

Napa Building Firm Brings Greenest Status Home
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Buildings contribute from 40 percent to 50 percent of all greenhouse gasses, according to the majority of experts studying greenhouse gas build-up in the atmosphere.

Healthy Buildings, a design/build firm in Napa, has been working to improve the built environment for more than 10 years. Healthy Buildings teamed up with the Knight family of Yountville to develop the Vineyard Oaks subdivision – 12, LEED-H Gold, net zero energy luxury homes on the vineyards at the corner of Yountville Cross Road and Stags View Lane.

Healthy Buildings and the Knight family designed an information center at the historic V-Marketplace in Yountville.

“V-Marketplace is a perfect venue to showcase our high-performance housing development,” says Eric Knight. “Our family has been involved in the community for four generations – V-Marketplace represents the town’s history and Vineyard Oaks represents our town’s future.”

The showcase launched November 20, and will run for at least 6 months with rotating displays on the Vineyard Oaks subdivision and a wide variety of green building technology.

“Educating the public about the environmental and healthy benefits of green building is perhaps the biggest hurdle we face in the green building industry,” said Bob Massaro, founder and CEO of Healthy Buildings. Leadership in Environmental and Energy Design is an internationally recognized green building certification system to improve home performances where it matters most: energy savings, water efficiency, carbon dioxide emissions reduction, improved indoor air quality, stewardship of resources, and sensitivity to the environment.

Healthy Buildings has operated as a full-service design/build firm, with an exclusive focus on sustainable design and construction practices since 1999.

The architecture and general contracting experience of its principals includes over 150 completed residential and small commercial projects throughout the last 25 years. For more information, call 676-8999, or email Elizabeth@healthybuildingsusa.com