

Four Fillies Farm features 32 Acres of lush native plant life and fruit groves. The 30 new single family homes built on 11 acres in the center of the property, leaving the surrounding 21 acres as a natural preserve. The University has established a relationship with nearby Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden to maintain the property and utilize it as a tropical research facility.

SUSTAINABILITY FACTS

Base models of the homes were submitted and successfully obtained green certification in September 2008 by the Florida Green Building Coalition (FGBC), which has a rigorous set of standards for “green” certification.

In September of 2009, Four Fillies Farm was awarded the Urban Land Institute’s (ULI) Woolbright Dream green Reality Award for Sustainable development. Awarded by the Institute’s Southeastern Florida/Caribbean district, the honor recognizes projects that have a minimal environmental impact and improve the comfort and health of residents through strategies such as low-impact and regenerative site development, energy and water conservations, use of sustainable or renewable materials, and improvements indoor air quality.

FACILITIES:

Single-family homes, tropical research facility

Land Area: 32 acres

Completion: 2009

Builder: Accolade Companies

SUSTAINABILITY HIGHLIGHTS:

- Green Building Materials have helped the homes exceed Florida Energy Efficiency Code Standards by 20 to 30 percent
- Walls coated with paint containing low levels of volatile organic compounds
- Energy Star appliances
- Dual-flush toilets
- Landscaping designed with native and drought-tolerant plant life
- Healthy insulation
- Enhanced air filtration