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**Capitol Heights Earns Four-Star Green Development Certification**

**Sun Prairie, WI** – TECO is pleased to announce that the Capitol Heights neighborhood developed by Schiel & Associates, Inc. of Madison (WI) achieved Four-Star certification through the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) National Green Building Standard. The Four-Star achievement is the highest awarded by the NAHB Research Center for Land Development Certification. Chapter Four of the Standard contains green practices that developers can select to incorporate in the design and construction of their green communities. The Standard provides a menu of green building land practices for developers to plan green subdivisions, as a whole or in stages. The developer must incorporate a sufficient number of green development practices to obtain the desired level of certification. For example, a One-Star development must earn 79 points, while a Four-Star development needs a minimum of 175 points.

This 35-lot neighborhood is one of the first Midwest’s all-green communities. It will be unique in that both the land development and the houses will meet the Standard. Previous developments were certified for one or the other – the land or the homes. As the first green certified land development in Wisconsin, it contains features including sustainable landscape practices, an emphasis on natural vegetation and wildlife conservation, superior water retention, and the site’s proximity to a bike path, mass transportation and other public amenities.

TECO provides a dedicated website to its Green Building Verification services at [www.verified.tecotested.com](http://www.verified.tecotested.com). Also visit the NAHB Green website at [www.nahbgreen.org](http://www.nahbgreen.org) to find information on green building certifications and for more information about the NAHB National Green Building Program.

TECO is based in Sun Prairie, Wisconsin, and in addition to Green Building Verification offers certification and testing services for a wide variety of engineered wood products. Founded in 1933, the company is recognized to certify products for use in the U.S., Canada, and Japan, and operates testing laboratories in Oregon and Louisiana.

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