It's All In The Details!

Energy Design Conference & Expo

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Initial Requirements

- Meets the 2012 International Energy Conservation Code – not the washed down amended Iowa version for zone 6
- Meets Energy Star standards
- Meets Touchstone Energy Home standards
- Follows Iowa Green Streets Criteria
- Simple easily replicated methods
- Meets owner's budget

Location

- Town or Rural
- Covenants or freedom
- Services Who provides what?
 - Water, sewer, gas, electric, propane
 - Road maintenance, dues
 - Garbage, internet etc.
- School system
- Fire and law enforcement
- Neighbors, noise, dust, odors, Scared?

Results

2012 IECC NOT lowa amended version Energy Star Iowa Green Streets Criteria Net Zero Ready \$95 per square foot with finished basement (4,000 sq.ft)

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Performance

4,000 plus square foot living area HERS 36 32.61 kWh per day 11, 903 kWh per year \$2.98 cost per day billed 4 years old

Geo Performance

- 9.06 kWh per day average
- \$0.78 cost per day average
- Average percentage geo to total usage 24.5%
- Percentage of monthly total home usage ranges:
- Up to 44% Heating months
- 10-19% Cooling months
- 5-6% Shoulder months

House Plans

- Owner selected the plans after 2 years of research.
- Open floor plan with walk-out basement
- 3 bedroom, 2 ½ baths on main level
- Large 3 stall insulated garage
- Basement roughed in for extra bedroom, workout room, full bath, "Daughter Cave", mechanical room and "safe" room
- A local builder chosen for his knowledge energy efficient construction,
- The builder is a manufactured home dealer'

Contractors That Were Eliminated From Contention

- Didn't read the directions which pretty much explains everything, doesn't it?
- Untrained crews
- "Don't give a rip" about codes. "Damn government makin' it hard for me to build"
- Would revert back to their old ways 1970 Stoners – if not watched closely.
- It's not in the contractor's "toolbox".

Required!!!!

- Assessment
- Pre-test
- Research Proper Methods & Materials
- Building Science
- Wholehouse Concept
- READ THE DIRECTIONS
- Hire Competent Craftsman
- Post-test



Remind The Owner –"They Are The Boss!'

- Learned the "lingo" to ask educated questions.
- Researched everywhere to get ideas and opinions.
- Compiled all of their ideas into a file and cost estimates on Excel.
- Were there any special needs or requirements?
- Their finances met the scope of work

Finished Product

- Met all applicable codes and standards
- Universal Design
- Met therr quality standards
- Comfortable
- Durable low maintenance construction
- Energy efficient net zero ready?
- Controlled indoor air quality
- Quiet and safe

Topics For Pre-Construction Meeting And Owner's Manual

- Review questions from contractor interviews
- Review your expectations
- Show them the code books
- Hand out your furniture layout
- Hand out contact numbers for everyone
- Decide who will handle results from the required blower door test.
- Remember-Manual J and S are required before start.



Sample Question



Plans Overview Examples

Window selection – call Paul Advanced framing - 6 house rule Furniture placement – windows and supplies Floor joist layout – work with me, please! Newel post attachment – not a shift stick Chaseways – when did we forget them 9 foot foundations/flat pans for interior Universal design – zero step entry Roof design - simplification

Planning

- Meet with code officials.
- Complete set of plans and specifications Code requirement.
- Rebate and Energy Star paperwork before excavation.
- Establish communication tree.
- Documentation Repeat again can't say it enough!
- Site visits by owner every day if possible.
- 3rd party visits HERS raters, utility reps and friends

Plus...

You get the rebates

- Radon system installed
- Low VOC paints and finishes
- Reduced outside noise
- SAFE and CLEAN worksite
- Owners manual with all product sheets and warranties updated daily
- Educational final walk through to discuss owner involvement in ongoing performance

No Excuses!! It's In The Paperwork

- Truss uplift in the truss packet
- Insulation installation on every bag
- Attic insulation documentation on the bag
- Air sealing requirements in the code book
- Window installation supplier, Google
- Housewrap supplier and common sense

Extra Reinforcement – It Worked, Except For The Siding Contractor

- It's a Model Home!
- I'll be using it in presentations!
- My grandkids will live here. I know where you live!
- I often work with the State Fire Marshall's office.
- To the drywallers "We're testing before the rock. For every hole you make and do not repair I will take off \$500 for each hole! Adjust the Roto-Zips or use a knife to cut around openings. Agree or leave now!





Results

- Concrete to pretty to cover up!
- SQUARE and Level foundation.
- Premium materials.
- HVAC and plumbers the best I have ever worked with.
- Electrician phenomenal
- Trim carpenter super
- Drywallers NO Repairs. A lot of pride shown
- Insulators I will always be recommending them
- On Time On Budget!



Have Fun!



Discuss These Issues With The Entire Building Crew – Not Just The Supervisors.

Some Details To Think About

What Is It?



Copper, Moisture And Steel Do Not Mix – 7 years



Capillary Action

and the

Capillary Break



Why Use Such An Expensive Poly?



Frost Free Isn't Just For Foundations



What's The Problem?

Owner And Builder Problem

Two Things To Scratch Your Head Over















Moisture Related Damage Discussion

- Mold, mildew
- Rot (window sills, framing, siding, wall failures, etc.)
- Health (Poor indoor air quality)
- Dissolution of adhesives
- Insulation loses R-value when wet
- Concrete breaks from freeze-thaw cycle
- Absorption of water can cause materials to become flexible and lose strength
- Water stains
- Erosion (around foundation)
- Rodents and insects attracted to moisture





















Main Ideas

- 16", 24" or 19.2" on center stud spacing
- Better load path
- Eliminate or design headers
- Smart corners and partitions
- Engineered materials
- Better performance
- Blocking for bars, handles, etc.
- Correct fasteners
- Emphasis on DETAILS

























Sheathing – Education

- OSB
- OSB/Tape
- Plywood
- Continuous foam thickness and strapping
- Combination
- Horizontal
- Vertical
- Nailing

Secondary Weather Barrier

- Seams taped on extruded foam.
- Other joints caulked or taped
- Housewrap installed per manufacturers instructions.
- All tapes and flashing installed per code and product recommendations.
- Drainage plane behind stone.
- Rainscreen if wood, cement, or LP
- Required vinyl siding per covenant












