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## County and Westgate CRA Celebrate Completion of 13 Homes

Vice Mayor Priscilla Taylor and officials with the Department of Economic Sustainability (DES) and the Westgate/Belvedere Homes Community Redevelopment Agency (WCRA) hosted a ribbon cutting on March 20 to celebrate the completion of the rehabilitation and reconstruction of 13 affordable single-family homes in Westgate.



The county partnered with Vice Mayor Taylor

WCRA to rehabilitate seven homes and rebuild six new housing units in the unincorporated community near Palm Beach International Airport. The houses feature 10-foot ceilings, ceramic tile floors, ceiling fans, and Energy Star appliances. Other amenities include large lots, lush landscaping and irrigation, neo-traditional architecture, newly paved streets, and connection to a new sanitary sewer system.

"This project shows that we can all work together to accomplish great things," said Vice Mayor Taylor.

The infill housing project received \$2.44 million through the county from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Neighborhood Stabilization Program 2 Residential Rehabilitation Grant Program (NSP2 RRG). Per program guidelines, the homes are going to qualified low and moderate-income households.

"We are doing something special, we are placing families in communities where they will enjoy long-term stability," said DES Director Edward Lowery.

DES estimates that the Westgate project will have a five-year economic impact of \$5 million. Overall, the county's NSP2 program is projected to generate more than \$161.3 million over five years.

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