



GABLES WATERWAY

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Gables Waterway is going green. And as the first new development in Coral Gables to apply for “green” certification by the U.S. Green Building Council, that’s news.

Earlier this year, Gables Waterway registered with the USGBC for its Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design award. To be certified, Gables Waterway must meet the council’s criteria in site-appropriate planning, water and energy management and conservation, use of environmentally friendly materials, pollution prevention and other areas.

“This is a natural fit for Gables Waterway,” according to architect Bob Chisholm. “We have a one-of-a-kind site in Coral Gables along both sides of the Mahi Canal, and being a certified green building will add to the attractiveness of the development.”

Chisholm said many of the criteria that will be used to judge certification were already being incorporated into the Gables Waterway design before the developers decided to register with the USGBC.

“We have planned since the initial concepts for Gables Waterway to not simply meet, but exceed requirements in such sensitive areas as landscaping, waste water management, light fixtures, air conditioning and ventilation controls, and appropriate materials. Now we will be taking an even stricter course in design and implementation of these areas,” Chisholm said.

Frank Siberio, managing agent for Gables Waterway, said: “The decision to seek this designation was as much a business decision as it was an environmentally responsible one. This type of construction is a win for everyone, especially the environment.”

The news media has taken notice. The Miami Herald ran an item about Gables Waterway in its business section. The Coral Gables Gazette devoted a story to the announcement, while Miami Today linked the announcement to Coral Gables Commissioner William Kerdyk’s

comment at a meeting that Coral Gables should be at the cutting edge of the green movement.

Meanwhile, Miami Monthly Magazine devoted a lengthy story to green construction, featuring Mr. Chisholm’s comment about the importance of environmentally friendly design in South Florida, with our proximity to fragile natural resources like the Everglades, the Florida Keys and the Florida Straits.

Added Frank Siberio: “You do the right thing because it’s right. But it’s nice to be recognized for it too.” ■



Gables Waterway, located at 1390 South Dixie Highway, across from the University of Miami, is planned as a mixed-use development with 88,000 square feet of commercial space, 95 luxury condominiums and 25 boat slips.

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