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Community Group Opens Six LEED Buildings

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NEWARK-The Lincoln Park/Coast Cultural District, a community development corporation, has opened the Washington Street Mixed-Use Buildings, a cluster of six buildings totaling just less than 23,000 sf here. Each of the four-story buildings contains two residential units with commercial space on the ground floor.

The buildings at 450-460 Washington St., 3,800 sf each, are also the first LEED-certified residences built in this city, and are part of phase one of what LPCCD officials term an "urban eco-village," rising on a series of blighted lots. Cost of the six was \$3.5 million, and the total investment for phase one including additional units being constructed on adjacent sites on Washington and Crawford streets is \$9 million.

"This project manifests many of Newark's greatest strengths--faith in Newark, unity of community and commitment to a cleaner and greener urban environment," says Mayor Cory Booker, in a statement. "In creating this project, Lincoln Park and its partners are defining our city as a leader in urban transformation."

For LPCCD, the mixed-use phase one is part of a larger mission to develop an arts and cultural district in this city's Lincoln Park section.

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