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**Green Valley Builders Earns a HERS Score of 44**

**February 20, 2010 — Blacksburg** - Green Valley Builders doesn't just build sustainable homes because it's trendy. We build them because we believe that it is the best way to build homes that are going to be healthy, comfortable and save us money. We believe in it so much, we live in them!

We just finished building Justin's home, which is [EarthCraft Virginia](#) Tier II certified, [ENERGY STAR](#) certified, and [EPA Indoor airPLUS](#) certified! Also, this home received a home energy rating of 44, which means this home is incredibly energy-efficient.

The HERS Index is a scoring system established by the [Residential Energy Services Network](#) (RESNET) in which a new home built to code scores a HERS Index of 100, while a net zero energy home scores a HERS Index of 0. The lower a home's HERS Index, the more energy efficient it is in comparison to a home built to code.

Each 1-point decrease in the HERS Index corresponds to a 1% reduction in energy consumption. Therefore, this home is 56% more energy efficient than a traditional home built to code.

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About Green Valley Builders

Since 1997, Green Valley Builders (GVB) has designed and built custom homes of the highest quality in new communities and estate lots in Southwest Virginia. As a certified EarthCraft, ENERGY STAR, EPA Indoor airPLUS and LEED for Homes builder, the company focuses on a sustainable approach to building to create a whole house system that is healthy, comfortable, reduces energy bills and protects the environment. GVB is a small design/build team dedicated to customer service and satisfaction in order to meet each client's needs, budget and long-term well-being.