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Orlando Builder's Amherst Place - Named NAHB Green Building Project of the Year

WASHINGTON, May 14—The National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) has named Amherst Place as its Green Building Remodel of the Year. NAHB honored Greg Hardwick, Owner of Hardwick G.C., Inc. at the 11th Annual NAHB National Green Building Conference in Dallas, Texas. Hardwick is a member of the Home Builders Association of Metro Orlando (HBA) and serves as the HBA's Green Building Chairman.

“I am proud and incredibly honored to be included among the best green projects in the country this year,” said Hardwick. “I am amazed that we were selected, but at the same time I feel a certain level of gratification that all of our hard work and dedication was rewarded. It's a good thing for our company and a great thing for a Central Florida project to be recognized at the national level.”

A perfect mix of affordable Green Building principles, Amherst Place is a culmination of two single family residences from one cir-1920 Craftsman style home. The original home was approximately 800s.f. on a 53-ft wide lot. The scope included a complete remodel of the original home and a second floor and garage addition. A new attached 2,550-s.f. 2-story home was also added. Both homes were the first in Orlando to achieve all three Florida Green Building Coalition, Energy Star, and Florida Water Star certifications.

“Our focus on this project was conservation,” said Hardwick. “We wanted to execute as many energy efficient practices as possible either by maintaining existing benefits or adding in new ones. Through execution of an overall energy strategy, we were able to achieve exceptional energy value without the use of solar power. We also achieved exceptional water conservation value by carefully selecting a Florida-friendly landscape plan and through utilization of high-performing low-flow water fixtures.”

The prestigious annual Green Building Awards honor home builders, remodelers, home builders associations and other organizations for advancing green building through innovative design and construction techniques, excellent educational programs and successful advocacy efforts. The awards are part of the NAHB National Green Building Program, NAHBGreen, which includes education, advocacy, marketing and certification services for green homes.

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“Greg Hardwick shows how far residential green building has come,” said Eric Borsting, chair of the NAHB Green Building Subcommittee. “This project is a great illustration of sustainable, environmentally responsible construction and a good example for our members as NAHB continues to lead green building into the mainstream.”

ABOUT HARDWICK G.C., INC: A residential builder and remodeler specializing in “Green” construction, Hardwick G.C. can build completely “Green” or integrate any level of energy saving, durability, and indoor air quality elements into a project based on existing conditions and/or budget. Greg Hardwick, P.E., President and owner of Hardwick G.C. has been in the multi-million dollar construction business for over 15 years. He is designated as a Certified Graduate Builder (CGB) and Certified Green Professional (CGP) by the National Association of Home Builders. An active member of the Home Builders Association of Metro Orlando (HBA), Hardwick was instrumental in the establishment of the HBA’s Green Building Committee and serves as the group’s Chairman. His experience includes large custom homes, whole house renovations and additions, smaller remodeling (kitchens, baths, master suites), and large commercial/industrial projects. Over the last 5 years Greg has worked on custom homes and renovations totaling more than \$12 million. From site selection and planning to design and construction, inside and out, Hardwick G.C.’s goal is the same, to build a comfortable, healthy, and efficient home, ensuring lasting value and superior quality. Visit www.HardwickGC.com.

ABOUT NAHB: The National Association of Home Builders is a Washington, D.C.-based trade association representing more than 200,000 members involved in home building, remodeling, multifamily construction, property management, subcontracting, design, housing finance, building product manufacturing and other aspects of residential and light commercial construction. Known as "the voice of the housing industry," NAHB is affiliated with more than 800 state and local home builders associations around the country. NAHB's builder members will construct about 80 percent of the new housing units for 2009. Visit www.NAHB.org.

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