

Sembler remakes Prado with own debris

Materials from razed center being reused at same Sandy Springs site

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The new Prado shopping and entertainment center in Sandy Springs is being built with various materials from the old Prado, which was demolished.

The old buildings and pavings were crushed and used as raw materials that will go into the new center. The Prado is to open in phases, starting in October 2008. It is expected to be complete in March 2009.

In an effort to reuse materials, the Sembler development company donated to charity the appliances in apartments that were demolished.

Sandy Springs firefighters trained at the old apartments at the Prado. Once the buildings were gutted, firefighters practiced extinguishing fires set in the structures.

Recycling materials on-site is becoming standard for the Sembler Co., which is retooling the Prado. It also donated items from apartments demolished for its project in Brookhaven.

The company recycled most of the materials at another shopping center it tore down and rebuilt — Lindbergh Center, on Piedmont Road in Buckhead. "We keep as much material as we can on-site, by crushing it and reusing it," said Sembler President Jeff Fuqua.

Some recycling work at Prado done by A.L. Grading Contractors, Inc.:

- 44,695 cubic yards of exposed rock reused
- 6,696 cubic yards of trench rock reused
- 14,120 linear feet of curbs reused
- 244,000 square feet of existing buildings recycled (wood ground for mulch, concrete crushed for fill)
- 25,091 cubic yards of paving recycled for use at other construction sites:

\$10,000 value of appliances donated from the Prado and Brookhaven developments. (Beneficiaries include Raising Expectations, Inc.; Community & Housing Initiatives Corp.; The Tool Bank; Salvation Army; Families First; Hosea Feed the Hungry and Homeless; Blessing Ministries, Inc.; Atlanta Step-up Society; Hands-on Atlanta; Light of the World Christian Tabernacle International).



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Sembler Co. plans to redevelop The Prado in Sandy Springs to add more retail and create a village feel.



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The Prado, once a famed gathering place on Roswell Road in Sandy Springs, is being redeveloped into a retail center. The first phase is expected to open in October 2008.

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