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First Cincinnati LEED affordable housing development completed

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Cincinnati's first-ever LEED certified affordable housing complex was completed last week in Avondale.

Forest Square Apartments was developed by [The Model Group](#) and designed by [City Studios Architecture](#). The new structure is located at [3511 Harvey Ave.](#), with a modern design and colorful exterior standing out amidst the numerous historic homes in the inner-city neighborhood.

The \$4.3 million dollar development was created for seniors and includes 21 two-bedroom handicap accessible units that offer high efficiency heating, air conditioning and plumbing. The project received [LEED Silver](#) accreditation and features a community garden, kitchenettes, community room, on-site parking and two outdoor patios.

The project was assisted by a \$1 million award from HUD Recovery Act Tax Credit Assistance Program funds that were part of the [American Recovery & Reinvestment Act](#).

The project was developed with the [Avondale Vision Plan](#) and Burnet Avenue Revitalization Plan in mind, as well. Both of which outline ways in which to re-establish Avondale as a safe and affordable neighborhood of choice.

Other agencies involved in the development include the Ohio Housing Financing Agency, HUD, [PNC Bank](#), Avondale Community Council, [Uptown Consortium](#), [Key Bank](#), LISC, [Ohio Capital Corporation for Housing](#), and the city of Cincinnati.

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