

- 1. Learn more about Built Green and what aspects are important to you, e.g. low or no utility bill, clean/toxin-free air, healthy environment, sustainable resources, maintenance optimization, etc.**
 - **Contact CWHBA for list of Built Green Members**
 - **Research eligible State, Federal and Utility rebates and incentives**
- 2. Establish a budget and prequalify with a lender.**
- 3. Interview and hire a builder and an architect or draftsman with green building certification/education that gives you confidence in their understanding of the principles of building green. Communicate your values and desires in regard to your green home.**
- 4. Find a suitable building lot that lends itself to optimizing your energy goals.**
 - **Visit your favorite sites with your green builder and designer**
 - **Complete a “green site analysis” considering things like solar access, wind velocity & direction, existing shade, soil conditions, on-or off- utility grid setback requirements, covenants, easements, etc.**
 - **Acquire estimated costs for utilities, road/driveway, well/septic, permits, etc**
- 5. Work with both your builder and architect/designer to come up with a specific plan/budget to fit the lot.**
 - **Review the level of Built Green certification you desire and which features are most important to you. Have your team of educated, skilled professionals walk through the details of how you’ll meet certification.**
 - **Review building code requirements.**
 - **Locate available local green building materials: Visit Habitat for Humanity Restore and other green material providers. Make choices with your team to stay within your budget.**
 - **Ensure subcontractors’ practices are in agreement with your green goals.**
 - **Your builder will need to bring evidence that the subcontractors they desire to use have solid backgrounds and certifications (i.e., CGP or MCGP) in the principles of building green.**
 - **Have the builder provide an on-site recycle program.**
 - **Identify who will be responsible for the green checklist.**
 - **Certify your home.**