

Is Net Zero Village Really Going to Be Net Zero?

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ABSTRACT

NetZero Village, a new construction project outside of Albany, NY, saw the completion of the first phase of construction in 2015. This phase includes six buildings containing 48 apartments. The project was undertaken with an ambitious wish-list: provide market-rate rental housing while achieving Net Zero Energy targets. To meet this lofty goal, the project team worked to balance real world construction costs with Net Zero ideals, incorporating cost-effective technologies and decision-making along the way. The result is the first market rate net zero multi-family project in the nation. Come hear the owner and visionary behind the project, the Net Zero Consultant, and the General Contractor share the opportunities and obstacles that they unearthed while undertaking the project and the lessons learned along the way.

BIOGRAPHY

Jesse Schwartzberg founded Black Mountain Design Build (BMDB) in his hometown of Saranac Lake, NY in 2011. BMDB specializes in high quality, regionally focused design; high performance energy consulting; and ecologically sensitive landscape design.

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