

## Update on the Status of the Pilot Program

A Pilot Program kick-off meeting was held on Sunday October 24. Members of homes selected to participate in the Pilot Program were able to meet GHI staff members, Buildings Committee members, and representatives from the National Association of Home Builders- Research Center (NAHB-RC) who are working on the Pilot Program. GHI staff reported on how pilot homes were selected and announced the rows which will be participating.

Selected pilot rows are: 2 A-D Woodland Way (brick), 2 A-D Westway (brick), 4 E-H Crescent (block), 3 A-D Crescent (block), 15 A-D Ridge (block), 10 A-D Southway (frame), and 4 A-D Laurel Hill (frame).

The Research Center thanked GHI for this opportunity to collect data about how our homes work. They stated that the information collected during the Pilot Program would benefit all Americans, since they are working for GHI through a grant from the Department of Energy, and the research will be shared with people all across the country.

Staff of the Research Center explained how the pilot homes will be tested and measured during a thorough walk through and subsequent monitoring. Research Center staff will need to spend about two hours or so in each home, measuring air leakage, recording information about the homes and appliances, and discussing any special concerns with members. The Research Center will soon install measuring devices on the walls and in the electrical panels of Pilot homes, and those devices were described.

GHI continues to move forward on this measuring and monitoring phase of the Pilot Program, which is fully funded through the DOE program. Please contact GHI Assistant General Manager Eldon Ralph or Vice President Tokey Boswell if you have questions about the Pilot Program. Eldon's e-mail address is [eralph@greenbelthomes.net](mailto:eralph@greenbelthomes.net) and his phone # is 301-474-4161, ext 128. Tokey's e-mail address is [tokeyray@netscape.net](mailto:tokeyray@netscape.net) and his phone # is 301-830-0655.