

NET ZERO READY OR ULTRA-EFFICIENT COMMUNITY SCALE DEVELOPMENTS

Millers Pond

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MILLERS POND PROJECT OVERVIEW

- LOCATION: St. Thomas
- SITE: 200 Acres Green Field
- NUMBER OF RESIDENCES: Approx. 800 Low Rise + 400 mid Rise
- PRODUCT TYPE: Singles, Semi's, Towns and Mid-Rise



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Net Zero Building: Working water wheel. Public Washrooms Rough In. Active Park connected to Public Trails





NEW DTL HEAD OFFICE: NET ZERO BUILDING. Large South Roof for Solar Panels Smaller North Green Roof Green Wall in Stairwell. Graphenstone Ecological Paint





PRODUCT SPECS - LOW RISE

- CEILING /ROOF :R 60
- ABOVE GRADE WALL: R27.5
- WINDOWS: Triple Glazed, Low SHGC
- BASEMENT WALL: R 29.5
- SLAB: R10 Spray Foam
- AIR TIGHTNESS- ACH50 OR NLR: <1.0 ACH
- HEATING: Dettson Dual Fuel With Smart Ducting.
- COOLING: Dettson Alize ASHP
- DOMESTIC HOT WATER: Rinnai Tankless
- VENTILATION: VanEE 90 H with ECM Motor



WHAT PROMPTED THE INTITAL IDEA TO DEVELOP A LOW LOAD COMMUNITY?

- 1. ...Natural Goal of Getting to Net Zero... Architecture 2030 Challenge
- 2. ...Next Step on Path of Continual Improvement.
- 3. ... As of January 1st, 2019, all DTL Low Rise Housing is Net Zero Ready... so we were already there...
- 4. We see Mid-Rise as the next challenge.



KEY FINDINGS

- 1. HOW MUCH TIME AND RESEARCH DID YOU DO IN PREPARATION?
 - · Discussion with St. Thomas Energy (Entegris) on loads, acceptability of supplying the grid.
- 2. WHAT PARTNERS(TRADES, MANUF, UTILITIES, OTHERS...) HAVE BEEN AN INDISPENSABLE PART OF THE PROJECT?
 - · Bluewater Energy and Building Knowledge. Working with Karwood Homes on Mid-Rise Projects.
- 3. DID YOU CONSTRUCT A DISCOVERY HOME OR PILOT ANY TECHNOLOGIES BEFORE ADOPTING CONCEPTS AT THE COMMUNITY SCALE?
 - Multiple Discovery Homes over several years to Lean our Spec to the Minimum Required to get to Net Zero.
- 4. IF YOU DID A DISCOVERY PROJECT, WHAT WERE 3 CRITICAL LESSONS YOU LEARNED?
 - 1. Air Tightness and Wall Detailing
 - 2. Dual Fuel Reduces Energy Cost to Customers.... Adds Panels to the roof..... RYERSON Fuel Switching Pilot.
 - 3. Educating Customers, Trades, Building Officials and Staff is a constant work in progress.



KEY TECHNOLOGIES OR PROCESS CRITICAL TO ACHIEVING COMMUNITY GOALS:

- 1. Covered Car Ports using Solar Panels, when roof not enough.
- 2. Battery Storage. Per Household, or Community Battery Building, or Both? We are still working on this.
- 3. Community Breaker? Keeping the lights on if the Grid goes dark.
- 4. Peak Load Community Benefit. Entegris sees positive energy supply during A/C season as potentially significant benefit.



WHAT ARE YOU KEEPING AN EYE ON AS PROMISING FUTURE TECHNOLOGY OR PROCESS OPPORTUNITIES THAT COULD MAKE THESE PROJECTS EASIER AND AFFORDABLE? ...

- 1. Smart Electrical Panels
- 2. Low Load NG still makes sense, Fuel Switching based on Available Solar will Reduce GHG Emissions.
- 3. Can we do something about appliances and Vampire Load?



IF NZ COMMUNITIES ARE GOING TO BECOME MAIN-STREAM, WHAT TECHNOLOGIES OR CONCEPTS NEED FURTHER DEVELOPMENT? ...

- 1. Battery Storage. Currently Still Prohibitively Expensive, but coming down. Limitation on number of circuits. How to do community battery storage.
- 2. Net metering without Year End Credit = approved theft by Utilities. Grossly unfair to consumer.
- 3. Higher Construction Cost = Higher Property Value = Higher Taxes. Could there be a Property Tax Reduction / Rebate that reflects community benefit?



WHAT BUILDING CODES, INFRASTRUCTURE DESIGN OR PLANNING PROTOCOLS NEED TO CHANGE FOR LOW LOAD, NZ COMMUNITES TO BECOME THE "NORM"???

- 1. Government needs to get out of the way.... Or at least get on the same page... at all levels.
- 2. The Pace of Code Change is Painfully Slow... even when you know the change is needed.... (Low Solar Glass.... A Decade to change).
- 3. We'll need more building inspectors... And we need to integrate them into our training.....Because
- 4. Objective based Code allows for innovation, provided you can get AHJ to approve.
- 5. ...



WHAT 2 PIECES OF CRITICAL WISDOM WOULD YOU IMPART TO BUILDERS/DEVELOPERS WHO ARE CONSIDERING COMMUNITY SCALE DEVELOPMENT?

- 1. Attend all the training you can. Get outside of your own community and have a look around. Go to CI
- 2. What's your climate resiliency construction plan? If the wind wrecks your roof, your building's going in the landfill...