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<http://www.habitat.org/volunteer>

Find out about volunteer opportunities for individuals and groups, with Habitat East Bay.

<http://www.builditgreen.org/existinghome>

Learn about this growing aspect of the GreenPoint Rated program.

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Qualified Advisor for GreenPoint Rated *Existing* Homes

GreenPoint Rated is not just for new construction! Many developers and families are turning to existing buildings for their next opportunities, and **Build It Green** is right there with a sustainable design checklist for remodeling. SDA is keeping at the forefront of this expanding field, and are excited to combine their green design expertise with their renovation experience. Gary Struthers is now qualified as an Advisor through Build It Green for their Existing Homes program, and has access to resources and information that can help ease the process of certification.

SDA Continues to Volunteer on Habitat Jobsite

Volunteers are essential to the success of many great non-profits, and **Habitat for Humanity East Bay** is no exception. Gary is excited to continue to work with volunteers on House Number Thirteen. Starting at this year's Build-A-Thon as a House Captain, construction continues every week with volunteers. Gary has been on site once or twice a month to continue as a team leader on the house. Recently volunteers installed window flashing, building paper, and installed the windows. Siding will be installed on the house soon; the Edes Avenue Phase B development consists of 28 affordable homes that are all in various phases of construction.

Project of the month: Spotlight on Single Family Francis Residence Patio and Deck

This backyard renovation was a collaboration between green designer Deb Struthers, retired stonemason Jack Hill, and SDA as patio and landscape installer, and design-build lead on the deck. The original backyard was an unsustainable combination of concrete and sprinklered lawn. Now the pavers with sanded joints allow for greater rainwater infiltration, and the drought-tolerant landscape makes occasional use of drip irrigation.



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