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MALVERN COMPANY RECEIVES STATEWIDE BUILDING INNOVATION AWARD

Sarah Peck of Malvern-based Progressive Housing Ventures LLC has been awarded Pennsylvania Builders Association's Building Innovation Award in recognition of her innovative neighborhood revitalization and performance zoning achievements.

In selecting Peck, judges highlighted the ability to increase property values in a Downingtown neighborhood by eliminating an eyesore and using high-density construction that yielded a combined increase of onsite parking and open space — a rare combination. Peck also made a significant financial investment in the community; 100 percent of the homes in the project were sold in just over one year from grand opening in September of 2007.

In addition to being a PBA member, Peck is actively involved in the Home Builders Association of Chester and Delaware Counties.

Nearly 200 PBA members, colleagues and distinguished guests were on hand Feb. 28 at The Hotel Hershey to congratulate Peck for the honor.

"It's important for us to recognize exceptional work among our members," PBA President Gene Kreitzer said. "The best and brightest in the state's homebuilding industry raise the bar of achievement for everyone else to meet, and that provides beneficial competition."

In total, nine awards were presented at The Hotel Hershey to PBA members whose work advances the state's homebuilding industry.

About the PBA

Chartered in 1952, the Pennsylvania Builders Association is a nonprofit professional trade organization representing more than 9,000 member companies from across the commonwealth. PBA members and their 528,000 employees include builders, remodelers, material suppliers, subcontractors, consultants, lending institutions, utilities and others involved in the housing industry.

PBA serves its membership by providing proactive leadership on state regulatory and legislative issues and by offering products and services to its 40 local associations that enhance the effectiveness and professionalism of its members. PBA serves Pennsylvania communities and consumers through its steadfast efforts to protect homeownership rights and advocate for affordable housing options. PBA is affiliated with the National Association of Home Builders.

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