



**HOME CONFERENCE
DOORKNOCKER AWARDS
SPOKANE COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

AWARD CATEGORY: Innovative Design

PARTICIPATING JURISDICTION: Spokane County, Washington

PROJECT/PROGRAM NAME: Riverwalk Point I

HUD REGION/FIELD OFFICE: Region X / Seattle Field Office

HOME UNITS/TOTAL UNITS: 50 HOME units / 52 total units

HOME FUNDS/TOTAL FUNDS: \$1,682,490 HOME funds / \$6,162,695 total funds

PARTNERS:

- Spokane Neighborhood Action Programs
- Sustainable Housing Innovation Partnership
- State of Washington Community Trade and Economic Development
- Washington Housing Finance Commission
- National Equity Fund
- Paul Allen Foundation
- Washington Mutual Foundation
- Foundation Northwest
- Avista
- Impact Capital
- Common Ground
- US Bank Foundation
- State of Washington Department of Ecology
- Spokane Regional Solid Waste System
- Pomegranate Center
- KOP Construction
- BWA Architects.

FUNDING SOURCES:

BRIEF NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION:

This project demonstrates a collaborative effort to develop affordable housing incorporating sustainable design and building practices.

Riverwalk I, the first phase of a larger affordable housing project, is a 52-unit new construction project that targets very low-income and extremely low-income families, particularly larger families and persons with special needs. Fifty of the units are HOME-assisted, 10 of which are used as Housing for the Homeless. Both the State of Washington and Spokane County provided HOME funds to the project, including a CHDO technical assistance loan from the county.

The Spokane Neighborhood Action Programs (SNAP), a community housing development organization (CHDO), acted as owner and developer of the project and the Sustainable Housing Innovation Partnership, a collaborative effort of more than 70 local, state and national partners, worked for more than four years to bring the project to fruition. Riverwalk I extensively incorporated sustainability features and building techniques, including use of environmentally-friendly and recycled building materials, energy efficient appliances, water efficient fixtures, and drought resistant vegetation. The project also incorporates functional community artwork. Riverwalk I has not just provided affordable housing to low-income families, it has altered the local perception of what affordable housing looks like.

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