

## Residential Green Building Committee

The Residential Green Building (RGB) Committee promotes sustainable residential planning and building by informing home owners, landscape architects, home builders and neighborhood planners about the benefits of green homes. The RGB Committee focuses on residential aspects of sustainable development, including home and neighborhood design/operation. The Committee promotes green homes because they use less energy and water than traditional homes, which, beneficially for the homeowner, results in lower operational costs, better indoor-air quality and more.

Beyond promotion of sustainable single-home design and operation, the RGB Committee attempts to educate parties about how neighborhoods and communities are laid out, including encouraging key aspects of sustainable development such as enhanced density and connectivity.

The RGB Committee receives support from National USGBC through their national initiatives.

The Chair of the Residential Green Building Committee at the Chapter level is required to conduct monthly meetings (either in-person or via conference call) with the RGB Chairs of the Branches, the purpose of which is to assure that assignments are being carried out in a timely manner; that best-practices and problem-solving occurrences are being shared; and that, overall, the goals and expectations of the Committee are being met. The Executive Director is a prime resource for the Committee, as is the Executive Committee. As with all activities under the Chapter's umbrella, actions of this Committee are subject to resource constraints and Board approval.