



## Build San Antonio Green™ Saves Energy, Utility Costs for Homeowners

Build San Antonio Green™, our community's residential green building program, is a program of the Metropolitan Partnership for Energy. There has been tremendous growth in the Build San Antonio Green™ program in the last year. From mid- 2007 to the present, 166 homes have been certified as built green under the program. This year, the Metropolitan Partnership for Energy is very pleased to announce that in partnership with the Greater San Antonio Builders Association, the 2008 Parade of Homes in the Cibolo Canyons development will be the first ever Build San Antonio Green Parade of homes. All homes in the parade are built through the Build San Antonio Green program and will receive certification as being "built green."

We are also very excited to announce that over 400 homesites in the Cibolo Canyons development have been committed to being built through the Build San Antonio Green™ program. This is a giant leap forward for the Build San Antonio Green program and for San Antonio. Homes built through the program are more energy efficient than traditional homes, use less water, and have better indoor air quality.

**As a result of the homes currently certified under the Build San Antonio Green™ program, over 427 tons of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions are being prevented each year, which is the equivalent of taking 70 cars off the road. Together, green home owners are saving over \$46,000 per year in energy costs. These reductions are due to the increased energy efficiency of the Build San Antonio Green™ homes.**

**Build San Antonio Green™ (BSAG)** is co-administered with the Greater San Antonio Builders Association (GSABA). GSABA has recognized the importance of building green, and in 2002 came together with MPE to create the Build San Antonio Green™ program in order to certify homes as being built green. MPE and GSABA are committed to educating the builder and homeowner about the importance of building green, and the benefits associated with it.

The Build San Antonio Green™ program focuses on five areas: site management, energy efficiency, water conservation, materials, and health/indoor air quality. Build San Antonio Green™ is not only our community's local green building program, it is also the only green building program that includes and encourages the Unified Development Code Neighborhood Patterns, SAWS Rebates and Landscape List, San Antonio Landscape Care Guide, CPS Energy Rebates and Net Metering Program, and The City of San Antonio's Tree Protection Ordinance. Build San Antonio Green™ is also the only green building program that was developed specifically for the unique climate conditions in the San Antonio area.

Build San Antonio Green™ is happy to announce the completion of the Renovation / Remodeling program for existing homes. This program has been developed by funding from CPS Energy and the City of San Antonio

The Greater San Antonio Builders Association is a not-for-profit trade association established to represent builders, developers, remodelors and affiliated industry members in cooperation to benefit and promote homeownership. GSABA is a trade association that offers the opportunity to its members to display products and services, and offers the community a showcase of member profiles and products.

The Metropolitan Partnership for Energy (MPE) is a non-profit organization and an official partnership of the City of San Antonio, Bexar County, CPS Energy, San Antonio Water System, VIA Metropolitan Transit, the Alamo Area Council of Governments, the Greater Bexar County Council of Cities, the Greater San Antonio Builders Association and Solar San Antonio. MPE works with our Partners to develop and implement energy and emissions reduction policies for air quality improvement, water conservation, energy efficiency, and renewable energy. MPE also is an official Program Sponsor of the Environmental Protection Agency and Department of Energy's ENERGY STAR® program.

More information about the Metropolitan Partnership for Energy and the Build San Antonio Green program is available on the website at [www.buildsagreen.org](http://www.buildsagreen.org). The website includes other helpful information as well, including current rebates and incentives offered by CPS Energy and SAWS, a complete list of Build San Antonio Green™ members, including builders, architects and materials providers. The website also lists upcoming events, workshops and tours MPE will be holding to educate the public about green building and its benefits.

For more information about the Build San Antonio Green Program™ and how MPE is working to increase energy efficiency, reduce emissions, and increase sustainability, please contact Anita Ledbetter, Executive Director of MPE at 210.224.7278 or [aledbetter@buildsagreen.org](mailto:aledbetter@buildsagreen.org)