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WINTER PARK WATER & WASTEWATER RECOGNIZED FOR WATER TREATMENT PLANT AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT

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WINTER PARK, Fla. a nationally recognized Silver Circle and National Merit Award winner (July 12, 2007) – In the past two years, the City of Winter Park Water & Wastewater Utility Department has received three state awards and one national award honoring various aspects of its water treatment plants. At the City Commission meeting held on July 9, 2007, the Water & Wastewater Utility Department was presented yet another state award, this time the Promising Practice Award from the Council for Sustainable Florida.

The City of Winter Park was recognized by the council for its combined effort of its affordable housing project, Railroad Avenue residences, and the Swoope Avenue Water Treatment Facility project.

The Council for Sustainable Florida is a program of the Collins Center for Public Policy that recognizes businesses, organizations and individuals for their dynamic work in helping to create a sustainable Florida and demonstrate outstanding achievements and excellence in general sustainability practices.

The water treatment plant/Railroad Avenue residences project helped beautify the city by replacing the dilapidated existing plant, improving the Westside cityscape and addressed issues such as urban landfill, assisting displaced residents, and building state-of-the-art utilities. Not only was city was able to replace a 50-year-old water plant, it also provided 30 new Florida Vernacular-style, mixed-income apartments.

This project continuously impacts the community by providing increased water quality and improved living conditions for Winter Park residents.

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