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Cambridge Park is the first LEED-certified community in Middle Tennessee

YEAR, WE KNOW SOME OF YOU ARE wondering what this LEED thing is all about. The correct answer is that LEED stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, and it's the industry standard for environmentally friendly construction. That means every aspect of construction is required to meet stringent and extensive energy-conservation measures, both in the home and in its surrounding environs. If you ask most builders, they'll say that also adds up to long-term savings on bills for things like heating and AC. Now that you're familiar with what it means to be LEED-certified, let us introduce you to Cambridge Park, a beautiful development on the border of Davidson and Williamson counties, south of Old Hickory Boulevard and the growing Nipper's Corners area.

Constructed by Parkside Homes, the planned residences will range from 1,300 to 2,100 square feet. Rather than buying into the hype that "bigger is better," Cambridge Park aims to please residents who are looking for a home that reflects a real lifestyle. According to Parkside president Randy Chastain, that means buyers are looking for convenient locations—which this certainly has, given that it's less than 15 minutes from Cool Springs and has easy access to downtown Nashville—and architectural significance. It also



means buyers are serious about looking for a home that offers them the opportunity to save energy and financial resources without compromising on quality.

Planned for Cambridge Park's homes is soy-sprayed insulation in the attic and walls, which is superior to standard insulation. Other energy-saving amenities include high-efficiency heating and cooling systems, tankless water heaters, low-energy glass, plus recycled materials in the carpets, walls, countertops and more. "I think eventually a lot of these features we're building now will become mandated," says Chastain. "Our buyers are going to be ahead of the curve."

For homes to be LEED-certified, they must follow a checklist of guidelines to receive a certificate. Buyers will get those certificates from Parkside when they purchase a home, and will be able to refer to them when they resell houses in the future.

The neighborhood will also be built with a sense of community in mind, with all houses sporting front porches in the tradition of the classic American neighborhood. Each home will also have an additional assortment of excellent interior and exterior amenities to add to its appeal for buyers.

Cambridge Park's home prices range from \$230,000 to \$290,000, and Chastain says the savings on water and energy will immediately help homeowners begin to offset their initial investment. That's smart buying, as well as green.

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