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Decatur Residence Achieves LEED Platinum Distinction

The RainShine House, 235 Wilton Dr., has achieved and exceeded the highest level of “green construction” possible through the United States Green Building Council’s LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) for Homes program. It is the first modernist residence to achieve the LEED Platinum level in the Southeastern United States.

Decatur builder Robert Soens of Pinnacle Custom Builders, Inc., the contractor for RainShine House, is an award-winning custom home builder and renovator. The house is named for key features designed by architect Robert Cain of Robert M. Cain, Architect: Rain – the butterfly roof is designed to capture rainfall for the rain harvest system, and Shine – the home is oriented to maximize southern See *RainShine House*, page 3



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RainShine House

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exposure for the photovoltaic system and natural lighting.

The drilling of the four wells for the geothermal system was featured in a segment of the Discovery Channel's Planet Green series, Renovation Nation, with Emmy Award-winning host Steve Thomas, formerly of This Old House. Also qualifying in other green construction programs, the dwelling is certified as an EarthCraft and

Energy Star home. It is currently a candidate for certification by the U.S. Department of Energy under the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) program.

"Green" aspects of this home extend to the landscaped site, designed by local landscape architect Lynn Saussy and featuring an assortment of native, non-invasive plants that require little watering or maintenance.

The RainShine House is featured on the Decatur Holiday Candlelight Tour of Homes, Dec. 4 and 5.

