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**USGBC Awards LEED Silver Certification for
Green Home in Southeastern PA**

The United States Green Building Council has awarded its' **first LEED For Home Silver Certified designation for timber-frame and prefabricated construction** in Pennsylvania to a home in Kennett Square, PA. The USGBC's Leadership in

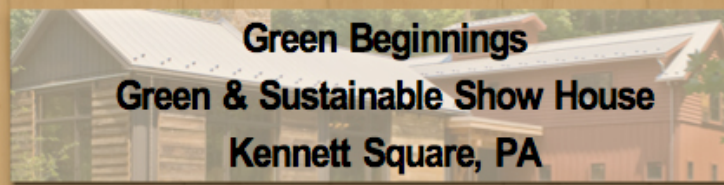
Environmental and Energy Design criteria mandates the most stringent requirements for green and sustainable homebuilding in the nation. It is also the most respected program of its' kind in the world. Building and design was a collaborative effort between Hugh Lofting Construction Management, Lyman Perry Architects, Sustainable Solutions Engineering and homeowners Vicki and Avrim Topel, all from southeastern PA.

MacGrann and Associates of Moorestown, NJ, served as the USGBC's LEED For Homes Provider (inspector) providing third party testing and verification of the criteria and construction components.

LEED certified homes offer significantly lower operating costs in terms of energy usage and maintenance, increased health benefits, use environmentally acceptable reclaimed and recycled products, minimize site disturbance, and support the environment



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and local community in terms of using local materials and labor. LEED criteria for commercial construction has now been mandated by at least 16 cities across the nation and is growing as people recognize the benefits to be realized by their occupants, communities, and the environment.

As the seventh LEED certified home in the state of Pennsylvania, the project is unique as it is the first LEED certified home here to utilize timber frame construction as well as introducing prefabricated Superior Walls foundation walls and Board Panel SIPS (Structural Insulated Panel System) walls and roof walls to a green and sustainable certified homebuilding project in the state.

For more info on this home, see www.hughloftingt看berframe.com and

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