

Decatur Housing Authority

The Village at Oakhurst



Village at Oakhurst

Meeting Affordable Housing Needs In The City Of Decatur











Oakhurst Community



- One of the oldest neighborhoods in the City of Decatur
- Home of the original Scottish Rite Children's Hospital
- Neighborhood suffered significant decline
- Gentrification occurring in recent years
- Renewed community interest and revitalization in progress



A Community's Vision

- Property acquired in 1978 by the City of Decatur
- City transferred title to a non-profit community group
- Title transferred back to the City of Decatur
- City of Decatur issued a Request for Proposal for redevelopment in 1998
- City selected PRI as developer for the total plan in 1999
- City transferred title to the property to PRI in 2000
- City of Decatur and DeKalb County asked Decatur Housing Authority to help facilitate the project and develop the new homes in 2000
- Construction started on all phases in 2001
- Project completed in 2002



Local Government Initiative



- Lack of affordability
- Community's desire for diversity
- Dedication to community revitalization
- Provide opportunity for affordability and diversity



Addressing Affordability



- Reduction of actual purchase price
- Deferred payment 2nd mortgage
- Protect the value of neighboring homes
- Protect investment of public dollars



Target Market



- Requirement: Total household income less than 80% of median income for the area
- **Preference**: Person who currently live or worked within the city limits of Decatur



Demographics of Buyers

Ten Buyers

- Ethnicity
 - Five buyers were Caucasian
 - Two buyers were African-American
 - Two buyers were Pacific Islander
 - One buyer was Hispanic
- Employment
 - Three were teachers
 - Three were small business owners or employees
 - Two were municipal employees
 - One worked in an assisted living facility
 - One was semi-retired and an artist
- Family Dynamic
 - Three of the buyers were families with children
- Income Level
 - Incomes of the buyers ranged from \$32,838 to \$46,760



Development Site



- Located on a 1.5-acre tract along West Benson Street and Oakview Road
- In the historic Oakhurst District
- Adjacent to the Scottish Rite Children's Hospital



Project Partners

- Two Local Governments
 - City of Decatur
 - DeKalb County
- Two Local Housing Authorities
 - Decatur Housing Authority
 - DeKalb County Housing Authority
- Four Non-Profit Organizations
 - Decatur Housing Development Corporation
 - PRI
 - Housing Resource Center
 - The Shepherd Center
- Two Community Non-Profit Organizations
 - Community Center of South Decatur
 - South Decatur Community Development Corporation



Funding Budget

\$500,000	Land
\$200,000	InfraStructure
\$1,200,000	House Construction and Soft Costs
\$1,900,000	Total Budget



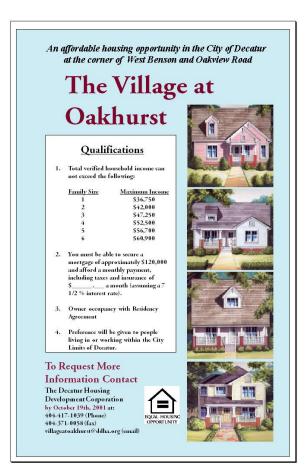
Funding Sources

\$700,000	CDBG – DeKalb County
\$1,200,000	Decatur Housing Development Corporation (0% Construction Loan)*
\$1,900,000	Total Budget

^{*} Paid off with proceeds from the sale of the homes. Houses priced to pay of the \$1,200,000 loan AND be affordable of 80% median income



Marketing the Development



- Advertisement in local papers
- Community postings
- Due to overwhelming interest, lottery held to select fifty interested parties
- Interested parties had to meet eligibility criteria



Homes at the Village of Oakhurst

- Completed in April and May 2002
- Four innovative designs
 - The Anderson
 - The Benson
 - The Candler
 - The Davis



The Anderson

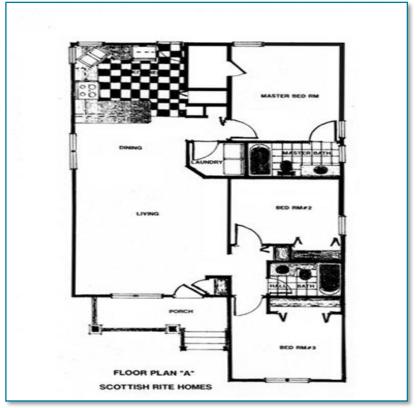


- 1,250 square feet
- 3 Bedrooms / 2 Bathrooms



The Anderson – Floor Plan







The Benson

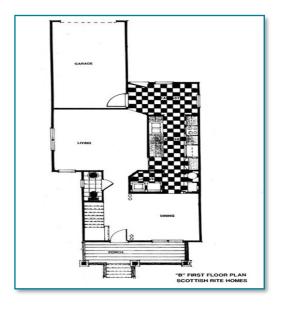


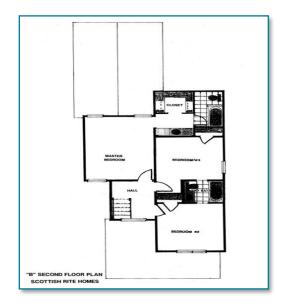
- 1,466 square feet
- 3 Bedrooms / 2 ½ Bathrooms



The Benson – Floor Plan









The Candler

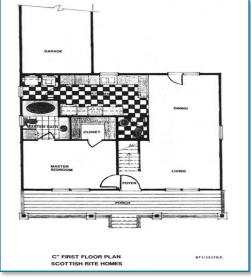


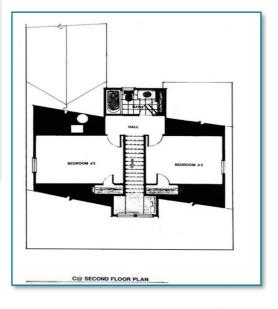
- 1,317 square feet
- 3 Bedrooms / 2 ½ Bathrooms



The Candler – Floor Plan









The Davis

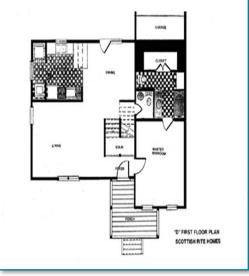


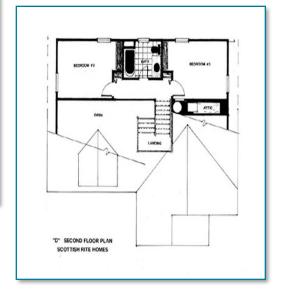
- 1,395 square feet
- 3 Bedrooms / 2.5 Bathrooms



The Davis - Floor Plan









Innovative Design











Awards

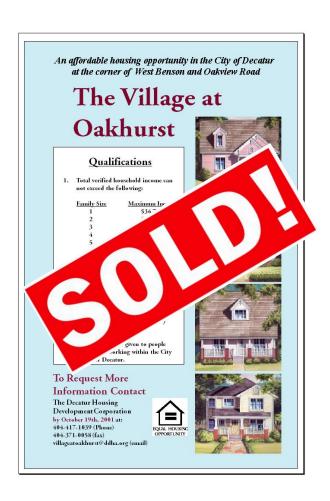




 The Village at Oakhurst was nationally recognized by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) during National Homeownership Month for its efforts to make the dream of homeownership a reality for Georgia's citizens.



Measuring Success



 This development is a perfect example of well-designed, quality affordable housing that would not have occurred without the involvement and initiative of local government, including the City, County, and the Housing Authority.

