.DiscoverThePonds.com](http://www.DiscoverThePonds.com) for ongoing updates.

### **About Greenwood Communities and Resorts**

Greenwood Communities and Resorts, based in Greenwood, S.C., is a leader in the creation and management of award-winning residential and resort communities in the southeastern United States since 1978.

The company has achieved success over the years because of steady, consistent and reliable service to its customers and its communities. Beginning with the award-winning Palmetto Dunes Resort at Hilton Head Island and evolving to current communities like The Ponds, Big Canoe near Atlanta, and The Reserve at Lake Keowee, Greenwood’s mission has remained the same: Create memorable places that foster meaningful and fulfilling lives.

Greenwood has been actively involved in the Charleston market for almost 20 years, successfully completing Coosaw Creek Country Club in North Charleston and Beresford Hall on the Cainhoy Peninsula in Charleston.

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