

**DUTCHESS COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
ANNUAL BREAKFAST CELEBRATES
MORE THAN \$800M OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

***Silo Ridge Spotlited as One of Five Projects that Exemplify Responsible Growth and
Contribute to the Character and Appeal of the County***

The 2008 Dutchess County Economic Development Corporation (DCEDC) Annual Breakfast celebrated the strength and diversity of the business community of the county and highlighted the more than \$800M of extraordinary development projects it has attracted and engendered. Five projects from around the county were featured – Silo Ridge Resort Community, Long Dock, St. Andrews at Historic Hyde Park, The Grandview and Shadows and Oakwood Commons – representing the wonderful breadth and depth of new and upcoming development and demonstrating the DCEDC’s commitment to sustainable, sensitive growth.

Four of the five projects that were spotlighted, incorporate significant sustainable and environmentally-sensitive development practices into their design and planning, ranging from brownfield revitalization to LEED certification, to the use of solar energy and locally-sourced building materials.

Michael Dignacco, Vice President of Construction for Millbrook Ventures, discussed the eco-conscious aspects and amenities of Silo Ridge Resort Community, the golf resort, spa and mixed-use luxury community with master plan and architectural design by Robert A.M. Stern Architects and featuring the first U.S. Championship golf course designed by Ernie Els.

“A full 80 percent of the Silo Ridge site – 536 of the total 670 acres - will be preserved as open space, and less than six percent of developed surfaces will be impervious. Using green design and building techniques, we are working to minimize our impact on the site and incorporate the development into the natural landscape,” said Mr. Dignacco. “Our five-star hotel and our clubhouse, which will include dining destinations, lounges, a pro shop and a premier golf school, will be LEED certified, and all 338 of our broad range of residences will be Energy Star compliant at a minimum. Additionally, the spectacular golf course will be Audubon International Silver-Certified, intertwining the natural environment with the maintained elegance of Ernie Els’ design.” Mr. Dignacco noted, “The resort is easily accessible thanks to the adjacent Wassaic Train Station, and it also sits along the Harlem Valley Rail Trail which provides a breadth of recreational activities in a bucolic setting.”

Silo Ridge and the four other developments featured at the annual breakfast reflect the success of DCEDC’s efforts to expand the business community and tax base of the county while helping to maintain its character and natural beauty. These projects will bring thousands of construction and permanent jobs to Dutchess County, and will help

attract new residents, new businesses and a significant amount of tourism, all of which is vital to the area's continued growth.

DCEDC is the central point of contact for business development needs and activities in Dutchess County. It's a business-led, nationally recognized economic development corporation, whose mission is to attract, retain and expand for-profit and not-for-profit businesses for the benefit of Dutchess County. For more information about DCEDC, please visit www.thinkdutchess.com, and for additional details about Silo Ridge, please visit www.millbrookventures.com.

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