



Asheville's Best Kept Secret Is Spicewood Hills

Beautiful mountain views and homes priced from the \$300's



Spicewood Hills is a hidden gem. Combining the best of the Asheville area, Spicewood Hills is a perfect marriage of affordability, green building practices and comfort. Daniel Collier, Executive Vice President for Proventure, said our vision was to combine sustainability, natural beauty and amenities at a price point that local people can afford. "Spicewood Hills was our passion and an opportunity to make a unique living experience in Asheville." The result is a very special sustainable community, close to town, with many unique features.

"Our philosophy was to tackle the dichotomy between development and green building," notes Collier, whose goal was to build the most appropriate type of sustainable home on the land yet not overspend outside of the market capability. The homes offer many extras including big decks, long range mountain views, nice size lots, and skylights, while incorporating green materials such as organic flooring and sustainable insulation. The homes are positioned to take advantage of passive solar energy, and all homes are certified NC HealthyBuilt and feature Energy Star appliances. "We wanted to make sure the homes were not only within green standards but also contained what people looked for in terms of a nice home," notes Collier. "We tried to mix a desirable home with a sustainable idea."

Earning Audubon Society certification and certified as a natural wildlife habitat, Spicewood Hills is a truly sustainable neighborhood. With many green spaces, the natural landscaping on the property is awe-inspiring. Great care was taken with the landscape plan to preserve and grow the property's indigenous plants. Master landscaper and resident of Spicewood Hills, John Phillips, notes "Instead of re-seeding with grass, we reseeded with native wildflowers creating a community now flush with native wildflowers, giving wildlife plenty of cover."

Phillips also converted the existing retention ponds into rain gardens and encouraged cattails and native shrubs to be colonized. Cattails keep water in the ponds that otherwise would have dried up between rains, allowing a place for birds to return. "All retention ponds have reverted back to wetlands," notes Phillips. In addition, all

houses have permeable driveways and walkways allowing control of storm runoff. "This gives the water a chance to seep back into the ground naturally." An organic community garden will begin this winter to be ready in the spring, and each house is planted with some edible plants like service berries and blueberries, and, as an owner, Phillips enjoyed heavy fruit last year.

Located about a mile off I-26, it is a short 8 minute drive from the top of Spicewood Hills to downtown Asheville, but the community is completely surrounded by mountains, open green spaces and woods. "Our thinking was to have green homes on this beautiful land, yet still be close to Weaverville, I-26 and downtown Asheville," notes Collier. Spicewood Hills is also convenient to UNCA, the new Lowes, and the Super Walmart off exit 19 on I-26.

The original homes were built using plans from celebrated green architect, Ross Chapin, well known for placing homes for nominal land disturbances and maximum views, and for taking full advantage of the homes square footage using built-ins, wall dividers and other elements. "We can sell land with a full set of plans and quote a fixed cost to build a home and be able to stick to that," notes Collier. There are also still opportunities for people to buy land or a home, and in some cases a home/lot package.



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