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Edgewood Village project wins national award

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WEST AKRON – The Hecky Group and TC Architects were recently presented with two 2009 National Dream Home Awards for Edgewood Village homes, winning Gold Awards in the categories of Best Detached Home Under 2,000 Square Feet and Best Town Home Under \$250,000.

For the awards, interior designers, architects, builders, remodelers, communities and trade contractors compete with firms across all 50 states in custom home products, interior design, commercial and mixed-use projects as well as the Community of the Year, Home of the Year and Community Service of the Year, according to company officials.

Entries are judged on overall exterior and interior architectural appeal, site development, creative use of interior space and functionality of floor plan and integration of interior design and architectural appeal in relation to the specified target market and continuity with the marketing program.

Through a federal Hope VI grant in 2005 and other local, private and public funding, the Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority (AMHA) began the planning and construction of the \$53 million neighborhood revitalization project of Edgewood Homes, Akron's second oldest public housing development.

Larry Hecky led The Hecky Group and TC Architects toward the completion of phase one of AMHA's three-phase development of Edgewood Village, which neighbors the Akron Zoo, the Helen Arnold Community Learning Center, the Akron Urban League and Downtown Akron.

“Edgewood Village is more than a place to live,” said Anthony O’Leary, AMHA executive director. “It offers opportunity for family growth, neighborhood support and community partnerships. ... These awards were made possible through the partnership of the Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the city of Akron, the Ohio Housing Finance Agency, the Ohio Capital Corporation for Housing and numerous other private and nonprofit organizations. We are proud that our urban planning has resulted in these two prestigious honors.”

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Edgewood Village, transformed from Akron's second oldest public housing development, Edgewood Homes, shown above, is located near the Akron Zoo, shown below.





As an Akron neighborhood celebrating community, Edgewood Village offers two-, three- and four-bedroom townhomes and single-family homes, designed with spacious floor plans and architectural details.

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