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A HEALTH HOUSE GROWS IN BROOKLYN

93 Nevins supported by Green Depot and under construction in Brooklyn's Boerum Hill

Historic brownstone features cutting-edge green remodeling techniques and healthy, sustainable materials

BROOKLYN, N.Y. (Oct. 18, 2007) – In a landmark project that demonstrates to homebuilders and buyers nationwide the possibilities for green and sustainable living in an urban environment, construction is under way on 93 Nevins (93Nevins.com) – New York City's first-ever Health House as certified by the American Lung Association. Supported by Green Depot (greendepot.com), the home will showcase more than 100 green and sustainable innovations.

Once a pharmacy, a Laundromat, a deli, and until recently a site slated for demolition, 93 Nevins – a remodel of a 1920s brownstone in Brooklyn's Boerum Hill neighborhood – will house two three-bedroom town homes featuring next-generation green technologies. It's located at the corner of 93 Nevins Street and 435 Pacific Street.

Green Depot, which is based in Brooklyn, provides easy access to the very best selection of environmentally friendly and sustainable building products. The company will provide products and expertise for the house's construction.

Green Depot already is showcasing 93 Nevins as part of an educational outreach effort to illustrate the health, aesthetic and investment values tied to green building and living. Efforts include partnerships with area learning institutions and a recent "open walls" tour for more than 500 area residents as part of the citywide "openhousenewyork" event.

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When its construction is complete in early 2008, 93 Nevins will become New York City's first Health House, as certified by the American Lung Association. 93 Nevins also is registered to be one of the first LEED for Homes built in New York. In addition, the project has already been recognized by National Grid's "Green Cinderella" program for its energy efficiency. And, *Natural Home Magazine* has designated 93 Nevins its 2007 Show House.

"93 Nevins brings to life our mission for demonstrating to the community at large that green building can be accessible, easy, worthwhile and gratifying," said Sarah Beatty, Green Depot's founder. "Our hope is that it will inspire individuals – from students to homeowners to designers – to learn, explore and incorporate more green building into their designs and homes."

Green Highlights

Solar electric panels will provide electricity in the building, and an innovative hybrid solar-thermal and gas-fired system will heat and cool the home. Eco-friendly materials will include cement made from fly ash (waste from power plants), countertops made from recycled glass, bamboo flooring finished with low-VOC water-based poly, and formaldehyde-free kitchen cabinets made from responsibly harvested wood.

The building's original brick façade is being preserved and sealed against possible toxins in a healthy, environmentally friendly manner. Architectural trellises will support the planting of terraces and roofs, improving air quality, while vines will shade the upper stories throughout the summer.

"Another fantastic element to this project is that a great deal of the materials and products are sourced from individuals and businesses that base their operations in Brooklyn and the New York area," Beatty added. "It supports our local economy and brings community even closer."

Integral to the project's team is GreenStreet Construction's Robert Politzer, a former high school biology teacher, who brings to the project depth of knowledge and passion for advances in green building products and methods.

Health House

Concerns about air quality issues in homes are common, considering the level of pollution inside a home can be as much as 100 times higher than outdoor levels. An American Lung Association Health House® home (www.HealthHouse.org) must meet stringent certification standards that address moisture and humidity control, energy efficiency, air filtration and ventilation, and materials emissions. The building of 93 Nevins will include several site inspections during construction and performance testing upon completion.

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93 Nevins Project Leaders:

Green Building Supplier: Green Depot

Developers: Emily Fisher and Rolf Grimsted, R&E Brooklyn

Architect: Tony Daniels, AIA, Cycle Architecture

Architectural Design: KISS + Cathcart, Architects, Studio A

Contractor: Robert Politzer, GreenStreet Construction

Designers: Erika Doering Design, Erika Nelson Design

Sub-Contractors: Next Generation Ent. (carpentry), Senid Plumbing & Heating (plumbing), Christopher Jon Electrical (electrical), Taco Air Conditioning (HVAC), Green Isle Contracting and Bright Power (solar panels).

About Green Depot

Founded January 2006, Green Depot (www.greendepot.com) was created with one central goal: provide easy access to the very best selection of environmentally friendly, sustainable building products for the commercial and residential building communities.

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