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L&M DESIGN LLC DESIGNS MARKET SENSITIVE FLOOR PLANS ON PREVIOUSLY APPROVED SITE FOOTPRINTS

December 2003 – Franklin, MA - **L&M DESIGN LLC**, an architecture, planning and urban design firm, located in Radnor, Pennsylvania, provided architectural services to Gatehouse Management, Inc. for their recently completed apartment community, Franklin Commons in Franklin, Massachusetts.

The fully-leased Franklin Commons community showcases L&M's ability to create market-sensitive floor plans within the constraints of existing, previously approved site footprints. The design team's efforts have resulted in a successful mixed-market rental community consisting of 96 apartments housed in seven three-story Colonial-style buildings.

According to Gatehouse Management President, David Canepari, "Franklin Commons represents a contemporary interpretation of the classic New England village. We attribute the extremely rapid lease-up, at least in part, to the aesthetic appeal of the clubhouse entrance, as well as the entrances to the individual apartment homes." A community clubhouse and a village green provide recreational amenities for both children and adults, complimenting the lifestyle created for Franklin Commons' residents.

Recently held ribbon-cutting ceremonies were attended by representatives from the Town of Franklin and the Department of Housing and Community Development; State Senator David Magnani; State Representative James Vallee; Marc Plonskier, President of The Gatehouse Group, Inc; and David Canepari, President of Gatehouse Management, Inc.

L&M DESIGN LLC provides architecture, planning and urban design services to developers throughout the East Coast and the Midwest. The firm's work includes master planning and architecture for large-scale mixed-use condominium and rental communities, brownfield developments, commercial retail centers, and high-density infill properties.

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