

Press Release

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Affordable Green Design Contest Announces Winner

Dayton, OH, July 5, 2007 – The City of Dayton, City of Kettering, City of West Carrollton, and CountyCorp, constituent members of the Partnership for Affordable Sustainability (PAS) are pleased to announce that the Litehouse team has been awarded the top honor in the Affordable Green Design contest. Litehouse Development combines the architecture acumen of Rogero Buckman Architects (RBA), the marketing and design expertise of Visual Marketing Associates (VMA), the engineering experience of Heapy Engineering, and the finance competence of Burhill Leasing. Their unique design, the “Litehouse™”, addresses the need for innovation in housing to minimize the impact of the housing industry on the environment while addressing the budgetary needs of today’s homeowners. The Litehouse design features neighborhood and family adaptability, affordability, a flexible open floor plan, and sustainable architectural elements all in one. Barry Buckman of RBA noted that with the Litehouse model they “have tried to design for various family sizes and site orientations, while always keeping efficiency and economy in mind. We wanted a house that would tread lightly on the earth, wisely using our ever diminishing resources and would tread lightly on a homeowner’s budget.”

The Green Affordable Partnership formed to present a premier design competition with the dual goals of reshaping the vision of affordable housing by exploring and implementing green building practices and provide residents with unique housing options. The Litehouse team design will be constructed on multiple sites throughout Montgomery County and showcased by GAP to promote this style of design within the region and demonstrate the many diverse means to incorporate sustainable green building into new home construction. Through this project all parties hope to

demonstrate that single family homes can be friendly to the pocketbook and to the environment. The Litehouse plan will have long-term affordability for the homeowner through waste reduction, increased energy efficiency to minimize utility costs, and decreased water consumption.

The Partnership for Affordable Sustainability congratulates the Litehouse team. Litehouse homes will be built in West Carrollton, the City of Dayton, Harrison Township, and the City of Kettering and will be open to the public in 2008. For further information on the Litehouse homes contact: Barry Buckman at bbuckman@rbaoh.com. For further information on the Partnership contact: Amy Riegel at amy.riegel@cityofdayton.org.