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# Grand Traverse County Gets its First Cottage in a Day

TRAVERSE CITY—According to the “2009 Green Outlook” study by McGraw-Hill, green building seems to be insulated from the recession, and growing in spite of the market downturn.

Drew Craven, the creator and president of Cottage in a Day, is hoping this bucking-the-trend statistic is true here in Michigan, too. Craven, a licensed builder

for more than 18 years, recently installed his first Cottage in a Day in Grand Traverse County.

The home, like all Cottage in a Day models, features the use of sustainable materials like bamboo flooring, a high-efficiency heat exchanger and Energy Star-qualified appliances windows and fixtures. The walls, floors, and roof are made from structural insulated panels (SIP), which are manufactured by laminating oriented

strand board (OSB) over a foam core and have been proven to provide higher energy efficiency, lower heating and cooling bills and better air quality. The way in which a Cottage in a Day is built—within a controlled setting

until it is delivered to the home site and installed within a day—is also green; it limits the impact on the environment during the construction phase, as well as allowing little or

no exposure to the elements and pollutants such as mold and pollen.

The basis for each Cottage in a Day is a 14'x14' module. Homeowners may choose to install just one module, or combine several modules in a variety of pre-determined configurations to create their own Cottage in a Day. The newly installed home, located in Garfield Township, is the combination of two modules plus an addition that was added to meet local zoning requirements.

