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US Green Building Council awards LEED Certification to Outer Banks Builder

Real Escapes Ltd , a long time Outer Banks Builder, has been awarded LEED Silver Certification by the US Green Building Council for 'The Common Sense Green' home at 146 S. Dogwood Trail in Southern Shores, NC. The theme Common Sense Green was adopted to practice cost effective methods for green building.

The completed project is the first and only OBX home to be certified using LEED. LEED for homes is a green home certification for assuring homes are designed and built to be energy and resource efficient and healthy for occupants.

LEED certified homes complete a rigorous process which includes a Home Energy Rating (HERS) and on site inspections to verify that the home is built to be energy and water efficient with high indoor air quality and conservative use of the site and resources. Such green homes have substantially lower utility bills and may qualify for advantageous financing, lower insurance rates and government incentives.

"As a LEED certified home, 146 S. Dogwood Trail serves as model for greener living for the entire community," said Nate Kredich, Vice President of Residential Market Development for the US Green Building Council.

The home focuses heavily on reducing energy use and maintenance costs. The canal front three bedroom two and one half bath, two car garage structure features low-E4 windows, high efficiency insulation, lighting and appliances, a geothermal heating, cooling and hot water system. The Energy Star home has a HERS Score of 55.

Water use is conservative through aerated faucets, dual flush toilets and a rainwater harvesting system for irrigation of native plantings. High indoor air quality is achieved with low VOC (low volatile compounds) coatings and carpet, a central vacuum and filter for outside air intake

As well as designing and building green homes, Real Escapes Ltd. is qualified to perform Energy Audits and Green Upfits. Headquarters are at The Harbinger Center on Hwy 158 Currituck. Interested parties should contact Lili Morrison, President, at 252 491-2670 or visit www.realescapes.com/commonsensegreen.

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