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Montgomery Farm taking lead in bringing LEED Neighborhoods to Texas

Connemara Crossing neighborhood registered for LEED-ND recognition

ALLEN, Texas -- [Montgomery Farm](#), which is already home to a mixed-use center seeking LEED certification, is one step closer to becoming home to one of the state's first LEED-certified neighborhoods. Connemara Crossing was the first neighborhood in Texas to seek such recognition and is one of only 238 projects nationwide to participate in the LEED-ND pilot program.

The US Green Building Council (USGBC), which oversees the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) green building rating system nationwide, has notified Montgomery Farm that its Connemara Crossing neighborhood has met the initial requirements to officially be registered for its LEED for Neighborhood Development (LEED-ND) pilot program. This is the first in the three-step process toward LEED certification.

As a participant in this program, Montgomery Farm (www.mointgomeryfarm.com) is working with the USGBC to establish LEED standards for future neighborhood developments, which will be designated as LEED-ND.

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“This is a significant milestone for both Montgomery Farm and the City of Allen,” said Philip Williams, president and CEO of Emerson Partners, which is overseeing the development of the 600-acre community on the border of Plano and Allen. “Working together we have an opportunity to take a leadership role in developing the model communities of the future. This role takes on added importance because most of the participants in the LEED-ND program are based in urban areas, and we bring the unique perspective that this can also be done in the suburbs as well.”

"This recognition for Montgomery Farm is just the latest example of how Allen is working with its partners and developers to create a city that is at the forefront of suburban development nationwide," said Allen mayor Steve Terrell. "Together, Montgomery Farm and city leaders have been able to develop new ways to meet the growing needs of those who live and work in Allen while still being good stewards of our natural resources."

As the western anchor to Montgomery Farm, the mixed-use Connemara Crossing neighborhood sits at the intersection of Alma and Bethany and will feature luxury town homes, single family residences as well as neighborhood shopping and dining all designed to meet Montgomery Farm’s high standards in conservation design and sustainable practices.

In addition to the LEED-ND program, Montgomery Farm is at the forefront attaining LEED certification for several of its components of the 600-acre development:

- Watters Creek at Montgomery Farm, the new mixed-use retail center at Bethany and Central, is seeking LEED certification.

- Angel Field Center, a luxury office complex, will be designed for Platinum LEED certification, the highest certification available.
- Custom homes to be constructed within the Bethany Mews, Pecan Grove and Hamilton Hills neighborhoods will seek LEED Home certification.

About [The Green Building Council](#) and LEED

The [US Green Building Council](#) is a national coalition of leaders from every sector of the building industry working to promote building practices that are environmentally responsible, profitable and result in healthy places to live and work. In 1999, the organization introduced the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System as a way to promote a sustainable approach to building.

Since its implementation, LEED certification has become the nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction and operation of high performance green buildings. LEED has been adopted nationwide by federal agencies, state and local governments, and interested private companies as the industry standard of measurement for green building.

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