



Highlands' Garden Village: Green Commons

Denver, Colorado

"Today President Obama called for America to lead the world in the clean energy future - and that leadership begins in our communities. The planning, energy innovation and efficiency at Highlands' Garden Village provide a local model for economic growth and environmental sustainability that can happen all around the world. Our national transition to clean energy - including sustainable communities - can create millions of jobs, give us global leadership in the clean energy industry, and provide the security of real energy independence."

Lisa Jackson
EPA Administrator



Firm Role

Developer

Project Profile

Environmentally responsible retail/office building development

Project Team

Architect: Klipp
Landscape Architect: Wenk Associates
MEP Engineer: Hadji & Associates
Civil Engineer: SA Miro, Inc.
Contractor: Palace Construction

Total Project Size / Budget

73,000 square feet / \$18 million

Completion

2007

Highlands' Garden Village Green Commons, the final phase of the community development, provides a model for new retail development that catalyzes revitalization along deteriorating commercial corridors. Developed by Jonathan Rose Companies' affiliate, Perry Rose, the project contains a total of 73,000 SF of commercial, retail and office space located in five buildings.

Completed in 2007, the project is anchored on the northwest corner by a 28,000 square foot building occupied by Sunflower Farmers Market, an affordable local natural food grocer committed to providing a healthy environment for its customers. As Sunflower Farmers Market's first newly constructed store, the building achieved the first LEED Gold certification for Core and Shell ever awarded to a super market.

Many sustainable practices were used in the building's construction including the use of recycled materials, water conserving fixtures and day-lighting controls. Posters and plaques are strategically distributed throughout the store to raise customer awareness of the many benefits of green building.

HGV Green Commons tenants include: Sunflower Farmers Market, 24 Hour Fitness, Highlands Family Physicians, Highlands Eyecare, Comfort Dental and Vida Chiropractic. The diverse tenant base contributes to a vibrant, healthy community to all residents of the economically diverse community and surrounding neighborhood. Other tenants of HGV Green Commons include: Revolution Cleaners; an environmentally friendly dry cleaner; Starbucks; Evolution Salon, an Aveda concept salon; and Highlands Fine Wine & Liquors.

Environmentally responsible features of the development include: permeable parking surfaces, drought tolerant plants, solar photo voltaic sun shades, low VOC paints, and low flow plumbing fixtures.