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Gehman Custom Remodeling (GCR) Becomes One of the First Remodelers
in Buxmont Region to Become Green Advantage Certified

Harleysville, PA - JUNE 26, 2008 – Homeowners who are looking to go green in their remodeling and addition projects now have a local resource to consider for their home improvement needs. Gehman Custom Remodeling (GCR) staff members President Dennis Gehman and Project Manager Aaron Gehman recently became Green Advantage®-Certified through the Delaware Valley Green Building Council. The staff prepared for the exam by taking Green Advantage® training courses at the chapter office of the Southeast Pennsylvania Associated Builders and Contractors in East Norriton.

This certification demonstrates their expertise and proven knowledge in the area of green building techniques and design approaches that will help homeowners reduce their maintenance and energy expenses, make their living space healthier, and contribute to the sustainability of the planet. Green building sets the foundation for people to be proactive in practicing a life of sustainability and creating habits that help reduce their carbon footprints.

In order to achieve Green Advantage® Environmental Certification, building-related practitioners - primarily contractors, subcontractors and trades people must demonstrate a basic knowledge of green design and construction concepts, materials, and practices by passing the Green Advantage® Exam. The Gehmans have shown their abilities in the following areas:

- Energy and water-efficient building technologies
- Sustainable construction technologies that enhance disaster resistance and resistance to termites and other biological hazards
- Healthy construction methods that improve air quality and the health of building occupants
- Land planning, land development, and land management practices that protect wildlife habitats, soil and water, and foster biodiversity
- Green building industry/green building materials
- Site considerations and passive building design

- Sustainable construction technologies that enhance resistance to disaster and biological hazard and reduce environmental impact
- Window benefits and technologies
- Indoor environmental quality

In order to maintain an official certification, the GCR staff will need to take the Green Advantage® Certification Exam once every three years.

Gehman Custom Remodeling decided to pursue "green" certification based on their extensive experience in using eco-friendly materials and practicing sustainability on project sites. "Over the last decade, our clients have become more aware of the benefits an environmentally home can have and value the cost savings they receive by making those transitions," explains President Dennis Gehman. "Some of the eco-friendly features we've incorporated into our clients' homes include radiant heat flooring, daylighting options, cellulose and spray foam insulation, use of recycled building materials, and recycling materials from one project to another."

As for Gehman Custom Remodeling's place of business which is a renovated barn, it too was reconstructed with eco-friendly elements such as the use of Low E argon filled insulated glass in the windows, spray foam urethane insulation, high velocity mini duct for the HVAC systems, solar heat from the large south facing windows on the front of the barn, and programmable thermostats. Parts of GCR's showroom have radiant heat flooring, low-flow fixtures, bamboo flooring, and low VOC paints.

You can learn more about Green Advantage by visiting the website at www.greenadvantage.org.

Gehman Custom Remodeling has been offering full service Design Build Remodeling throughout southeastern Pennsylvania since 1990. Offices and showroom for GCR are located in a national award winning 1870s renovated barn on Main Street in Harleysville. They are a member of the National Kitchen & Bath Association (NKBA), National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI), and the Better Business Bureau, as well as the Indian Valley Chamber of Commerce and North Penn Chamber of Commerce.

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