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ENERGY



NRDC brings home first LEED home cert in NE

The residential division of National Realty & Development Corp. has received LEED for Homes certification from the U.S. Green Building Council for the sustainable land use design and green technologies featured at Windermere on the Lake, a new luxury eco-village the company is developing in North Stamford, Connecticut.

Windermere on the Lake's Cumbria model residence is the first luxury home in the Northeast to receive the LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification.

The LEED for Homes certification demonstrates that the 8,000 s/f Cumbria model home has less environmental impact than a home conventionally built at one third its size.

Achieving Energy Star Certification, with a HERS (Home Energy Rating Score) Index of 49 the home can boast a 50% energy savings than if it had been built only to code, according to Steven Winter, president of Steven Winter Associates, consultant for Windermere on the Lake certification process.

The first of 24 luxury homes planned for the 74-acre eco-village, the Cumbria features a range of eco-friendly and energy-saving features and meets efficiency guidelines set by the Federal EPA.

The development also boasts ex-Continued on Page 8S