

**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF DEKALB COUNTY
RECEIVES NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF HOUSING AND
REDEVELOPMENT OFFICIALS (NAHRO)
AWARD OF MERIT**



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DeKalb County, GA. - The Housing Authority of DeKalb County (HADC) is proud to announce that it has received a National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) Award of Merit in Housing and Community Development for its Ashford Parkside development. The Award of Merit was presented to HADC staff and Commissioners on July 16, 2009 at the NAHRO Summer Conference which was held in Portland, Oregon.

NAHRO is the leading housing and community development advocate for the provision of adequate and affordable housing and strong, viable communities for all Americans—particularly those with low- and moderate-incomes. NAHRO members administer HUD programs such as Public Housing, Section 8, CDBG and HOME. The NAHRO Awards of Merit give national recognition to innovative housing and community development projects, programs, and services provided by NAHRO agency members throughout the country.

This is the second year that HADC has won an Award of Merit for Ashford Parkside, which is the Housing Authority of DeKalb County's newest affordable housing development. This 151-unit, independent living community is designed for seniors age 62 years and older. A mixed-finance redevelopment property, it encompasses 8.7 acres of the 59-acre tract that is the former location of the Johnson Ferry East public housing site. Ashford Parkside is the first of six phases of redevelopment planned on the Authority-owned site.

There are four different floor plans of two bedroom, one bath and two bedroom, 2 bath apartments ranging in size from 688 to 1079 square feet. Unit features include being fully handicapped accessible and equipped, 9' ceilings, emergency notification systems, showers with seats in most units, fully equipped kitchens with pantries, walk-in closets and customizable "package shelf" at front doors.

Community features include a beauty salon, furnished fitness center, community rooms with warming kitchen, a movie theater, library, arts and crafts room, central storage areas, gardens, grilling/picnic areas, shuffleboard, covered drop-off areas and a landscaped courtyard.