Green Built Homes Homeowner Benefits

General
- Green Building Program that covers 5 areas of design and construction: Site and Landscape, Energy, Water, Materials, and the Indoor Environment.
- Uses a point rating system to achieve levels of Certified, Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum, Net Zero and Net Zero Ready

Healthier & Safer
- *Reduce the risk of moisture problems* with proper building science
- *Minimize the use of toxic products* containing formaldehyde, glues and VOCs (volatile organic compounds form air pollution inside the house and outdoor smog)
- *Use sealed / power vented combustion equipment* minimizes risk of carbon monoxide
- *Fresh air systems help minimize pollutants* that do enter the indoor environment.
- Help ensure buyers that their home will be an overall healthier place to live.

More Comfortable
- *Minimize drafts, reduce moisture and ensures more constant temperatures* throughout the home by using air tight construction and properly sized and installed heating and cooling systems.

Higher Quality and Durability
- *Third party inspections ensure higher quality* - homes were built with the details in mind that will affect long term performance, health, and durability.
- *Decreased maintenance by using durable materials*, - this means decreased maintenance costs and better protection of long term investment.

Reduced Energy Costs and Higher Value
- The average home is *30% more efficient* than a typical home.
- *Lower operating costs for fuel, electricity, and water*
- *All homes receive a discounted rate on electric bill through Duke Energy for the life of the home.*
- *Basic energy efficient techniques can equal 16% overall return on investment* when comparing initial cost to annual cost savings.
- *Adds value to a home* – 91% of home buyers willing to pay more for energy efficiency

Good for the Environment
- All of these benefits also help protect the world we live in by reducing air pollution, protecting water quality, reducing land fill waste, and limiting the use of toxic materials.