

Press Release—Cottage developer builds with eco-conscious priorities

Prince Edward County, Ontario. Cottage Advisors of Canada protects the beauty and integrity of its 80-acre lakeside development site by making green initiatives a top priority. From the land use, to the building structures, to the community design, the developer has given critical attention to the impact its community will have on its environment. Their critical attention to eco-conscious principles and details demonstrate that large-scale developments can minimize negative environmental consequences when developers make green initiatives a top priority.

Top 10 Ways that Sandbanks Summer Village is Green

THE LAND

1. Only approximately 12 acres of the 80-acre site is actually developed. Open space or manicured landscaping makes up approximately 68 acres of the 80-acre site, allowing for preservation of the majority of natural meadows, marshlands, woodlands and waterfront.
2. It was a top goal to double the conservation setbacks in order to protect the natural surroundings and preserve them as an amenity for owners and guests.
3. The Cottage sites are carefully hand cut to preserve as much of the natural vegetation as possible.
4. Trees removed during construction are re-used for many things on the site, including being milled for use in natural landscaping and erosion control.

THE BUILDINGS

5. Cottages are built on sonar tubes to minimize disturbance of surrounding area and disruption of surface water runoff.
6. Buildings and cottages are protected with long-lasting, low maintenance TREX decking and railing. The CertainTeed fiber cement siding is manufactured using partially recycled content by a member of the Canadian Green Building Council.
7. Anderson Low-E windows and Energy Star rated appliances ensure energy-efficient operation of all cottages and community buildings.

THE COMMUNITY

8. Wastewater is processed by a GE state-of-the-art system that produces crystal clear effluent that meets the most stringent discharge and water recycling standards.
9. The water treatment system uses state-of-the-art ionization processes that eliminate the need to introduce salt into the softening process.
10. The three-season nature of Summer Village eliminates the winter heating emission and the need for plowing and salt on community roadways.