



## ***Green communities have healthy and thriving residents***

Communities should be safe, healthy and sustainable places for residents to live and grow. Green communities provide social, financial, health, and environmental benefits for individuals and their families. They promote mixed-use residential areas which provide for open space; create and maintain safe, clean neighborhoods and recreational facilities for all; conserve natural resources through sustainable land use; and provide many other uses.

**Nearly 60%**  
of rental homes built to  
green standards by the  
NeighborWorks network  
in FY14

Earth Day is tomorrow, but taking active steps to create and maintain green communities should be a goal year-round.

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## ***Test your knowledge***



What are examples of alternative (green) energy?



What are energy-saving tips?

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## ***Energy-efficient homes for under \$100/foot***

NeighborWorks Toledo Region recently received the 2015 Energy Star Award for Excellence in Affordable Housing from the Environmental Protection Agency. The project includes 40 single-family homes in the historic Cherry Legacy district of Toledo, Ohio.

We are proud to support this innovation and others like it!

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## ***Video: Green Designees***

NeighborWorks America recognizes network groups that excel in creating green communities with a NeighborWorks Green Organization designation. This designation recognizes NeighborWorks network members who incorporate healthy and sustainable principles into every facet of their operations and throughout their lines of business.

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