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Sustainable residential design and neighborhood planning are gaining a foothold in the Upper Midwest, and we at Architecture Minnesota thought we’d dramatize the trend by illustrating the proliferation of green architect-designed homes on our cover. Did one or more of these projects catch your eye? The key below lists the architect for each project and one of the home’s leading green features. If any of these eco-friendly components are unfamiliar to you, check out the Green Glossaries in “A Deeper Shade of Green” (page 33) or, better yet, visit www.ecodeephauz.blogspot.com, where husband-and-wife architects Kevin Flynn, AIA, and Roxanne Nelson, AIA, have been documenting the design and construction of their super-sustainable home in St. Paul (page 38).

In this issue you’ll discover that, while sustainable strategies vary from project to project, the design intent is always the same: to create living spaces that are healthier for inhabitants and the environment, as well as cost-effective over time. Those are aspirations we all can embrace.

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