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Arlington Mill Residences and Community Center Recognized for Excellence in Housing Development

Arlington, VA (April 30, 2015) --- The Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing's ([APAH](#)) [Arlington Mill Residences](#) together with Arlington County's [Arlington Mill Community Center](#) was awarded the [Urban Land Institute \(ULI\) - Washington's Trends Award](#) for Excellence in Housing Development at the ULI Trends Conference on April 28 in Washington, DC.

"Arlington Mill Residences and the Arlington Mill Community Center are the culmination of a long-term, successful collaboration involving APAH, [Arlington County](#), [KGD Architects](#), [DSC Design](#), [Hamel Builders](#), [Hitt Contracting](#) and the community," said APAH President/CEO Nina Janopaul. "We are deeply honored to receive this prestigious award that recognizes the importance of affordable housing as an integral part of this remarkable project."

"Arlington Mill is a great example of what we can achieve by working together," said Arlington County Board Chair Mary Hynes. "There was a continuous effort throughout the project to inform and address the concerns of area residents who waited for over a decade to see the project take shape."

The ULI-Washington Trends Award recognized Arlington Mill as “a model of excellence because of the long term, focused collaboration between the community, Arlington County, APAH, and the project team. The partners took an ambitious vision and transformed it into a sustainable reality that will serve Arlington County residents for years to come. Of special note in this project is provision of affordable family-sized apartments and a separate 8-unit wing for permanent supportive housing for individuals transitioning from homelessness.”

The Arlington Mill Community Center on Columbia Pike is a [LEED](#) Gold certified, state-of-the-art facility that brings the community of all ages together in the full-size gym, fitness room, multi-purpose rooms, classrooms and computer center.

Built atop the County-built parking garage, using the innovative, cost-saving concept of “Public Land for Public Good,” Arlington Mill Residences is a four-story, 122-unit, 100% affordable rental community. It was the first affordable housing to use Form-Based Code, a tool to spur revitalization along Columbia Pike. Arlington Mill Residences is [EarthCraft Virginia](#) certified for energy efficiency and environmental living and District Energy Ready, in anticipation of the Arlington County Energy Plan. APAH converted cost savings from the discounted ground lease, construction savings and shared site costs to permanently lower rents. The cost/unit was \$253,000, far below average for this dense, high-cost and difficult-to-develop urban community.



Left to right: Manoj Dalaya, KGD Architects; Nina Janopaul, APAH; Maureen Markham, Arlington County; Ben Kishimoto, KGD; Brian Earle, KGD; Carmen Romero, APAH; and Susan Bell, APAH Board member.

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APAH is a nonprofit that develops, preserves, owns, and advocates quality rental housing that is affordable to low and moderate-income families and promotes opportunity for residents through partnerships and programs. APAH works exclusively in Arlington County. Founded in 1989, APAH now helps 1200 households live in stable, secure and affordable rental homes. In 2014 APAH was named Developer of the Year by the Housing Association of Nonprofit Developers (HAND) and APAH's Arlington Mill Residences was awarded Best Housing Development in Virginia at the Virginia Governor's Housing Conference. APAH received the Prize for Innovation and Impact from the Arlington Community Foundation in 2011; in 2009 APAH received the HAND Innovation Award and in 2008 was named Best Nonprofit by the Arlington Chamber of Commerce.