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AVINGTON PARK LEADS THE WAY IN LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT

Palatka, FL –August 2, 2008 – *Avington Park* – a green residential development in Lake County – received its storm water management permit for Low Impact Development in 90 days, something unheard of in the industry.

Avington Park, located in Mount Dora, is a gated, green community that features 3 to 5 acre home sites and promises a commitment to preserving and enhancing the environment. This estate offers 42 large acre lots with community amenities such as walking trails, bridle trails, nature preserves, tennis courts and a community pavilion equipped with a summer kitchen and herb garden.

Alex Kane, Vice President of Development for Heritage Green and a frequent public speaker on Green Development says, “Implementing low impact development techniques in this region is an absolute necessity for preserving the ecosystem because we are surrounded by natural parks and springs.”

Some of the low impact development practices that will be implemented in Avington Park include:

- Vegetative swales
- Narrower streets
- Rain gardens and cisterns
- Natural preservation areas
- Protecting the tree canopy covered entrance
- Utilizing Floridian native plants

The mass of a mature tree can delay rainwater entering the ground by nearly 20 minutes. This helps to prevent run-off and allows for a more natural transition of rainwater. Vegetative swales and rain gardens also assist in the distribution of storm waters, so as to slow the run off and enhance the absorption.

“By utilizing these storm water management practices, the rain water collected has the potential to actually recharge the aquifers,” adds Kane. “We are working in concert with St. John’s and the University of Florida to determine the benefits of these practices.”

Another benefit of low impact development involves using native Floridian plants in the landscape design, as planned in Avington Park. Other green aspects of Avington Park include preserving thousands of trees, creating a bird and butterfly sanctuary and reserving over 50 acres of park lands. The custom homes that will be built will be required to attain Energy Star® and WaterStar® ratings, as well as using non-VOC paints.

Construction of Avington Park is scheduled to begin in Fall 2008, and the first homes will begin construction in the Spring of 2008. Presales of home sites have begun, and the next release of lots will occur in Summer 2008. For more information on Avington Park, please visit www.avington-park.com or call 407.377.0555. Images are available.

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