

Owner & Developer

Community Housing Partners

General Contractor:

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Architect:

Community Design Studio, LLC

Size:

Approximately 1,392 - 1,416 sq. ft.

Resident Characteristics:

- Sold to first-time home buyers earning at or below 80% of the area median income
- Preference given to applicants who live or work in Blacksburg, Christiansburg, or Montgomery County

Green Features:

- Built to EnergyStar® standards
- Advanced framing techniques
- 15 SEER heat pump; variable speed air handler
- All hardwood, bamboo and/or ceramic tile flooring; no carpet
- Fiber cement siding
- Rain barrels for stormwater collection
- R-19 exterior walls, R-38 attic insulation
- Low VOC paints, sealants, and finishes
- Compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFL's) and EnergyStar® Advanced lighting fixtures
- Blown cellulose/formaldehyde-free or denim batt insulation and structural insulated sheathing
- Low-flow toilets, shower heads, and faucets
- EnergyStar® rated appliances, light fixtures and windows
- Native landscaping
- Porous concrete driveways

Sources of Funds:

<i>Grants and Deferred Loans</i>	
Town of Blacksburg (CDBG)	\$583,000
NRV HOME Consortium	\$517,000
Housing Assistance Council Self-Help Homeownership Opportunities Program	\$120,000
Marching Virginians	\$ 41,000
NeighborWorks® Green New Construction	\$ 45,000
Total Uses	\$1,306,000

Completion Date:

Fall, 2009



Project Highlights

Cedar Hill Homes in Blacksburg, VA comprise 10 newly-constructed single-family houses only moments away from historic downtown and the Virginia Tech campus. Located in an established neighborhood, these homes boast environmentally-responsible design and construction features and were built to EnergyStar® standards. Green elements include energy and water saving appliances throughout the homes; hardwood or bamboo flooring; fiber cement siding; and porous concrete driveways.

The Town of Blacksburg, Virginia Tech's *Marching Virginians* band, and CHP teamed up to build the development's first home in memory of former band member and Virginia Tech student, Ryan Clark. CHP donated the land, designed the eco-friendly home, coordinated its construction, and arranged the financing. The two-week long "speed build" culminated in a special dedication ceremony that included local dignitaries, the new homeowner, Clark's family, student volunteers, and CHP staff.

