



## Press Release

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### Green Buildings Open House Tour to Feature Local Energy Star Home

Sustainable Braintree announces the inclusion of a local Weymouth home in the NESEA Green Buildings Open House tour on Saturday, October 2 from 10 am to 4 pm. This 290 year-old home, located at 42 Ralph Talbot Street in Weymouth, has been completely rebuilt from the ground up by Braintree-based MKE Development Corporation. It has earned an Energy Star rating and has other green features including: Blown-in high density fiberglass insulation in the walls for control of air flow and thermal resistance; Icynene insulation in attic rafters for thermal resistance; high efficiency heating and central air conditioning (95 – 98% energy efficient); Sustainable PEX plumbing; eco-friendly/healthy paint (no or low VOC); a rain barrel; HRV (Heat Recovery Ventilation System); Energy Star rated Appliances, windows and doors; tankless hot water heater; and CFL lighting throughout.

The annual NESEA Green Buildings Open House tour features public access to local sustainable buildings across New England as well as New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware. Visitors to tour sites learn first-hand how to reduce heating costs, increase energy conservation, and even generate surplus clean energy. Private homes, businesses, nature centers and public buildings will be open for the public to tour, ask questions, and discover ways people are conserving energy, saving money, and protecting the environment.

Last year thousands of people toured over 500 energy-efficient buildings and experienced the variety of ways presently being used to conserve energy, save money on energy bills, and help reduce the carbon footprint of their homes and other buildings. A complete list of Green Buildings Open House sites and events is available at [www.nesea.org](http://www.nesea.org). Use the list to plan a single visit or design your own tour of several local Green Buildings.

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