



## **PATRICK SQUARE COMMITTED TO ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND DEVELOPMENT**

*Patrick Square, LLC pursues EarthCraft Certification*

**CLEMSON, S.C.** (March 3, 2008) – Patrick Square may be a “traditional” neighborhood development, but it embraces the very latest sustainable development practices. Developer Patrick Square, LLC is pursuing an EarthCraft Community certification, a standard for sustainable residential development in the southeastern United States. Its residences will also be built to EarthCraft House™ standards.

The voluntary program draws on a number of new urbanism, green building and low-impact development principles. These involve site planning to conserve water and control erosion, preserve trees, grind tree stumps and limbs for mulch, protect sensitive wildlife habitats. Realigning roads for better traffic flow, creating bicycle paths, wide sidewalks, bike racks in public places, and walking trails, like those that winding around the lake and over a foot bridge to Nettle’s Park, are also part of Patrick Square’s lifestyle and environmental enhancement.

The partnership of Tom Winkopp Realtor/Developer, LLC and Southern Homes of the Upstate, Inc. is building the semi-custom homes according to EarthCraft House™ standards, which focus on reducing pollution and waste of natural resources when building. The use of energy- and water-efficient appliances, adhering to energy conserving guidelines in design and building are among other components.

### **About EarthCraft House**

Created in 1999 as a partnership among public, private and non-profit sectors, EarthCraft encourages the development of homes and communities in the southeastern United States that contribute to economic vitality while protecting the environment and quality of life. Members include The Urban Land Institute-Atlanta Chapter, Southface, and the Greater Atlanta Homebuilders Association. The voluntary green building program serves as a blueprint for healthy, comfortable homes that reduce utility bills and protect the environment. More information is available at [www.earthcrafthouse.com](http://www.earthcrafthouse.com).

### **About Patrick Square**

Situated at the corner Issaqueena Trail Highway and Chapman Hill Road in Clemson, S.C., Patrick Square [www.PatrickSquare.com](http://www.PatrickSquare.com) is set the break ground on Phase I in March 2008. This traditional neighborhood community features a vibrant village of 415 residences within walking distance to a traditional Town Center of restaurants, shops and entertainment. Patrick Square, LLC is the developer, and its principal is Michael Cheezem, who also owns Florida-based JMC Communities. Founded in 1978 and based in St. Petersburg, Fla., JMC Communities has created more than 20 communities totaling 4,000 homes and recently completed the five-star, LEED-

designed Sand Pearl Hotel on Clearwater Beach. More information on JMC Communities is available at [www.jmccommunities.com](http://www.jmccommunities.com).

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