

Affordable Housing:  
Sustainable Options to End Housing Deficiency

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Across the United States, cities have witnessed the transition of several long-standing neighborhoods from depressed areas to diversified communities. In recent times, the call to build affordable housing in these distressed neighborhoods has been answered through gentrification. While the revitalization of these communities is definitely a welcome sight, it does nothing to alleviate the existing housing problems and shift them elsewhere. Solutions that prevent the radical upheaval or displacement of families can be prevented and it can be done with sustainable products in an energy-efficient manner. Ultimately, a large-scale housing facelift, along with new job opportunities and a stake in the community's wellbeing could change the attitude of neighborhoods that have been neglected for generations. It would be a game-changer for hundreds of thousands of families across the U.S. This means that for less than the cost and time to build a high-rise luxury apartment complex, economically strapped families could enjoy the luxury of homeownership and self-sufficiency. That is where BlackStar enters the picture.

Allow me to introduce [The Eco Village Townhome model](#). It is the latest development in green energy construction to be a proven permanent eraser to the affordable housing shortage. The current prototype, with its slenderized modern architecture, is designed to alleviate the stress of cities with limited space. A project that The Blackstar Companies, LLC, was specifically asked to fulfill, these homes were purposefully created to be used for narrow, infill lots. Unlike traditional buildings, these townhomes are eco-friendly. Their energy efficiency lies in the materials used and in cost-effectiveness towards building heating, and cooling. Along with the use of [structurally insulated panels \(SIPs\)](#) made of Cellulose Magnesia Cement (CMC), they can be engineered to withstand winds of over 200 MPH. A must-have for anyone living in areas prone to natural disasters. Parts of California have already reaped the benefits from Blackstar's services. Our next development is scheduled for Panama City, Florida. Once development approvals are obtained, it is a matter of months before the new townhomes can welcome their owners.

Like Panama City, and other cities experiencing housing shortages and overcrowded communities riddled with crime, the solution lies in the design. Compact, sleek, and revisionary are just a few names to describe this essential neighborhood revitalization project. With a starting price tag in the neighborhood of \$105,000 and a square footage from 1200 to 2500 for 2 and 3 bedrooms, these townhomes provide just the right comfort in space and price. Not only will these homes provide necessary housing, but they are also a mechanism to generational wealth and safer neighborhoods. Studies have proven that people who own their homes tend to invest more into the upkeep of the property. With a price tag that screams affordability, it will provide families with a hopeful future and curve the angst to get involved with criminal activity. The Eco Village Townhomes are not just a score for a large population of our society they are a win for the overhaul of humanity.

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