

Living Smart becomes reality for 2 Portland neighborhoods



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Portlanders will soon get a glimpse of smart solutions to infill design in two city neighborhoods.

Ground broke Friday in North Portland on the first homes to be built using designs from the city's Living Smart design competition. The effort by area developer Jack

Wagon will bring Portland architect Bryan Higgins' design to life for the second time – the design originally took form as Higgins' own home – on an infill lot.

Wagon's Prairie View Homes will build two Higgins house designs. Construction plans also include a detached double-car garage with an accessory dwelling unit at the back of each lot. Construction will also

begin on two homes built from plans by Trent and Roxana Vargas Greenan on a Southeast Portland lot, also with the detached garage and accessory dwelling.

All homes will be built to Earth Advantage green certification criteria. Wagon expects construction to be completed by February 2007; he's also developing additional lots for Living Smart homes.