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Date of Ribbon Cutting/Ground Breaking:	Wed June 9, 2010 9am
ocation:	
Gonzales, La (off Hwy 941) (Gonzales\Burn Highway 941, go approximately 1 mile, ho	side exit). Turn south on Hwy 44 , then left on LA mes are on the right side.
Type of business: Raised Home & Green New construction	Building Demonstration Project

Three new Louisiana-style homes are being constructed to the National Green Building Standards created by the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) and the International Code Council (ICC). This educational

design effort is called "Going Up, Going Green." Each home is designed and built as an example of one of three levels of Green Building Standards and energy efficiency.

The homes also demonstrate best practices for raised pier foundations, a popular architectural style in Louisiana and much of coastal Southeast United States. Currently, there is no prescriptive code for pier and

beam foundations in the current International Residence Council (IRC). The Going Up, Going Green project will demonstrate cost and safety factors that may be used to develop uniform codes for the construction of homes on

piers. These "field classrooms" will provide unique opportunities for training programs for the construction industry and other groups.

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