

The Atrium at Regency Jacksonville, Florida



Location:
Jacksonville, Florida

ProjectSize:
314 Living Units
New Central Building 25,000 SF

ConstructionCost:
\$14,000,000

Principal-in-Charge:
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Program/Challenges

Create a building environment which addresses independent living for senior adults. Accommodate up to 314 apartment units and a centrally located community facility with multiple functions.

Solution

The project site presented a natural swale through the center of the property. The architects took advantage of this natural feature to create a series of inter-connecting ponds with level control structures.

The apartment units were arranged so that the distances to the Central Facility were equilibrated. Seating areas were strategically placed no more than 100 feet apart to make resting areas available for those residents who were less mobile than others. All areas were made accessible.

The Central Facility is oriented to take advantage of the water features on the exterior. The main interior focal point is a custom designed koi fish pond within a sky lit atrium.

In addition to housing the welcoming and administrative offices, the Central Facility functioned as the hub of activity for the entire complex. Dining for 300 people included small event dining rooms, barber and beauty shops, billiards area, library, massage and exercise rooms, Jacuzzi, residents' shop and a multipurpose area for planned entertainment. A wood working shop, a ceramic shop and a large sewing room were also provided in adjacent residential wings.

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