



THE PONDS

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The Ponds Recognized for Landscape Architecture Excellence in Conjunction with DesignWorks

Summerville, S.C., May 22, 2008 – The American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) has recognized DesignWorks, LC, a Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning firm in Charleston, and The Ponds, a 1,950-acre master-planned community set in Summerville, with an Award of Merit in the category of Analysis and Planning.

DesignWorks had been retained by Greenwood Communities and Resorts, developer of The Ponds, to create memorable landscapes throughout the property while remaining sensitive to the environment. The results thus far have produced a beautifully landscaped entrance to the property featuring The Ponds Tower, manicured herb and floral gardens surrounding the 19th century restored farmhouse and development of the first phase of a 60-plus-mile sidewalk and trail system leading to the 1,100-acre nature preserve. (Editor note: for photo of The Ponds entrance Tower, go to www.corderphilips.com/pr/pondsentrancetower.jpg; for photo of outdoor amphitheatre, go to www.corderphilips.com/pr/pondsamphitheatre.jpg.)

“We have very much enjoyed working with DesignWorks and are honored to be recognized with this award from the ASLA,” said John Morgan, Greenwood Communities and Resorts general manager for The Ponds. “Their team understands our commitment to providing residents a beautiful community that is both timeless and complementary to the natural beauty of The Ponds. We look forward to a mutually successful relationship over the coming years.”

The ASLA Awards recognize the wide variety of professional activities that lead to, guide, or evaluate landscape architectural design. The main criteria for judging include quality of design, functionality, relationship to context, environmental responsibility, impact on environmental decision making, and overall relevance to landscape architecture, the public and the environment. The ‘Tri-State’ title includes the South Carolina, North Carolina and Georgia chapters of ASLA.

About DesignWorks, LC

Recognized for creating memorable landscapes and urban places, DesignWorks expresses a clarity of concept that strives for life enriching places. Its projects meld environmental sensitivity with the creation and enhancement of community and culture to create places that exceed the expectations of clients and the communities where they are created.

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 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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