

Local builders are first to earn national Certified Green Professional designation

Rick Martin of Wheatland Custom Homes and Bob Meredith of Vanguard Homes & Neighborhoods, have recently earned the Certified Green Professional (CGP) designation from the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB).

Wheatland and Vanguard are the only two builders in Lancaster County with this distinction.

The CGP is an exclusive designation that requires builders to take continuing education courses furthering their knowledge on the latest techniques and technologies behind green building. CGP builders must adhere to a code of ethics, which include provisions such as a commitment to encouraging the use of new technologies and practices and reducing the environmental impact of their projects.

Established by NAHB in early 2008, the CGP designation is designed to teach building industry professionals strategies for incorporating green building strategies into homes using cost-effective and affordable options. CGP designation curriculum offers information on:

- Principles of energy, water, and resource efficiency
- Indoor air and environmental quality
- Lot and site development for green homes
- Home buyer and owner education
- Business management and marketing practices

Wheatland Custom Homes has been building their homes to Energy Star standards since 2007. Their award-winning 2008 Pennsylvania Parade of Homes (a fall event produced by the Home Builders Association of Metro Harrisburg) is their first home that is certified Green by the Green Communities Alliance.