## SELECT NGBS GREEN CERTIFICATION FOR HEALTH & WELL-BEING

More than ever, consumers are interested in how where they live impacts their health and wellness. Indoor air quality, ventilation, and low-emitting products are top of mind when shopping for a new home.

Until recently, builders had two primary options to speak to this consumer interest: (1) seek a green building certification but focus marketing on the heathy home aspects; or (2) earn a healthy-home-specific label and forego other green features.

With **NGBS Green+** builders can have the benefits of both these options—comprehensive NGBS Green certification that delivers more comfort, lower operating costs, and higher investment value, and a Wellness recognition for incorporating features designed to help occupants live a healthier life.

## **PROCESS & VERIFICATION**

NGBS Green Certification stands apart from other healthy home programs in several areas:

- NGBS Green is comprehensive and covers more than just indoor air quality and residential well-being.
- NGBS Green is available for any residentially-used buildings.
- NGBS Green certification requires at least two on-site inspections by a qualified third-party.
- Owners and occupants receive operation and maintenance manuals and training to ensure that healthy home features are maintained.





- NGBS Green compliance costs and <u>certification fees</u> are affordable.
- Green financing <u>incentives</u> are available for NGBS Green Certified buildings.
- NGBS Green Certified homes that include substantial healthy features may earn the NGBS Green+
  WELLNESS badge, which recognizes buildings that are higher-performing across multiple NGBS practice categories that influence human health. This add-on recognition shines a spotlight on healthy building features and supports buyers and renters in locating homes that support their health and well-being.

| RATING SYSTEM                                  | NGBS Green | Enterprise<br>Green<br>Communities<br>2020 | EPA Indoor<br>airPLUS<br>Version 1,<br>Rev. 04 | Fitwel v2 | LEED for<br>Homes 4.0 | WELL<br>Building<br>Standard v2 |
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| Comprehensive Green Certification              | <b>~</b>   | <b>~</b>                                   |  |           | <b>/</b>              |                                 |
| Single-Family & Low-Rise<br>Multifamily        |            | <b>~</b>                                   | <b>~</b>                                       |           | <b>V</b>              |                                 |
| Multifamily Mid- and High- Rise                | <b>V</b>   | <b>V</b>                                   |  | <b>V</b>  |                       | <b>V</b>                        |
| On-Site Verification Required                  | <b>V</b>   |  | <b>V</b>                                       |           | <b>V</b>              | <b>V</b>                        |
| Support—Homeowner Education & Manuals Provided | <b>~</b>   | <b>/</b>                                   | <b>/</b>                                       |           | <b>/</b>              |                                 |
| Affordable                                     | <b>V</b>   |  | <b>/</b>                                       |           |                       |                                 |
| Eligible for Financing Incentives              | <b>V</b>   | <b>/</b>                                   |  | <b>V</b>  | <b>V</b>              |                                 |

## **RATING SYSTEM COMPONENTS**

The NGBS is **comprehensive** addressing a broad range of green features, yet also **flexible** to allow project teams to select the most **cost-effective** and **marketable** building practices for their specific project needs. Other programs are overly prescriptive with fewer practices.

The NGBS includes many items that **support holistic** well-being and improved quality of life, including improved indoor air quality, support of an active lifestyle, access to nature, and comfort features, such as lighting and sound controls. Other programs are more narrowly focused, addressing indoor air quality or community health exclusively, not both.

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| Radon Control and/or Testing             | <b>V</b>  | <b>V</b>                                   | <b>V</b>                                       |           | <b>V</b>              | <b>V</b>                        |
| Moisture Control                         | <b>V</b>  | <b>/</b>                                   | <b>~</b>                                       | <b>/</b>  | <b>~</b>              |                                 |
| <b>Humidity Monitoring &amp; Control</b> | <b>V</b>  | <b>V</b>                                   | <b>V</b>                                       |           | <b>V</b>              | <b>V</b>                        |
| <b>Combustion Pollutant Control</b>      | <b>V</b>  | <b>V</b>                                   | <b>/</b>                                       |           | <b>/</b>              | <b>/</b>                        |
| Pest Control                             | <b>V</b>  | <b>V</b>                                   | <b>V</b>                                       |           | <b>V</b>              | <b>V</b>                        |
| <b>Dust Protection for HVAC</b>          | <b>V</b>  | <b>/</b>                                   | <b>V</b>                                       |           | <b>V</b>              | <b>V</b>                        |
| Tobacco-Free Spaces                      | <b>V</b>  | <b>V</b>                                   | <b>V</b>                                       | <b>V</b>  | <b>V</b>              | <b>V</b>                        |
| Advanced Air Filtration                  | <b>V</b>  |  |  |           | <b>V</b>              | <b>V</b>                        |
| Walkability & Transit Access             | <b>V</b>  | <b>V</b>                                   |  | <b>V</b>  | <b>V</b>              | <b>V</b>                        |
| Access to Recreation Space               | <b>V</b>  | <b>V</b>                                   |  | <b>/</b>  | <b>V</b>              | <b>V</b>                        |
| Access to Nature                         | <b>V</b>  | <b>V</b>                                   |  | <b>V</b>  | <b>V</b>              | <b>V</b>                        |
| Bike Use, Storage, & Sharing             | <b>V</b>  |  |  | <b>/</b>  | <b>~</b>              | <b>V</b>                        |
| Local Food Access                        | <b>V</b>  | <b>V</b>                                   |  | <b>V</b>  | <b>V</b>              | <b>V</b>                        |
| Noise Control                            | <b>V</b>  | <b>V</b>                                   |  | <b>V</b>  | <b>V</b>              | <b>/</b>                        |
| Low-Emitting Materials                   | <b>V</b>  | <b>V</b>                                   | <b>V</b>                                       |           | <b>V</b>              | <b>V</b>                        |



Rather than having to select and understand two (or more) certification programs in order to achieve the benefits you and your buyers want in the homes you build, just select NGBS Green Certification and opt for one (or more) of our NGBS Green+ badges. Interested? Find out more — www.HomeInnovation.com/NGBSGreenPlus.