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Western Wayne County's First Home Pending LEED Platinum Certification Opens for "Behind the Drywall" Tour Series

Ann Arbor, MI, June 24, 2010 – Meadowlark Builders and Architectural Resource are excited to bring their Behind the Drywall Tour series to Northville on July 10, 2010. Currently under construction, this home is western Wayne County's first LEED Platinum home, and the second in Wayne County. LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) is a third-party rating system for green buildings administered by the US Green Building Council. It is a tiered program with Platinum being the highest level. The LEED for Homes program is a stringent program with third party checks and testing throughout the construction process. A LEED Platinum house typically will use five to six times less energy than it's standard counterpart, and in some cases can go deeper green than that with the addition of solar panels and other passive energy techniques.

This house, straight out of Sarah Susanka's Not-So-Big House book series, is the embodiment of the new trend in building - smaller, more well-appointed homes that are ultra-efficient and designed for the ways we actually live our life. A Victorian period style, the interior is open and elegant, with charm, character and lots of custom work. To make this home achieve the highest tier of green building, it is built in a fundamentally different way than most homes. While it appears to be a totally normal house from the interior and exterior finishes, many advanced building techniques come together to make this the future of homebuilding in America.

In this event on Saturday July 10th, 2010, builder Doug Selby and architect Michael Klement will give guided tours explaining many of the techniques that make this home far more comfortable, healthy and energy-efficient than a conventionally built home. This tour showcases a house under construction before the drywall goes up, so attendees must wear footwear appropriate for a construction site. These guided tours are informative and fun, and although free, typically "sell out". It is packed with information and advice on how to re-green existing homes as well. Each tour lasts approximately 50 minutes and is conducted on-the-hour with start times from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Reservations are required as only about 30 people at a time can tour the home without degrading the quality of the presentation.

Please visit <http://www.behindthedrywall.com> for more information or to register.