

## **Deconstruction, the Green Alternative to Demolition**

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### **ABSTRACT**

The full presentation has been approved by the National Association of Realtors for 3 hours of continuing education credit in states of Maryland, New Jersey and Virginia. Applications are pending in New York and Delaware. The shortened 50 minute presentation will provide insight to the attendees on the 3 key benefits of deconstruction. Those benefits are: the tax advantages, the environmental benefits and the benefits to the local community. Additionally, particular attention will be provided on the financial benefits of deconstruction to the contractor. Deconstruction works just as well on a small remodeling project as it does on a whole house demolition. This truly is a Green Program that works! It is good for the environment, good for the community and provides significant, tangible financial benefits to all parties involved.

### **BIOGRAPHY**

Patrick M. Smith is a credentialed Master Appraiser of used building materials. He performs appraisals for used building materials donated to charities (such as Habitat for Humanity) from deconstructed homes and buildings in all 50 states. Mr. Smith is one of the very few appraisers in the USA admitted to practice before the IRS for this specific type of donation appraisal. He is committed to helping increase awareness of the benefits of deconstruction.