

Earthcraft Demonstration Home On Tour

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Atlanta — SawHorse Inc., a renovation contractor based in Atlanta, is preparing a demonstration EarthCraft House Renovation project which will be on tour for a “behind the walls” viewing while under construction at the National Green Building Conference in Atlanta, March 13-15. The house will also be the featured show house at the Southern Building Show in Atlanta in June.

This project involves the renovation and expansion of an original 1918 Bungalow in the Druid Hills neighborhood in Atlanta. The home will be updated to create a state of the art home while maintaining much of the original volume and original architectural features.

The existing house is a three-bedroom, two-bath, one-story house with brick veneer and a clay tile roof. The addition involves expanding the kitchen into an adjacent breakfast room and a new addition at the rear to create a large great-room space opening onto a new screened porch. The renovation will take advantage of the large unfinished attic by adding two-bedrooms and a bathroom in the existing space and a new master suite above the addition at the rear.

Among the many sustainable features of this house are engineered floor framing, reused and reclaimed original clay tile roofing, spray foam insulation on the entire house envelope, low VOC interior finishes, and tankless hot water heaters. All removed lumber will be reused off site or ground-up for mulch; removed concrete will be recycled as aggregate to be reused on the jobsite.

EarthCraft House is the green building program of the Greater Atlanta Home Builders Association created with Southface Energy Institute. EarthCraft House is available to builders in several southern states and includes new homes, multi family projects, residential renovation, as well as developers through the EarthCraft House Communities program.