

Nashville Area Habitat for Humanity

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GRESHAM, SMITH AND PARTNERS UNVEILS NEW DESIGNS FOR HABITAT HOMES

NASHVILLE, Tenn. [Jan. 11, 2008] – Architects at Gresham, Smith and Partners have unveiled new designs for Nashville Area Habitat homes to be built in Timberwood, the agency's second all-Habitat model affordable housing community, located in northwest Davidson County with potential for 112 homes. (The first community, Providence Park, was completed in October 2007 with 138 homes.)

Just as no two Habitat partner families are exactly the same, not every piece of property is the same. To date, most of the Nashville Area Habitat houses have been designed for lots wider and more shallow than those in Timberwood. Therefore, none of the current floor plans would directly relate to the more narrow and deep lot shapes the new community will feature.

Architects at Gresham, Smith and Partners volunteered to redesign plans that would maximize the space and create a beautiful community. The challenge was to develop floor plan layouts that meet the Habitat guidelines for square footage and number of rooms, fit the lot shapes and provide a livable environment.

The exterior style of the houses will have a cottage/bungalow feeling and will feature covered front porches.

"GS&P is proud to partner with Habitat on their latest housing community in Nashville," stated Patrick Gilbert, lead architect on the project at Gresham, Smith and Partners. "The communities developed through this organization create life-changing opportunities for families in the greater Nashville area, and we are honored that our designs will be a part of Timberwood."

"We are so grateful to Gresham Smith and Partners for creating these designs, custom-made to maximize the use of land in Timberwood and create an attractive community where 112 families will begin new lives as homeowners," said Nashville Area Habitat president and CEO Chris McCarthy.

Construction on homes in Timberwood will begin in March. The 25-acre site is bounded by Bellshire Drive to the north; I-24 and Brick Church Pike to the west; Briley Parkway to the south; and Dickerson Pike to the east. The homes in Timberwood will be single-family, three- to five-bedroom frame homes with approximately 1,100-1,500 square feet and have one and a half to two and a half baths.

About Gresham, Smith and Partners

Gresham, Smith and Partners provides planning, architecture, engineering and interior design services to national and international clients from 18 offices across the United States and China. For the past 40 years, GS&P has provided services in multiple markets including corporate and urban design, aviation, civil/land planning, environmental compliance, healthcare, industrial, transportation and water services. GS&P consistently ranks among the top architectural and engineering firms in the United States. For more information regarding GS&P, visit www.gspnet.com.

About Nashville Area Habitat for Humanity

NAHFH is a non-profit, ecumenical Christian organization committed to providing families with the life changing opportunity to purchase decent, affordable homes. The agency consistently ranks in the top one percent of all Habitat affiliates and has grown by seven times in size since 2002. NAHFH built a record 55 homes in 2007 - 40 locally and 15 abroad. In 2007, more than 1,100 family members, including 750 children were served by NAHFH. Prior to becoming homeowners, Habitat partner families must complete up to 475 hours of "sweat equity" at the build site and in the classroom to earn their homes. Mortgage payments at zero percent interest range between \$350 and \$500 per month, including taxes and insurance. NAHFH builds ENERGY STAR Certified energy efficient homes. To request an application or to receive more information about NAHFH, call 615-254-HOME (4663) or visit www.habitatnashville.org.



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