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Green Builder home debuts in Montverde

Green Builder Media and Florida Water Star joined forces to showcase the environmental and economic benefits of water- and energy-efficient homes. On Feb. 6, the two entities unveiled the 2008 Green Builder Vision House, located off Apopka Springs Boulevard in Montverde.

The house, built by Westmont Green Homes, was also displayed last week as part of the 2008 International Home Builders' Show in Orlando. Curt Roese and Jim Rahman, owners of Westmont Green Homes in Winter Garden, described the project as the most green home ever built in Lake County.

"It is a high-end architect-designed custom home, which

demonstrates that green can be not only glamorous but also sustainable by considering durability and life safety in an active hurricane zone," Roese said.

Sitting on Lake Apopka, the home features extensive use of renewable energy sources and high-efficiency components. It uses cisterns to collect stormwater run-off and highly efficient Kohler interior fixtures to conserve water. The landscaping utilizes native and non-native site-appropriate plantings that will decrease the need for supplemental irrigation except in extreme drought seasons.

The home is certified according to the guidelines and standards set by the National Association of Home Builders, the Florida Green

Building Coalition (FGBC), the Institute for Business and Home Safety and Florida Water Star, which is a program of the St. Johns River Water Management District that encourages water efficiency in household appliances, plumbing fixtures, irrigation systems and landscapes.

Westmont Green Homes also announced recently that it has begun construction on four certified custom green homes at Lake Burden at the Lakes of Windermere. Lot No. 47, a two-story home with approximately 3,500 square feet of living space, will be showcased at the Spring Mid-Florida HBA Parade of Homes. The other three homes will be available by December.