

PREFACE

Introduction

In 2004, the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) began to develop the NAHB *Model Green Home Building Guidelines*, the continuation of green building efforts the association initiated in 1998. The committee that developed the Guidelines represented a broad spectrum of stakeholders involved in the home building and associated industries. The Guidelines were first published in 2005 and are the basis of many green building programs in North America.

Development

In 2006, notification of NAHB's intent to develop the *National Green Building Standard*[™] was transmitted to the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). In early 2007 NAHB partnered with the International Code Council (ICC) to develop the standard, and a call for committee members was announced.

The Consensus Committee on the *National Green Building Standard*[™], consisting of 42 members, was assembled of those entities and interests that the standard would affect. A working draft, based on the NAHB *Model Green Home Building Guidelines*, was released to allow the public to propose changes. The guidelines was expanded to encompass all types of residential construction such as single-family and multifamily, the lots and sites upon which the residential building is located, and the remodeling of and additions to existing residential buildings. Over the next 10 months and two public drafts, the consensus committee addressed over 3000 suggested changes and public comments. The initial consideration of the proposed changes was vetted through seven Task Groups that specialized in the different criteria contained in the standard. All proposed changes and comments were then acted upon by the full Consensus Committee on the *National Green Building Standard*[™]. The result of this effort is the first ANSI standard on residential green building.

ANSI Approval

The ICC 700-2008 *National Green Building Standard*[™] was approved by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) as an American National Standard on January 29, 2009.

Maintenance

This Standard was developed by the NAHB Research Center, an ANSI Accredited Standards Developer, and is revised as required by ANSI. Proposals for revising this edition of the *National Green Building Standard*[™] are welcome. Please visit the [NAHB Research Center web site](#) for a proposal form and instructions. NAHB Research Center, NAHB, ICC, their members and those participating in the development of this Standard accept no liability resulting from compliance or noncompliance with the provisions. Neither NAHB nor ICC nor the NAHB Research Center has the power or authority to enforce compliance with the contents of this Standard. Similarly, neither NAHB nor ICC nor NAHB Research Center make any representations or warranties regarding enforcement, application or compliance with this Standard or any part thereof.