

# [In]visible House

Team Appalachian [In]sight









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# **Industry Partners**

- "Real life" project
- Schematic Review with Architects
- Tour of a zero-energy ready, mixed income neighborhood
- Market analysis with an Asheville realtor, Mary Love







### Target Market

- Retirees
- Young business professionals
- Small families

Construction Cost (\$180,915)
Finished Lot Price (\$28,000)
Financing Costs (\$4,022)
Overhead and General Expenses (\$12,728.84)
Marketing Cost (\$3,127)
Sales Commission (\$10,449)
Profit (\$27,348)







Panorama of Site









# Design Goals



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#### **Intentional Vision**



- Stay hidden from neighbors
- Keep systems hidden until they need to be maintained
- Connect inside and outside



#### Conservation



- Design a house that reaches NZE with a 6.5 kW PV array
- Obtain ENERGY STAR, Indoor airPLUS, and WaterSense certifications
- Remain in the \$250K market



## Performance



- Ensure clean and comfortable air is distributed throughout the house
- Have the potential to become an accessible design
- Maintain systems from within the home



## Constructability

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- Build upon proven construction assemblies
- Use negative space to add interest to a single story footprint
- Have a clear and documented plan for all major connections



#### **Research-Based Innovation**



- Produce examples, data, and/or calculations to justify decisions
- Visit similar buildings to learn from experience
- Tackle new problems by understanding solved problems







# DESIGN

Ethan Gooch



















































#### Master Bath Fix





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#### [In]visible without PV

[In]visible with PV

# Zero Energy Ready Summary





#### [In]visible without PV

[In]visible with PV

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# Zero Energy Ready Summary

















# **Appliances / Materials**





ENERGY STAR Approved

IntelliBalance ERV

Finish Options	\$ per sq. ft.
Option #1	\$1.14/sq. ft.
Option #2	\$5.32/sq. ft.







# SYSTEMS

**Rowan Parris** 



Material/Finish	Low/ No-VOC	GREENGUARD Certified	KCMA Certified
Paint	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	
Wood Flooring	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	
Tile	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	
Countertops	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	
Baseboards	$\checkmark$		
Crown Moulding	$\checkmark$		
Window Casing	$\checkmark$		
Cabinets	$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$
Gypsum Drywall	$\checkmark$		



## Indoor Air Quality



Ensure clean and fresh air

Meet Indoor airPlus requirements















### Mechanical



Keep systems hidden, yet accessible



Meet ENERGY STAR requirements



Facilitate circulation and dehumidification





# Load Calculations

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BLOCK LOADS (BTUH)	
HEATING	COOLING
	(SENSIBLE + LATENT)
18,934	10,162 + 2,942

DUCT DESIGN	FLOWS (CFM)	SIZE	
MBED	123	4"X13"	
MBATH	56	4"X7"	
BED1	66	4"X7"	
BED2	54	4"X5"	
BATH1	62	4"X5"	
LIVING	170		
KITCHEN	65	DUCTLESS	
MUD ROOM	36		

ZONE HEATING LOADS (BTUH)		
MBED	2841	
MBATH	1694	
BED1	1652	
BED2	1190	
BATH1	1618	
LIVING	4406	
KITCHEN	1535	
MUD ROOM	1679	
OTHER LOADS (BTUH)		
DUCT LOSSES	1228	
INFILTRATION	3358	
VENTILATION	2762	





**MSZ-FH09NA** Rated Sensible Heat Factor: 0.92



Rated Sensible Heat Factor: 0.80

#### Dehumidification

- Localized exhaust fans near moisture sources
- ERV utilization to reduce incoming summer latent load
- Management of on/off deadband intervals for longer runtime





## Distribution

- Use of forced and passive mixing to circulate through public spaces
- Option to install mudroom transfer fan if proven necessary





#### Electrical



Meet ENERGY STAR requirements



Minimized penetrations through air barrier







#### PV Schematic Diagram





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## Plumbing



Meet WaterSense Requirements



HPWH/ERV Transfer Hood







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#### **ERV/HPWH Energy Transfer Hood**

	HPWH Energy Factors	
	Initial	Adjusted
Outside Energy Factor	2.2	2
Crawl Space Exhaust Only Energy Factor	2.9	1.3
Inside Energy Factor	3	2.5
Supplied by ERV Exhaust Energy Factor	2.4	2.1

#### **Method Summary**

- Used Energy Factors
- Averaged over 1 year
- Adjusted for HVAC Loads, Outside Conditions, Make-up Air Conditioning



# CONSTRUCTABILITY

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#### Envelope Layers





Wall Corner Detail





**Window Section** 




Exploded isometric of construction systems.



#### **Advanced Framing Details**





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# **Control Layers**

- Exterior 2" neopor insulation
- Raised heel truss with space to accept up to R-60 cellulose insulation
- Taped and sealed Huber ZIP sheathing system
- ZIP sheathing extend down to the block, acting as the air barrier for the rim joist





Large Raised Heel Truss w/ Scissors Vault



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# Peel-and-Stick Air Barrier Strip Sequence







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### Window Detail



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**Testing Moisture Performance in Stucco Assemblies** 

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## **Cladding Evaluation**



## **Construction Costs**

Cost Estimate Comparison					
[In]visible House	Catagory	Percent of Total Cost			
	Category	Baseline House	[ln]visible house		
\$16,051.84	Site Work	7%	9%		
\$25,934.00	Foundations	9%	14%		
\$21,059.00	Framing	19%	12%		
\$30,255.00	Exterior Finishes	14%	17%		
\$35,795.00	Major System Rough-ins	13%	20%		
\$43,680.00	Interior Finishes	29%	24%		
\$8,096.00	Final Steps	7%	4%		
\$ -	Other	1%	0%		

NAHB national average \$ per sq. ft.: \$113/sq. ft.



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#### Summary of Race to Zero Construction Costs and Financial Analysis

Category	Baseline House	[In]visible House	[In]visible House with PV
Sales Price	\$255,443	\$266,592	\$286,766
Monthly Costs:			
Mortgage	\$1,035	\$1,106	\$1,173
Monthly Household Debt (0.5%MFI)	\$ 261	\$ 275	\$ 275
Operations and Maintenance Costs	\$196	\$100	\$ 100
Monthly Utilities	\$160	\$77	\$27.00
Property Tax	\$332	\$127	\$132.37
Insurance	\$79	\$79	\$79
Total	\$2,063	\$1,764	\$1,786
Annual Median Family Income (MFI)	\$ 52,250	\$55,000	\$55,000
Debt to Income Ratio	47%	38%	39%

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Asheville, NC median asking price \$379K

PV

Task Name	Duration	May `17	June <b>`</b> 17	July '17	Aug'17	Sept '17	Oct '17	Nov <b>`</b> 17
Receive NTP	o days	<b>5</b> /15						
Site Prep	21 days							
Foundation	24 days							
Carpentry	35 days					I		
Exterior Finishes	9 days							
Finish Crawlspace	10 days							
MEP Rough-in	16 days							
Exterior Paint	9 days							
Interior Finishes	52 days							
Substantial Completion	o days						11/	13 🔴
Landscaping	ı day							
Punchlist and Cleanup	3 days							
Systems Commissioning	3 days							

# Construction Schedule Overview

#### Major milestone schedule:

- NTP: 5/15/17
- Foundation: 6/13/17
- Dried In: 8/31/17
- Substantial Completion: 11/13/17

#### NOTE: Complete 113 activity Critical Path Method schedule found in Volume II







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