

Built Green Announces the 2007 Built Green Incentive Recipients!



CAST Architecture — Fremont Townhomes, Seattle
5-Star Level, More than 4 Units

About Built Green

Built Green is an environmentally-friendly, non-profit, residential building program of the Master Builders Association of King and Snohomish Counties, developed in partnership with King County, Snohomish County, and other agencies and environmental groups in Washington state.

2007 Built Green™ Incentive program

Eight local companies will take a lead in local green building, thanks to the 2007 Built Green™ Incentive program. The incentives were awarded for new construction projects ranging from a single family home, townhome projects, and larger developments of 10 homes or more. The funding ranged from \$2,500 to \$15,000 for each project with a total of \$47,500 awarded.

The Built Green Incentive was developed by the Master Builders Association's Built Green program to encourage environmentally motivated companies to try enhanced green building techniques in their building projects. The Built Green Incentive is funded by grants from King County and Seattle Public Utilities both of whom are committed to market transformation and the support of local high-level green building projects.

"The incentives are a great way for those companies that are already building green to take the next step into even greener pastures," said Aaron Adelstein, Built Green executive director. "Through their leadership and expertise, they will inspire others in the region, demonstrate market demand, and provide a model for others to replicate."

The incentive was targeted at builders interested in developing projects that will meet the Built Green 4 or 5-Star certification levels. In the Built Green program, 4 and 5-Star projects meet superior environmental standards, including Energy Star® certification, and must be independently verified. The incentives will help offset some of those certification costs, which will include performance testing. Based on the past eight years of certifying local projects, Built Green has found that once a builder incorporates these advanced techniques into their building practices, that builder is much more likely to continue to incorporate them in future projects.

For more information on the requirements to certify a project at the 4 and 5-star levels within the Built Green program, visit the checklist section of the website at:

www.builtgreen.net/checklists.html

In addition to the numerous requirements established within the checklist, there were additional requirements added specifically for the Built Green Incentive that included:

1. Meet the King County 2005 Surface Water Design Manual Standards or equivalent.
2. 75% min. recycling rate for all construction and demolition debris. For a list of recycling facilities, click here.
3. Meet at least 5 of the following:
 - Install FlushStar® approved 1.6 gallon or dual flush toilets.
 - Install WashWise approved clothes washer(s).
 - Install bathroom faucet aerators with 1.0 gallon per minute (gpm) or less.
 - Install showerheads with 2.0 gpm or less.
 - Install dishwasher(s) with an energy factor of 0.68 or higher.
 - Landscape with native or locally-adapted plants.
 - Install functioning drip irrigation system, or no irrigation.

These projects will ultimately serve as quality examples of innovative ways in which we can build high performance homes that are attractive and cost effective. Please stay tuned to the Built Green Incentive website for pictures and updates as the projects are currently underway!

The funding committee is currently assessing the first round of incentives and discussing the possibility of opening a new in early 2008. If you are interested in applying or would like more information on the Built Green Incentive application criteria and requirements, please visit the website.