



Rethink College Park

Helping imagine a great college town for a great university

[Home](#)[About](#)[Contact Us](#)[Contribute](#)[Development](#)[Map](#)[Library](#)

Archive for the '2007 Solar House' Category

Solar House Groundraising Tomorrow

Posted in [On Campus Development](#), [Housing](#), [2007 Solar House](#) | Tuesday, April 3rd, 2007 | [4 Comments](#) »

Construction fencing for a new building has appeared on campus. However, the solar-powered structure that will appear on the site isn't permanent: it's the University of Maryland entry to the 2007 U.S. Department of Energy [Solar Decathlon](#), to be held on the national mall this October.



This Wednesday, April 4th, the University of Maryland [LEAFHouse](#) team will be hold a groundraising event at the School of Architecture, Preservation, and Planning. The event, scheduled for 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., will feature site tours and presentations and a chance to meet the participants and sponsors of the LEAFHouse team. The event is free, and will be a great opportunity to get involved in and raise awareness of sustainable building practices. If you plan on attending, please email umdsolarteam@gmail.com.

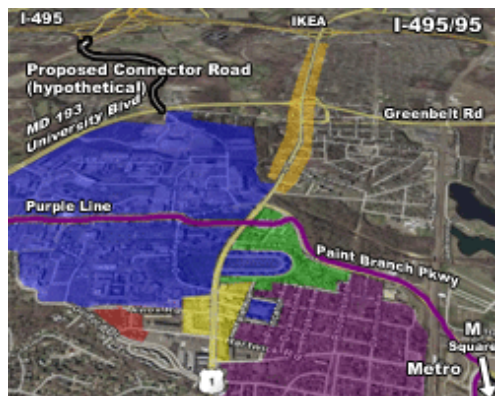


The LEAFHouse is the University of Maryland's 2007 entry into the Solar Decathlon, a national event organized by the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy. A total of 20 schools have been selected to compete in this year's event. Entries are judged on criteria ranging from the architecture, engineering, comfort, and even

the hot water and lighting systems.

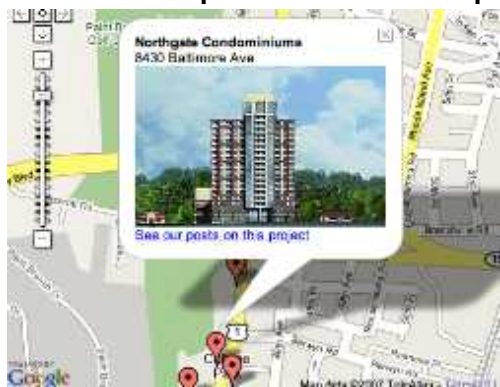
The University of Maryland's project engages the Chesapeake Bay watershed context for a smart, adaptable, resource-efficient home powered by renewable

energy. The house demonstrates both tradition and modern design practices that serve to make solar power an integral part of a sustainable lifestyle. The design of the LEAFHouse plans to balance energy resourceful technologies, green building practices, and modular and prefabricated construction techniques into an aesthetically pleasing design. The project team aims to produce an environmentally sensitive house that meets and surpasses the contest goals for sustainable energy independence. For more information visit www.solarteam.org.



Welcome to Rethink College Park. We cover development news in and around the University of Maryland. Click the map above to learn more about the issues and to read our posts sorted by area.

. Development Map



[Click](#)

[here to view our interactive project map](#)

. Search

. About This Website

- o About
- Staff
- Contact Us
- o Library
- Purple Line