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## Older Neighborhoods Seeing Green, by Chris Regis, Domani Homes



Revitalizing older neighborhoods with new green homes benefits everyone – the neighborhood, the city, the economy and the earth. As a homebuilder, I believe it is incumbent upon our industry be more efficient and less wasteful in our building practices.



The Denver metro area has many beautiful, established neighborhoods with old trees, parks, classic architecture and shopping within walking distance. However, many of the homes in these areas are not livable by today's standard codes; 75 – 100 year old homes with little or no insulation, single pane windows, and weak or damaged walls/roofs from snow loads over so many years. By doing in-fill development, we marry the character of the neighborhood's older homes with the conveniences and energy efficiency of today's new home building practices. In-fill development replaces an old, below code home with a more efficient, less wasteful home, and helps to reduce urban sprawl in Denver therefore, keeping public transportation easily accessible and widely used from the existing neighborhoods.



When doing a scrape-off, we actually recycle everything we can from the old homes including brick, hardware, and doors, therefore, minimizing the amount of waste that goes into our landfills. We also leave as many trees as possible on the lot to preserve the character of the neighborhood.



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