

Community With a Conscience: Green Living Goes Communal

Candace Dyal takes her love of building green homes a step further with an environmentally friendly development called Indigo Park.

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In the housing market, there is nothing new or seemingly extraordinary about purchasing a parcel of land and building a neighborhood development on it. These types of communities can be found in almost any city across the country. And with so many of these residential pockets out there, it can sometimes be difficult to differentiate one development from another. That is certainly not the case, however, with the new **Indigo Park** neighborhood under construction here on Kiawah Island.

Located behind the Vanderhorst Plantation gate and adjacent to the River Course, Indigo Park will consist of 16 homes on 12 acres of land overlooking the picturesque marsh to Rhett's Bluff. What makes these homes so unique and desirable is the fact that each one is being built with the goal of receiving LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Certification, which is a green building certification program recognized across the world.

"It's a matter of materials, site location, and attention to landscaping that qualifies a home for LEED certification," explains Candace Dyal, president of Dyal Compass, a Boston-based real estate investment company that owns the development and is spearheading the project. "The materials for Indigo Park are not only green, which helps reduce gas emissions, but they are also very durable and low in maintenance. These characteristics are very appealing to homeowners."

Dyal is no stranger to building with a green mindset. She and her team recently completed a LEED Silver Certified home at 109 Flyway Drive on Kiawah. "I used the same building team from the Flyway Drive home for Indigo Park," Dyal explains. "This includes Dyal Compass, Christopher Rose Architects, and Royal Indigo Construction. Together, we have created a concept that is important to each of us on the team. We all want to build with a conscience."

Homes within Indigo Park will range in size from 2,000 to 3,000 square feet. NuCedar shingles on the exteriors mean no need for painting, staining, or power washing, which contributes to the low-maintenance appeal of the homes. Hurricane-resistant



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windows and doors, along with energy-star appliances throughout, add up to significant savings on utility bills. Geothermal systems are not only quiet and environmentally friendly, but they also contribute to the energy efficiency of the homes. And every garage is outfitted with a 220-watt outlet to plug in an electric car. "The goal with all of these amenities is to allow the homeowner the benefits of enjoying a beautiful home without a lot of time-consuming maintenance and without the major overhead costs," explains Dyal.

What may be the best feature of the community is the area that Dyal describes as a "park within the park." Dyal Compass donated the most prime piece of property within the development to the Kiawah Conservancy for everyone to enjoy, even those who are not residents of Indigo Park. As Dyal explains, "It is not about oneself but the Island as a whole. It's the sense of belonging to a greater thing, which is Kiawah itself."

Construction is under way on the homes in Indigo Park. For more information, visit www.DyalCompass.com, or contact your KIRE Sales Executive at 843-768-3400.