



## SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA CHAPTER

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# MARCH 2009

## AFFORDABLE SUSTAINABLE

31 March

### Housing and Neighborhood Services

303 Wilson Avenue, Blacksburg, Virginia

5:30pm – Networking, 6:00pm – Presentation

### The Duplex of Wilson Avenue

In 2007 the Blacksburg Office of Housing and Neighborhood Services approached Community Housing Partners (CHP) to redevelop a parcel a few blocks away from Main Street. Their goal was to effectively raise the bar for what publicly defines ‘affordability’ and ‘sustainability.’ Their project is now complete. On March 31<sup>st</sup> Blacksburg and CHP will host a series of events dedicating these two homes. The buildings are designed to achieve an EarthCraft of Virginia New Construction Tier 2 certification. The homes feature a solar thermal water heater along with all the regular accoutrements synonymous with residential green building. The Community Design Studio (CDS) will host a walking tour through the duplex and review major points of the building’s design relative to the EarthCraft of Virginia Residential program.

### Josh Holloway

Josh served Community Housing Partners as the project manager for the Wilson Avenue Duplex. He joined the Community Design Studio (CDS) in 2007 and currently serves as an Apprentice Architect. He graduated with his bachelor's in Architecture from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in 2005 and is a LEED® Accredited Professional. Josh brings with him both architecture and construction experience from a variety of organizations.

For more information visit:

<http://www.communityhousingpartners.org/>  
<http://www.blacksburg.gov/Index.aspx?page=17>  
<http://www.ecvirginia.org/>

Membership in the chapter is not a requirement to attend. SWVa USGBC encourages anyone who is interested to visit.

Please send notification of your attendance so we can plan ahead.

#### Please RSVP to:

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Dinner is not part of the program but a restaurant spot is convenient for gathering afterwards.

This presentation will be designed to comply with the AIA standards for self-reporting CES credits. Information will be provided at the meeting for any Virginia registered Architect to report the presentation.

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#### Upcoming Meetings:

April 21 – *Home Energy Audits*  
by “Double Trouble”  
May 19 – *Lodge at Lick Creek*  
(tentative)  
June 16 – “LEED Economics”

As always, if you have any suggestions or ideas for future programs contact James Ruhland at [jruhland3@chpc2.org](mailto:jruhland3@chpc2.org).

#### Driving Directions

1. Take **I-81 to US-460** towards **Blacksburg**.
2. Drive **approx. 5 mi.** Take ramp **right** and follow signs for **South Main Street**.
3. Drive **approx 2.7 mi.** Turn **right** onto **Wilson Avenue**.
4. Turn **left** up a long driveway towards the **Wong Park**.

