

Progresso Point: 'Green Building' With a Social Conscience

Progresso Point, a new affordable housing property co-developed by Broward County Housing Authority and Reliance Housing Foundation, recently celebrated its grand opening. The ribbon cutting, held on the building's fourth-floor pool deck, was framed by a panoramic view of downtown Fort Lauderdale. The event was marked by a City of Fort Lauderdale proclamation recognizing Feb. 22,

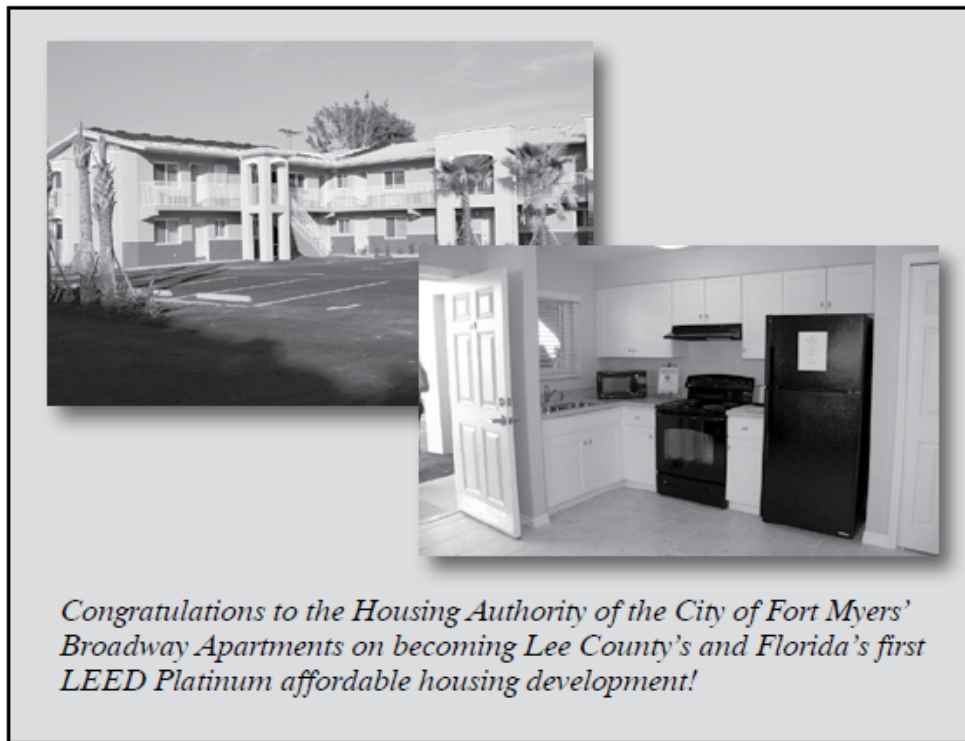


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2012, as "Progresso Point Day" and included city and county officials, development and construction team members, financing stakeholders and current building residents.

The \$20.9 million eight-story building was completed in just over a year, with all 76 units leased within weeks. The affordable and stylish studio and one-bedroom apartments made extensive use of energy efficient and water-saving features. Items such as tankless water heaters and low flow showerheads conserve water while high efficiency air conditioning and impact windows significantly reduce residents' energy bills. These are some of the features that led Progresso Point to become the first hi-rise in the state to achieve the Florida Green Building Coalition's Green Hi-Rise Residential Designation.

Progresso Point is also a socially conscious community providing special needs housing for former foster youth. Working closely with Child Net Inc. and the Fort Lauderdale Training and Education Center, four of the property's one-bedroom apartments have been set aside for young people who "age out" of the foster care system. Affordable rents, money-saving green features and a location near transit, schools, work and recreation make Progresso Point Apartments a perfect place for young adults to call home. 🌴



Congratulations to the Housing Authority of the City of Fort Myers' Broadway Apartments on becoming Lee County's and Florida's first LEED Platinum affordable housing development!