LEED for Homes Project Snapshot

Image Design Glenn Retreat

Glenn, Michigan

LEED PLATINUM

Expected Energy Savings Based on HERS Score

72 % Expected Water Savings

Based on WE Credit Score



Photo Courtesy of: Eric Hughes

STRATEGIES AND RESULTS

Along with Infiltrating Rain Gardens, Edible Forest Gardens, Extensive use of Native Drought Tolerant Plants and Eco Turf Grass on the outside and with low flow WaterSense certified toilet and fixture on the inside this project achieved almost every point under Water Efficiency in the LEED for Homes checklist. Our approach to handling waste water and storm water turned a negative attribute into a positive one; and created a drought tolerant and low maintenance landscape. The site's soil composition has high clay content, and coupled with a high water table makes for a less desirable building site.

EXEMPLARY PERFORMANCE

This project exemplifies water use reduction both outdoor and indoor, with a 72% reduction in irrigation due in part by the AdvanTex(R) Wastewater Treatment Systems manufactured by Orenco (R) that is a environmentally sustainable wastewater treatment technology that treats blackwater and greywater so well that the treated effluent can be re-used for subsurface irrigation (We achieved a additional LEED innovation point with this system). The system generates effluent certified by NSF International for subsurface irrigation. A native wildflower and prairie grass landscape is being developed on the septic drain field.

LEED™ Facts **River Escape**



LEED for Homes Certification Awarded Feb 2012

Platinum	94.5
Innovation in Design	10/11
Location & Linkages	6/10
Sustainable Sites	17/22
Water Efficiency	10/15
Energy & Atmosphere	22.5/38
Materials & Resources	13/16
Indoor Environmental Quality	14/21
Awareness & Education	2 /3

*Out of 136 possible points

PROJECT BASICS

Project Type	Single Family
Conditioned Space	2,150 sq ft
Bedrooms	4
Bathrooms	3+1/2
Lot Type	New
Construction Type	Custom

KEYS TO SUCCESS

Black Water System	AdvanTex
Grey Water System	AdvanTex
HVAC Type	Geothermal
Insulation	Advanced Framed
Drought Tolerant Plants + Edible Food Garden	

Drought Tolerant Plants + Edible Food Garden R 40 Open Cell Foam - Agribase Attic

93 % Construction waste diverted

THE LEED FOR HOMES DIFFERENCE

Construction Waste Management Plan
On-Site Performance Tests
Custom Durability Planning Checklist
Third-Party Verified Documentation

About the Project Team

Architecture - Image Design LLC. http://imagedesignllc.blogspot.com/

Landscape Architect - Landscape Design Services - Matt Ertzinger Holland MI

Builder - Lake Home Builders

Green Rater - Home Inspector General Michael Holcomb

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About LEED for Homes

LEED for Homes is a voluntary, third-party certification program developed by residential experts and experienced builders. LEED promotes the design and construction of highperformance green homes, and encourages the adoption of sustainable practices throughout the building industry.

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