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# Mountain Community Homes Receives National Award

*Multifamily Executive Publication names Mountain Community Homes  
as First-Ever Sustainable Community of the Year.*

**Fort Drum, New York – August 26, 2008 – Fort Drum Mountain Community Homes**, the partnership between Actus Lend Lease and the United States Army, recently received the Sustainable Community of the Year award from Multi-Family Executive publications. This is a new award from the editors of DEVELOPER magazine. Mountain Community Homes is the recipient of the highly sought after award for demonstrating sustainable principles in land use, zoning and planning, as well as in the use of materials and the development process. The entire site also had to qualify for a national or local green standard.

As part of its land plan, Mountain Community Homes ensures all development has minimal site impact to the environment. The project pays close attention to climatic conditions, taking advantage of prevailing wind and solar gain and loss whenever possible. Through careful planning, many established trees are saved during construction and transplanted to other locations within neighborhoods of Mountain Community Homes.

All newly constructed homes are designed and constructed to receive certification in the New York ENERGY STAR Labeled Homes Program administered by the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA). These standards are significantly more stringent than typical EPA criteria and use approximately 30% less energy than conventionally built homes. In January 2008, Fort Drum Mountain Community Homes was named as the largest ENERGY STAR development in New York State history.

Mountain Community Homes' designs include 2x6 construction, allowing for more insulation, and open floor plans with well-placed, energy-efficient windows. This maximizes the use of natural light and reduces the need for constant electric lighting. Properly sized heating/cooling devices help maintain comfortable temperatures without straining the system.

Other initiatives such as the project's use of energy-saving compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) in all homes, the extremely popular SYNERGY program which raises awareness about the importance of "green living," and the company-wide recycling efforts influenced the Multi-Family Executive decision to name Mountain Community Homes as the first recipient of the DEVELOPER Magazine *Sustainable Community of the Year*.

"The team at Fort Drum Mountain Community Homes is thrilled to be named DEVELOPER Magazine's Sustainable Community of the Year. Conservation efforts are made project-wide; from design and construction to resident education and business office practices, sustainable principles are demonstrated by everyone at Mountain Community Homes. We are honored to receive this prestigious recognition."

Joseph E. McLaughlin, Project Director, Fort Drum Mountain Community Homes.

Mountain Community Homes will be recognized for achievements at the 2008 DEVELOPER Award ceremony in October.

### **About Fort Drum Mountain Community Homes**

Fort Drum Mountain Community Homes LLC (FDMCH) is a partnership created between the Department of the Army and Actus Lend Lease through the Military Housing Privatization Initiative. FDMCH involves the development of 1399 new three, four and five bedroom homes, four state-of-the-art community centers and the renovation of all 2,270 existing homes during the development period. FDMCH will finance, develop, build, renovate and operate the site for 50 years. Excelling at large, complex development projects, Actus Lend Lease works with institutional owners to create value and deliver exceptional returns. With more than 30,000 homes in its portfolio, Actus Lend Lease has created and built sustainable, integrated communities on some of the nation's largest military bases. Among these are: Army Hawaii, Oahu, Hawaii; Beaufort, South Carolina; Fort Hood, Texas; Fort Campbell, Kentucky; and Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. Actus, part of Lend Lease Communities, is a subsidiary of the Lend Lease global family, which includes Bovis and Delfin Lend Lease. Actus Lend Lease is headquartered in Nashville, TN. Actus Lend Lease employs more than 400 people nationwide.

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