

# MUSES APARTMENT HOMES NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

ARCHITECTURE, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE, SUSTAINABILITY DESIGN



**COMPLETED:** 2010

**PROGRAM:** SUSTAINABLE LANDSCAPE DESIGN, 4.7 ACRES

**BUDGET:** UNDISCLOSED

**CLIENT:** GULF COAST HOUSING PARTNERSHIP AND LDG DEVELOPMENT

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■ The Muses is a multi-block multi-phase residential project in Central City New Orleans with a total of 328 mixed-income apartments and condos. Architecturally, the LEED Registered project is urbane, but with many features common to New Orleans neighborhoods, including covered entry stoops, balconette railings with French doors, corner storefronts and a fitness center. Outdoor features include two children's playgrounds, two barbecue terraces, a dog walk, and secured parking. The sustainable landscape design features an innovative stormwater runoff-reducing design, with pervious parking lot paving and planted drainage bioswales, while downspout catchment basins direct roof runoff into subgrade infiltration beds. Water efficient landscaping includes over 40 species of native and adapted plants, and site building materials are manufactured with 15% to 65% recycled content. The project also supports alternative transportation, with a location one block from a streetcar line, and with covered bicycle parking for 15% of residents.