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The new Waterside Court affordable housing development at 503 West Road photographed Friday Oct. 19, 2007. (Dave Rossman/For the Chronicle)

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Affordable housing subdivision now open

Waterside Court offers homes suitable for large families

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Harris County Housing Authority and Hettig-Kahn Development recently celebrated the official opening of Waterside Court, an affordable housing development catering to large families.

The 24-acre gated community, 503 West Road, is the first subdivision of its kind in the area.

The Housing Authority has collaborated with Hettig-Kahn developers to create the homes.

The partnership is an example of a recent industry trend in which local governments and private developers jointly develop affordable housing.

Waterside Court is one of six such properties that the Harris County Housing Authority has developed or is developing in the region with private-sector partners. Of these six, Waterside Court is the first to offer single-family homes.

Waterside Court contains 118 four-bedroom, two-bath residences ranging between 1,429-1,445 square feet.

The \$19 million project includes a community center, two parks and fully equipped playground, pool and a variety of social services offering full-service amenities to mixed-income families. Rent for the homes ranges from \$365-\$950 per month. Residency at Waterside Court is open to all families who meet the income guidelines issued by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Guy Rankin, Harris County Housing Authority executive director, said there was a need based on the apartments in the area.

"A large amount of people were asking for three-bedroom units and a market study suggested there was a need," Rankin said.

"We sought to develop a single family rental community instead of apartments." Rankin said they started building last year and began leasing the homes in August. About 500 families signed a waiting list.

"We only have about 16 left," said Rankin.

Residents are responsible for utilities and security deposit, and undergo a credit and rental history check.

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