

# AWARDS

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## *Outstanding Municipal Partners for New Developments:*



### THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE

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The Duffy School Apartments for Senior Citizens was developed by Network Member, Moorestown Ecumenical Neighborhood Development, Inc. (MEND). The Township worked with MEND to design an apartment building that would combine homes in the former 100-plus year-old school building, closed in 2008, with new ones in an addition while

remaining compliant with all current building codes, meeting the requirements of both the NJ State Historic Preservation Office and the National Park Service and numerous financing programs. The new development transformed the school into a residential building with 53 one-bedroom apartments, along with a community room, a gymnasium, an auditorium and other amenities. Many communities have school buildings that no longer meet their needs but could be appropriate for the development of new affordable rental homes, as was done in Florence.

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*In Recognition of its  
Leadership and Commitment  
to the Creation of Affordable Homes*



**Township of Florence**

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