

LIPA OFFERS INCENTIVES FOR **TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE**



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ENERGY STAR HOMES



Long Island's Power Authority (LIPA) is offering four types of financial incentives to help encourage the sale of New York Energy Star Labeled Homes.

These incentives reward builders for building and selling New York Energy Star Labeled Homes. LIPA offers three Energy Star Labeled Home incentives: a Model Home incentive, a Display Home incentive, and a Labeled Home incentive.

The Model Home (Tier 4) Incentive awards up to \$12,500 per qualified model home to assist with holding (interest) cost, and marketing, and advertising costs.

The Display Home (i.e. "Display of Homes", Parade of Homes; Showcase of Homes) Incentive awards up to \$12,000 per qualified displayed home to assist with marketing and advertising costs.

The Energy Star Labeled Home Incentive (Other than model or display homes):

1. \$1,000 per qualified home, for homes meeting the requirements of the National Builder Option Package, to assist with marketing and advertising costs;

2. \$1,000 - \$10,000 per qualified home, depending on the HERS rating of the qualified home to assist with marketing and advertising costs. (Please see the HERS rating Tier chart provided on page three of the Addendum to the ENERGY STAR Partnership Agreement.)

Tier One incentives are reduced by \$1,000 in ENERGY STAR Towns.

For more information, please see www.lipower.org.



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AREA BUILDER BUILDS EFFICIENT

A perfect example of how this is affecting builders across Long Island was recently built on the easternmost point of New York, just beyond the Hamptons. Builder Anthony Lauto, Partner of Lauto Group Logic, recently finished building a completely energy efficient home. According to Anthony, whose company's motto is "'Developing Today – Preserving Tomorrow,' a main motivation of building a home of this sort was to get the message out that this type of construction does make sense, does have a return on investment, and does sustainably give back to our environment."

REAPING THE BENEFITS

"I am not a billion-dollar builder. I am a down to earth, one-project-at-a-time boutique builder that wanted to make a difference," Anthony said. "People must know that building this way can be done on a 1,500-square-foot modest home as well as a 10,000-square-foot mini mansion. The benefits are attainable by all—and albeit overwhelming and at times intimidating—the support to build in such a way exists and you will without a doubt receive rebates, tax credits, and recognition for making a difference."

The first-of-its-kind home has recently completed construction. A construction industry veteran, Anthony remembers when he was growing up in his family's Long Island home, there were rooms that went unfurnished for years. Anthony remembers his father's words of wisdom, "people figure out how to afford their mortgage, but they don't think about what it costs to RUN the home..." Those words, coupled with his desire to give back to the beautiful environment that he grew up in, inspired a home that is now garnering tremendous attention.

FULLY SUSTAINABLE HOME

Anthony and his team developed plans for a beautiful and efficient home and as the project moved forward, the plans continued to evolve along with the vision. The end result is an environmentally conscious, fully sustainable home in which, other than the roof, no framing lumber was used.



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The home achieved optimal insulation values and is so well sealed that a computer controlled fresh air exchanger was a mandatory part of the HVAC System. The home is over 7,000 square feet, with 129 lighting loads, six zones of air conditioning, and 18 zones of heating. In spite of all the modern conveniences the first electric bill was only \$6.11.

GEOTHERMAL HEATING & COOLING

Solid and efficient building, a roof-mounted photovoltaic system, and geothermal heating and cooling are the stars of the home. Additionally, an energy-monitoring system—reporting easy-to-read, yet extensive data—monitors and adjusts the home for optimal performance. It will not only report levels of use and savings—but will also report when the additional investment of these energy-saving systems has paid for itself.

The roof is stone coated recycled steel certified to withstand 120 MPH Winds. The exterior siding is fiber cement and the exterior trim work is also a sustainable material. All exterior

walls of the home are solid concrete making the home entirely Coastal Impact rated, virtually soundproof, fire-proof, mold proof, insect proof, and even lightning proof.

Whole-house integrated technology allows control of heating, cooling, lighting, security, electronic access as well as the entertainment system and even the home computer system. Access is available for all systems anywhere in the world.

LEVEL 4 HOME

The home is level 4 (highest) Energy Star rated, the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) Gold, and its LEED certification is pending.

The home will be a legacy to many future generations, and the goal was to make certain that it would last the test of time, give back to the environment, and maintain affordable carrying costs. The house sets the standard of energy efficient building. The technology in the home can be applied to a modest home as well as an entire estate.

For more information on this home including the many other features as well as functionality, or to find out how you can explore your green building and renovation options, visit the company website at www.lautogroup.com or contact them at buildsmart@lautogroup.com.

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