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Certified Green Professional (CPG)

Paul Vergara has earned a Certified Green Professional (CGP) designation from the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB).

The Certified Green Professional™ designation recognizes builders, remodelers and other industry professionals who incorporate green building principles into homes—without driving up the cost of construction.

Classwork leading to the designation provides a solid background in green building methods, as well as the tools to reach consumers, from the organization leading the charge to provide market-driven green building solutions to the home building industry.

Offered by NAHB's University of Housing, the Certified Green Professional designation is another way building professionals can become educated in, and involved with green building.



The designation requires 24 hours of NAHB-approved training, and additional continuing education every two years. Subjects covered in training discuss how green homes provide buyers with lower energy costs and higher value, and will include strategies for incorporating green-building principles into homes without driving up the cost of construction. The designation curriculum is based on the highly-successful Green Building for Building Professionals two-day course, and other requirements including the Business Management for Building Professionals one-day course.

Kitchen addition brings the outdoors in

Located on a half acre of wooded land, a home with an aging, closed-in kitchen and little-used screened porch recently underwent a remarkable transformation.

"We wanted to walk into the house and enjoy the view to our backyard," the Maryland homeowner said. The homeowners liked their location: it was close to work, afforded outdoor space complete with wildlife, and was just the right size for their lifestyle.

Pre-construction demolition had to occur before the remodeling could take place. An existing screened porch was removed as well as a 20

foot section of the rear exterior including three windows and a door. An interior kitchen wall, existing cabinets, countertops and flooring were also removed.

"Paul Vergara is meticulous, efficient and a perfectionist," the homeowner said. "A dumpster arrived and within two weeks the demolition was accomplished and everything was hauled away. It was surprising how quickly it went."

Where the porch once stood, a new 20'x13' addition was built, complete with custom Andersen windows and doors, two large Velux skylights set into the cathedral ceiling, recessed

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Now, that's a bathroom!

An outdated bathroom complete with an unused hot tub underwent a complete makeover after the homeowners were inspired by a stay at a luxury hotel. Returning home, with photos of the hotel bath in hand, they contacted Paul Vergara and the renovation was underway.

Twenty foot high vaulted ceilings and abundant glass required creative solutions for venting steam and lighting the shower. Luxurious vessel bowls, an interesting vanity arrangement, custom built-in cherry cabinets and a well designed laundry area complement the dramatic windows and mirrors. Flooring is toasty warm with a Warmly Yours heating system. A bath to rival any high end hotel accommodations!



lighting, ceiling fan and wood floors. The floor-to-ceiling windows allow the outdoors to come in. It's not unusual to see fawns in the early morning hours, the homeowner noted.

The new kitchen now has custom red birch cabinets, made in Maryland. A rare granite found after a lengthy search grace the countertops and complement the cobblestone mosaic backsplash and richly colored ceramic floor.

"We chose our colors from the stone in our fireplace," the homeowner explained. "We wanted

the motif to be stone and wood, earth colors."

By removing an interior kitchen wall, the homeowners can see into the new addition when preparing meals in the kitchen. Another view from the kitchen to the rest of the home encompasses the fireplace, creating a unifying and soothing ambience.

"Our next project is more landscaping in the backyard to more fully enjoy our new addition," the homeowner said.

