

UHS was awarded the latest phase of new student housing, University Village Suites, on the Kennesaw State University (KSU) campus. KSU, which is the third-largest university in the University System of Georgia, wanted an upscale student housing complex for freshmen that promoted environmentally conscious measures as part of their continuing effort to create modern facilities that promote health, safety and efficiency.

The suite-style apartments feature private bedrooms, kitchenettes and shared bathrooms, along with an art gallery and exhibition space on the second floor of the lobby area. Completed in August, 2008, it added 915 beds to KSU's existing 2,163-bed campus. UHS accomplished the need for an environmentally conscious housing project through a sustainable design, which has included the use of renewable resources in order to minimize environmental impact. These initiatives include using building materials that consist of recycled content and low volatile organic compound (VOC) emissions, using natural lighting throughout the housing complex and implementing features that enhance indoor air quality and reduce energy and water consumption.



Project Name and Location:

University Village Suites
Kennesaw, Georgia

Project Specifics:

Beds - 915
Project Completion: August 2008

Nature of Firm's Responsibility:

- Design
- Construction
- Master Planning
- At-Risk Development
- Program Scheduling
- Project Reporting
- Quality Control

Sustainability Measures Undertaken:

- Prefabricated structural wall panels
- Lumber from renewable sources
- Carpet made of recycled content
- Use of natural lighting through large windows
- HVAC controllers with adjustable high-low setpoints
- Fluorescent fixtures
- Proximity sensors
- Electrical circuit timers
- Double-pane energy-efficient unit windows and ceiling fans
- High-efficiency toilets
- Reduced-flow shower heads

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