



## Press Release

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### **Green Demonstration Home Open House Revitalization project takes place in Shaler Township**

WAYNESBURG - A private sector response to national policy questions on energy use is being formulated and tested in Pittsburgh. Affordable Comfort, Inc. ([www.affordablecomfort.org](http://www.affordablecomfort.org)) has produced a demonstration home at 406 Reetz Ave, Shaler Township, in conjunction with the 2008 ACI Home Performance Conference. The existing home chosen for the project is representative of tens of thousands of similar units built in the mid 1900's. It is being retrofitted with state-of-the-art products and installation techniques to enhance energy savings, occupant comfort, health, and safety. The site will be featured during ACI's upcoming educational conference and thereafter through consumer and trade media, as well as publication of the research results.

An open house will be held Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 to 5:00 and Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup> from 12:00- 4:00 pm. A ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for Saturday at 2:00 p.m. Product vendors and industry experts will be available to discuss the demonstrated solutions. The public is invited to attend.

The project was monitored by MaGrann Associates of Moorestown, NJ ([www.magrann.com](http://www.magrann.com)) who provided a comprehensive home assessment, baseline testing, recommendations prioritized with cost estimates, field training of crews about how this job is different from standard practice, and verification to ensure that the performance improvements have been achieved.

The builder for the project is Bill Asdal of Asdal Builders, LLC, ([www.asdalbuilders.com](http://www.asdalbuilders.com)) of Chester, NJ. Bill Asdal is a Building Performance Institute accredited contractor ([www.bpi.org](http://www.bpi.org)) who is the 2006 National Green Remodeler of the Year. Gibsonia, PA contractor Milo Orsini has coordinated local suppliers and tradesmen to complete the work.

ACI is a nonprofit educational organization located in Waynesburg, PA, that produces unbiased, cutting-edge conferences that focus on home performance, green building, and "house as a system" skills for all building trades, housing groups, and program professionals. The national ACI Home Performance Conference takes place in Pittsburgh, PA from April 7 - 11.

For more information and to view photos of the home, visit [//www.homerevival.typepad.com/](http://www.homerevival.typepad.com/).