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## **THE BIRDS & THE BEES – AT HOME IN AVINGTON PARK**

**Orlando, FL –September 5, 2008** – *Avington Park* – a new, green residential community in Mount Dora – hopes to revitalize the bird and pollinator population in the community by creating a habitat to serve as home for these native creatures.

In staying true to the green nature of developing Avington Park, the designers of the community have planned to create a bird and butterfly habitat in a 20 acre preserve located within the 210 acre site. This preserved area is open for all residents to enjoy, giving them the sense of having a private park in their own back yards.

“Over the last several years, the land had fallen into disrepair and the birds & pollinators species had virtually disappeared,” says Alex Kane, VP of Development for Heritage Green, the company who designed and planned Avington Park. “By creating this habitat and bringing back native species, we are truly adding to the green value of Avington Park.”

While the bird and butterfly habitat will serve as a place of quiet recreation for residents, it is also very important to the ecosystem of the area. Pollinators, such as butterflies and bees, help with the production of more than 90% of flowering plants. These flowering plants contribute to 1/3 of the food consumed by humans. The pollinators also provide an important source of protein for native birds.

“Habitats for local and migratory pollinators should be a part of all future planning,” says Linda Stewart, Lake County Commissioner. “Avington Park is a great example of how to design a residential community that improves the land.”

Following the call from local and regional governments and activists, the federal government has taken action. The U.S. Senate has recently passed a resolution to protect pollinators.

“In designing Avington Park, we have taken into consideration every aspect of working with, rather than against, nature,” adds Kane.

The developer has implemented many of the guidelines of the Florida Green Building Coalition in creating this green community. Part of those guidelines includes using native plants to not only attract native animals, but to also conserve water usage, another key factor in low impact development.

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Avington Park is set on 210 acres in Mount Dora. There are 42 home sites, each ranging from 3 to 5 acres. More than 50 acres are being preserved as parks for residents. Furthermore, over 6,000 trees are being protected, adding to the beauty of this green community. In addition to the bird and butterfly habitat, community amenities include walking trails, bridle trails, tennis courts and a community pavilion equipped with a summer kitchen and herb garden.

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](http://www.avington-park.com) or call 407.377.0555. Images are available.

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