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The new playground and upgraded landscaping at Cherry Ridge Apartments.



Cherry Ridge Apartments

Wilcon recently completed a remodel at the Cherry Ridge Apartment complex in Mankato, Minnesota. This affordable housing preservation project, owned by Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership, included a number of improvements to provide long-term benefits for the tenants. The owner carefully chose the most cost-effective green features to achieve his goals for long-term sustainability and green preservation for affordable housing in Minnesota.

Among the green features on this project are:

- Rehabilitation of an existing affordable apartment building close to downtown amenities.
- Energy Star appliances.
- New high-efficiency boiler heating system.
- Water conserving appliances and fixtures, including dual flush toilets.
- Improving the building envelope with insulation and new EPDM roofing.
- Recycled content carpet.
- Recycling of demolition and construction materials.

Planning A Project?

Give us a call and we'll be glad to work with you to develop a project you can be proud of. Contact Nick Freitag at 507-375-5464 or e-mail nickf@wilcon-construction.com. And, while you're at it, visit our website at www.wilcon-construction.com

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Energy's Easiest Fix: Use Less

Energy prices are skyrocketing, and energy topics dominate every form of media. Business participation in energy reduction measures will be the key to statewide success in increased energy efficiency. Two-thirds of Minnesota's electricity is consumed by businesses.

Minnesota building codes have long been industry leaders in energy performance, but there is much room for improvement. Several years ago, Wilcon set goals to build increasingly energy efficient buildings. Wilcon is an Energy Star partner and actively participates in the new Minnesota Greenstar building program. Bill Freitag recently completed a three-day course to earn Certified Green Builder designation from the National Association of Home Builders.

Wilcon is also taking steps to reduce energy consumption at the office, at job sites and on the road. The first steps were simple—lights were turned off when we left a room and computers and other office equipment were shut down at night. Next, we eliminated the pop machine and purchased a combination copier/fax/printer to replace three separate pieces of equipment. The results have been encouraging—a 20%-40% reduction in electricity consumption!

If every Minnesotan—homeowner, renter, business owner, educator, worship leader, city manager and student—reduced their electricity use just two percent every year, we would eliminate the

need for new power plants and could start replacing existing plants with electricity from renewable energy. Log onto www.mnenergychallenge.org and take the challenge.



Employee Spotlight

Jonathan Soine

One of the new faces at Wilcon this year is Jonathan Soine of Farmington. Jon now serves as field manager of Wilcon's residential division. He's a graduate of Minnesota State University-Mankato and brings to Wilcon several years of construction experience.



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