



FAIRCHESTER GBC HOSTS OPENING EVENT AT METRO GREEN APARTMENTS, STAMFORD'S FIRST GREEN NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

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GREENWICH, CT – The Fairchester Green Building Council (FGBC) will be holding a reception from 5.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 15th at Metro Green Apartments in Stamford, the first phase of a 240 mixed use development designed to meet LEED Gold guideline standards and to provide affordable housing in Stamford. Metro Green is located just south of the Stamford Metro North train station (on Henry Street) and given the focus on sustainability attendees are encouraged to take the train. Registration is at www.FairchesterGBC.org.

The developer for Metro Green is Jonathan Rose Companies, an award-winning real estate development, planning and investment firm with a mission of repairing the fabric of cities, towns and communities while preserving the land around them. Architects for the project are Perkins Eastman. The speakers, Dara Kovel, LEED AP and managing director, New England, Jonathan Rose Companies and Jonathan Metz, LEED AP, senior architect at Perkins Eastman will discuss the exciting challenge of designing and developing what was a brownfield site into a sustainable, energy efficient, and environmentally-friendly affordable housing project.

Metro Green is the initial project of the Neighborhood Development (ND) pilot program and has numerous green features including being a Transit Oriented Development (TOD) project. On the building's exterior are landscaped areas with rainwater retention tanks for drip irrigation and laundry use, a public rain garden, and widened road and streetscape to promote walking. Apartment units have high efficiency individual heating and cooling units, ceiling fans, and individual metering. All finishes have recycled content and the building has interior common areas such as a community room and bike room.

The FGBC launched its first meeting in January, 2009 and is creating a local green building community of 700 professionals dedicated to bringing sustainable building into the mainstream through education, sharing of best practices, creating a database of local resources and raised public awareness. FGBC programs to date have focused on the new LEED accreditation program, incentives for energy efficiency, collaboration with other professionals who have incorporated sustainable practices in both commercial and residential real estate design and the cultivation of relationships within this local community. The FGBC also hosts events at green building projects to showcase and raise awareness of efficient and cost-effective green building solutions.

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