

Dharma Developments building the greenest homes in Ottawa

Stittsville development gets first Silver LEED® for Homes certification in region by meeting strict environmental standards

Stittsville, Ontario – January 03, 2008 Dharma Developments newest residential project planned for Stittsville was awarded LEED® Silver Certification – a first in Ottawa.

“We work hard to be innovators and we are always looking for ways to push the envelope”, said Dharma President Akash Sinha. “In the end, the community of Stittsville benefits from the planning and building of homes that set a new standard for residential construction in Ottawa. This means for example, drastically reducing construction waste as well as energy and water consumption. These homes will be healthier for the families that live in them and the community as a whole”, he added.

LEED® for Homes is a pilot program of the Canada Green Building Council. The goal of the program is to “promote buildings that are environmentally responsible, profitable, and healthy places to live, work and play”. This is achieved by working with industry leaders to accelerate the main stream adoption of green building principles, policies, practices, standards and tools.

The program aims to reduce the environmental impact of all buildings in five areas:

1. Sustainable site planning
2. Safeguarding water and water efficiency
3. Energy efficiency and renewable energy
4. Conservation of materials and resources
5. Indoor environmental air quality

As a participant in the LEED® for Homes Case Study Program, Dharma Developments will be taking on a significant role in developing a new rating system, standards and information for home builders across Canada.

About Dharma Developments

Dharma means 'a way of life' or 'code of conduct'. We hold high ideals for developing homes and communities that are a reflection of your values and priorities. We build homes that combine fresh, innovative design with practical features that make your home easy to live in. We take great care to use the greenest possible approach to building, which provides you with a healthy home and contributes to a healthier, greener community and planet. Finally, we understand the importance of a strong, healthy community and that is why we actively support charitable organizations, arts and recreation.

For more information about Dharma Developments, visit www.dharmadevelopments.com.

For more information about the Canada Green Building Council and LEED® certification, visit <http://www.cagbc.org>

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