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Sale of one-of-a-kind home to fund Tech Center “green builds”

A “green” home like no other has just hit the local real estate market. Located at 2557 Chestnut Trail in Muskegon, its future sale will directly fund the construction of more “green builds” in Muskegon County. Using U.S. Green Building Council guidelines, students from the Muskegon Area Career Tech Center Construction Trades - LEED program designed and built the three-bedroom, two-bath home from the ground up. They worked closely with local vendors, contractors, LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Instructor Brian Peets, and Paraprofessional John Smolen.

The result is a one-of-a-kind home that incorporates environmentally friendly features such as a high-efficiency heating and cooling system, sophisticated heat recovery system, low-flow plumbing, carpeting with low emissions, and wood flooring made from quick-growth trees. The home also features an attached two-car garage, underground utilities, vaulted ceiling, maple kitchen cabinets, quartz countertops, on-demand hot water system, poured Insulated Concrete Foundation walls, and underground sprinkling. The price of the home is \$175,000. Open houses will be held on Sunday, September 13, 2009, and Sunday, September 27, 2009, from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The entire project began in 2007 when a student in the Muskegon Area Career Tech Center’s Computer Aided Design class drafted the design for the house. In addition to the work of the Construction Trades program, students in the Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration (HVAC/R) program installed the heating and cooling system; Electrical/Electronic Technologies students assisted with the wiring; Commercial Art students handled the interior design; and the Horticulture and Natural Resources students completed the landscaping. “We included students from throughout the MACTC in this project,” commented Peets. “It is truly remarkable what these students have accomplished during the course of a school year. The house is a true testament to all of the hard work they put in.” The Construction Trades – LEED program was offered for the first time during the 2008-09 school year.

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New HOME for SALE

Built to

U.S. Green Standards

2557 Chestnut Trail

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Features

- 1500 sq. ft. main on main floor
- 650 sq. ft. finished basement
- 3 bedrooms (master suite 22x13), 2 full bathrooms
- Attached 2 stall garage
- 12x20 deck
- Irrigation system
- Maple kitchen cabinets (with island)
- Quartz countertops
- Eucalyptus hard wood floors
- Main floor laundry
- High-efficiency furnace w/heat recovery vent system
- Central air conditioning
- MDF doors and Trim
- Low VOC carpets, NO VOC paints
- Low flow toilet, On demand hot water heater
- Anderson 200 Windows (vinyl clad tilt)
- ICF basement walls
- Rough plumb basement bath
- Rough finish basement office
- Poured system foam basement walls
- Underground utilities, and city water/sewer



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