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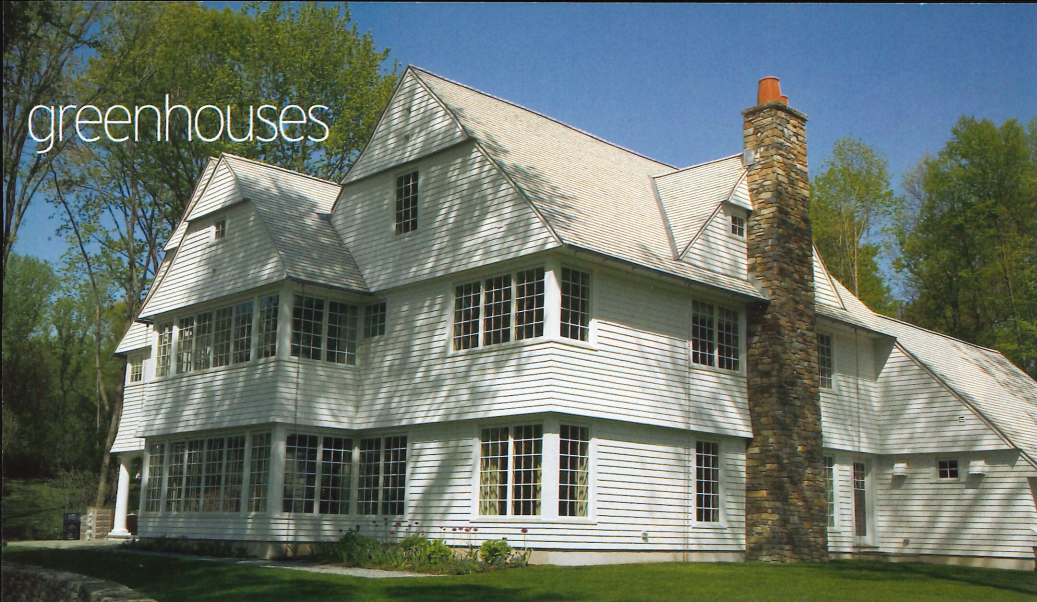
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greenhouses



**below:** Native species and drought-tolerant plants surround the new houses. Homeowners will enjoy custom English country gardens, courtesy of British landscape architect Simon Johnson. As part of its green initiative, Windermere donated 25 acres of property to the Stamford Land Conservation Trust.

# green acres

Luxury and eco-living find common ground at **Windermere on the Lake**

Building green is all the buzz. Experts predict that the next status symbol will be a house with a zero carbon footprint. And Windermere on the Lake, a 74-acre “eco-village” development in North Stamford, is one step ahead of the game. Designed by Roger Bartels, Windermere’s Cumbria model home was recently awarded LEED certification by the U.S. Green Building Council (one of only a few large, luxury homes in the country to receive this distinction). The house uses 50 percent less energy than a standard home of its size and it’s significantly more sustainable. If you’re renovating or building and want to go green, here are a few lessons from your LEED-certified neighbors. – MARY KATE HOGAN



**top:** Windermere homes are sited with sun exposure in mind, to maximize natural light. Special argon-filled casement windows from Marvin reflect UV rays, so that fabrics and floors inside don’t get bleached by the sun. The siding and roofing are Red Cedar Perfection Shingles, installed using a split-lathe system for good ventilation. Each house is insulated using Icynene, a material that doesn’t emit ozone-depleting gases and helps to reduce heating and cooling costs. **left:** Tread lightly with carpets that are low- or no-VOC. If you’re putting in new flooring, you can request planks like these, which come from a provider certified by the Forest Stewardship Council. The wood floors are sealed and stained using water-based products from Minwax. **right:** All paints and finishes in the home are low-VOC formulas. On the dining room walls: Benjamin Moore Aura paint in 522.

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