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**THE VILLAGE AT THE GALISTEO BASIN PRESERVE MASTER PLAN WINS  
APPROVAL FROM COUNTY DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE**

**Santa Fe, NM, March 15, 2007**—The Santa Fe County Development Review Committee (CDRC) unanimously approved (7-0-0) Commonweal Conservancy's master plan for the Village at the Galisteo Basin Preserve.

Following the county staff report and Commonweal Conservancy's presentation, the CDRC members listened attentively to more than an hour of testimony from 12 individuals and representatives of community groups and environmental organizations. Not a single voice was raised in opposition to the plan. Instead, the speakers offered heartfelt words of appreciation for the community engagement process that Commonweal has managed, and for the planning and development strategy that we have pursued.

In response to a request by representatives of the Village of Galisteo, Commonweal Conservancy agreed to participate in a well monitoring program with the Galisteo Water Association to ensure that water production from the proposed Village wells does not measurably impact the integrity and productivity of existing Galisteo community wells.

**About the Village at the Galisteo Basin Preserve**

The large-scale land conservation and stewardship of the more than 12,000-acre Galisteo Basin Preserve will be supported in part by the Village at the Galisteo Basin Preserve, a 300-acre, resource-efficient, mixed-use community. Designed for economic and social diversity, the Village will include 965 homes, with 30 percent committed to affordable housing; commercial, educational, and civic development; and parks, trails, and open space. For more information, please visit [www.galisteobasinpreserve.com](http://www.galisteobasinpreserve.com).

**About Commonweal Conservancy**

Commonweal Conservancy is a nonprofit conservation-based community-development organization committed to integrating the goals and purposes of environmental protection and community building. The group assembles properties that protect precious open space and provide for other public needs, such as affordable housing, schools, and economic development. For more information about Commonweal, please visit [www.commonwealconservancy.org](http://www.commonwealconservancy.org).

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