The Rice Village Apartments is a 37-unit, 238-bed graduate student residence located at 2410 Shakespeare Street. The building design offers benefits not only to its future residents, but also to neighboring businesses and homeowners:

**Attractive**
The design restricts building height, maximizes green space, places parking off street and out of sight, and incorporates brick accents and quality stucco construction.

**Convenient**
The location, three blocks from Rice University and one block from the Village, encourages residents to walk and bike to the campus and to area recreation and shopping destinations. Daily shuttle service reduces demand for resident and visitor parking at the site, provides neighbors a free ride to Rice for public events, and brings Rice students, employees and visitors to the Village, increasing business without the need for more parking and without increasing traffic on area streets.

**Affordable**
Rents at the Rice Village Apartments allow students on limited stipends to live in close proximity to their university.

**Sustainable**
The building is designed and will be built to LEED standards, minimizing construction waste and improving operating efficiency. Reduced on-site parking demand also means less paving, allowing more green space and preserving street trees. This in turn reduces flooding, downstream water pollution and heat island effects while improving air quality.

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