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## CITY OF WINTER PARK RECEIVES INTERNATIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD

**WINTER PARK, Fla., an internationally recognized ICMA Excellence Award winner (July 27, 2009)** – The International City/County Management Association (ICMA) has awarded the City of Winter Park the “2009 Community Sustainability Award” for the city’s Affordable/Workforce Housing Initiative. This prestigious award recognizes the city’s innovative affordable housing program which has demonstrated innovation, excellence and success in balancing the community’s social, economic and cultural needs. City representatives will accept the award at ICMA’s 95<sup>th</sup> annual conference in Montreal, Canada, in September 2009.

Winter Park’s affordable housing program, funded through Florida’s only housing linkage fee, has produced 35 new Habitat for Humanity homes and 30 affordable/workforce apartment units. In 2003, the program also spurred the creation by the Winter Park City Commission of another innovative affordable/workforce housing opportunity, the Hannibal Square Community Land Trust (HSCLT). This was undertaken as a means to continue the legacy for resident descendants of those who pioneered the community of Hannibal Square. Since forming the HSCLT, two affordable/workforce housing projects have been completed including the Canton Park Redevelopment Project and the West Comstock Development.

The inaugural HSCLT project, the Canton Park Redevelopment, consisted of 10 lots owned by the city and deeded to the Land Trust. The city constructed 10 homes at Israel Simpson Court which now provide new housing opportunities for Winter Park residents. The second HSCLT project, the West Comstock Development, consisted of four new single-family, three-bedroom, two-bathroom homes built in the 600 block of West Comstock Avenue. To promote sustainability both environmentally and economically, these homes are green building certified, ensuring residents a healthy, cost-effective and energy-efficient lifestyle.

Founded in 1914, ICMA is the premier local government leadership and management organization. Its mission is to create excellence in local governance by advocating and developing the professional management of local government worldwide. In addition to supporting its nearly 9,000 members, ICMA provides publications, data, information, technical assistance and training and professional development to thousands of city, town and county experts as well as other individuals throughout the world.

For more information regarding the City of Winter Park and the HSCLT, please visit the city’s official Web site at [www.cityofwinterpark.org](http://www.cityofwinterpark.org)

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