

BRINSHORE

Crystal View Townhomes

LOCATION: Urbana, Illinois

USE: Residential Rental

TYPE: New Construction

COST: \$15 million

STATUS: Completed 2010

Multi-generational community in park-like setting.

Near Crystal Lake Park in north Urbana, Illinois.

- 70-units.
- Replaces 1950's barracks-style public housing.

Innovations

- Overcame a number of structural challenges, including its location near a floodplain.
- Raised the site and created a central traffic circle to direct rainwater runoff to a nearby creek.
- Pedestrian friendly streets with rear pocket parking designed to eliminate curb cuts and street facing garage doors.

Community Advantages

- Catering to large and small families, with two-, three- and four-bedroom rental residences.
- Energy efficient design and green technologies including a site geothermal system, solar photovoltaic panels, native landscaping and many other energy efficient strategies.
- Open space includes walking path along Saline Creek, rain gardens, shade trees and native prairie plants.
- Private clubhouse with a fully-equipped exercise room.
- Business center with computer lab.
- Community room with fireplace, warming kitchen, and children's play area.

Brinshore Partnership

- Homestead Corp.

