

Minnesota Green Communities



*A collaboration of the Greater Minnesota Housing Fund,
the Family Housing Fund, and Enterprise*

Green Communities Initiative

- **A \$555 million commitment by Enterprise**
- **8,500 sustainable, affordable homes throughout the United States**
- **Make environmentally friendly building more mainstream among community-based developers**



Minnesota Green Communities

- **Family Housing Fund**
- **Greater Minnesota Housing Fund**
- **Enterprise**

- **Other regional partners on Advisory Committee**



Minnesota Green Communities

Principles

- Affordable housing
- Healthy homes and living environments
- Energy conservation
- Sustainable land use planning





Why is “Green” important for “Affordable” homes?

- Healthier homes for parents and children.
- Increased income and enhanced opportunities for low-income families.



Green Communities Criteria

1. Integrated Design Process
2. Location and Neighborhood Fabric
3. Site Improvements/Protection
4. Water Conservation
5. Energy Conservation
6. Materials and Resources
7. Healthy Living Environment
8. Operations and Maintenance

MN Green Communities **Demonstration Project**

New San Marco, Duluth
70 unit Permanent
Supportive Housing



MN Green Communities **2005 Demonstration Project**



Ripley Gardens
Green Demonstration Project
Minneapolis, Minn.

MN Green Communities ***2005 Demonstration Project***

Wellstone Apartments
Green Demonstration Project
Minneapolis, Minn.



Improved design will save \$40,000/year on utilities.
-Center for Energy and Environment and Weidt Group

MN Green Communities
2005 Demonstration Project



***Viking Terrace Preservation
Green Demonstration Project
Worthington, Minn.***

Accomplishments

In first two years:

- 497 homes occupied, 908 being built, 1,645 in planning
- Minnesota Housing sustainability policy
- Training and education



What's Next?

- Rehabilitation Policy
- Weatherizing Foreclosed Homes
- More Training/TA



