

THE HARVEST HOME U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY | CHALLENGE HOME STUDENT DESIGN COMPETITION

To harvest in the traditional sense of the term refers to the gathering of agricultural crops - a collection of resources made possible by the cycles of nature. The Harvest Home expands this definition beyond the agricultural context through the exploitation of natural solar and precipitation cycles in pursuit of superior building performance made possible through passive, contextually informed, simplistic design. The home aims to become a model for affordable sustainable residential construction toward a new standard that is accessible to the average North American homeowner.

Ambitious design goals for energy and resource efficiency were set in the initial stages of the design process. These goals included meeting all of the PHIUS+ passive house standard certification criteria and exceeding the minimum number of points required to achieve LEED Platinum under the LEED for Homes program. The final design attains a HERS score of 40 without on-site renewable generation, while satisfying the PHIUS+ passive house standard certification criteria and achieving LEED Platinum with 91 points under the LEED for Homes program. All of these goals were achieved while meeting the overarching requirements for affordability under the DOE Challenge Home and Denver Superefficient Housing Challenge.

The Harvest Home boasts an open concept ground floor plan allowing direct and ambient natural light to penetrate its modest footprint, while allowing maximum occupant flexibility. Services to kitchen and bathroom spaces are centralized to reduce inefficiencies and expenses associated with extensive duct and pipe runs. Opposite the centralized service wall, a generous gallery style stair extends from the ground to the upper levels providing ample storage space below. A central corridor at the upper level extends from the primary bedroom at the home's rear to serve a full family bath and secondary bedroom at the North facade. An additional stair rises from the upper corridor to a multi-purpose loft space and adjacent roof terrace.















Plan - Level One Scale: 1/8" = 1'-0"

Roof Deck Assembly (Exterior to Interior)

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Beetle Kill Pine Deck on Pads
2 Ply SBS Roofing Membrane
1/2" Plywood Sheathing
7" EPS Rigid Insulation
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9-1/2" Engineered Wood Truss at 16" OC
9-1/2" Blown Cellulose Insulation (R-33.25)
1/2" Zip System Air/Vapor Barrier
1" Wood Eurring

1" Wood Furring 5/8" Gypsum Wall Board Zero VOC Paint Finish

Exterior Wall Assembly (Exterior to Interior) -

2 Layers - 3" Roxul Batt Insulation (R-25.8) 1/2" Zip System Air/Vapor Barrier

<u>Ground Floor Assembly (Interior to Exterior)</u>

8" Sealed Concrete Slab EPS Rigid Foam Raft (R-47.6) 10 mil Poly Air Barrier

6" Compacted Gravel

2 x 6" Structural Stud Wall at 16" OC 5-1/2" Cellulose Insulation (R-21) 1/2" Gypsum Wall Board Zero VOC Paint Finish

Fiber-C "Ecoclad" Panel 1" Air Cavity Tyvek Weather Barrier

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Plan - Level Two Scale: 1/8" = 1'-0"

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Site Plan

Scale: 1/8" = 3'-0"

Roof Assembly (Exterior to Interior) -

2 Layers - Hold Feft 5/8" Plywood Sheathing 7" EPS Rigid Insulation (R-20) 1/2" Plywood Sheathing 2x10" Wood Joists @ 16" OC 9-1/2" Blown Cellulose Insulation (R-33.25)

1/2" Zip System Air/Vapor Barrier 1" Wood Furring 5/8" Gypsum Wall Board

Zero VOC Paint Finish

Standing Seam Metal Roof 1" Air Cavity 2 Layers - 15lb Felt



Elevation - South Scale: 1/8" = 1'-0"







Elevation - North Scale: 1/8" = 1'-0"

Section - A Scale: 1/8" = 1'-0"

Section - B Scale: 1/8" = 1'-0"

Section - C Scale: 1/8" = 1'-0"

