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FIRST PLANTINUM LEED CERTIFIED CARRIAGE HOUSE COMMUNITY TO OPEN

Sheldon Crossing – Mixing Luxury and Green

March 1, 2010 (Philadelphia, PA) As **Earth Day** approaches, most of us are at least curious, about the latest innovations in Green Design. What are the smartest new ideas to save money, energy and natural resources without sacrificing style and comfort?

Sheldon Crossing, targeted as the first Platinum LEED residential carriage home community on the East Coast will showcase the answers.

The 20 carriage homes at Sheldon Crossing boast reclaimed slate on the bathroom walls and floors rescued from a shuttered school, countertops made of recycled antique pine that would otherwise have gone to a landfill, and Smart Home Automation that allows one to control climate, lighting, security and audio-visual from a smart phone while away from your home. There are also radiant heated bathroom floors, a fireplace surround comprised of reused coconut shells, dual flush toilets and water purification systems. Check out the new Smart Car manufactured by Daimler and the charging station in the garage. All are environmentally sensitive and stylistically chic yet maximize energy and water conservation. Outside, a '**Tree of Life**', crafted from debris at the construction site, will be dedicated and leaves on the tree available for purchase with donation to Comcast Spectacor Charities. The tree will then be donated to the city of Philadelphia and installation in a permanent place of distinction.

"These homes do not have an ultra modern look, like many energy-efficient homes. They have a look that will appeal to a wider range of consumers," states Alex Plessett, co-owner adding "Sheldon Crossing represents the new wave of construction, one that allows homeowners to live a healthier life, save money, and build a greener future without giving up any of life's luxuries". There are

also substantial tax and energy efficient incentives at Sheldon Crossing that can save buyers thousands of dollars. New laws for owning green energy star appliances are currently going into effect across the country and will entitle homeowners to further federal tax credits.

Perched atop the hills of Manayunk on the 4700 block of Sheldon Street, the high-performance homes are less than 15 minutes from center city Philadelphia and 2 minutes from the restaurants and shops on Main Street. These 3700 square foot 3 and 4 bedroom homes command a sweeping view of the city skyline and surrounding suburbs. Details like master suites with a sitting room, morning kitchen and a built-in fireplace in the master bath make this property unique and upscale. With the ultimate in comfort and style each home comes standard two gas fireplaces, garages, granite, Viking appliances, tankless water heaters, geothermal heat, central vacuums, security, and phone, data and cable in every room.

This flagship community by Denale, Inc. developers is the vision of founding partner, builder/designer, Denise Lehmann. Denise and her realtor partner Alex Plessett are incorporating sustainable practices and energy saving features into every aspect of the homes at Sheldon Crossing.

“Our homes will use less energy and water and promote a healthy living environment. They have been designed to improve acoustic, air and water quality within the home. Thereby creating Philadelphia’s New Healthy Home,” says Lehmann.

Prices start in the mid \$600,000 range. The model is open for viewing. For more information call 610-256-1296 or visit www.sheldoncrossing.com .