a. Project is registered with the U.S. Green Building Council. Their green building program is called Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED). We believe that the building will ultimately qualify for Silver LEED status, although it will be several months before a final determination is made.

b. Solar panels will be installed in August/September which will provide approximately 8% of the electricity usage for the building. We received a substantial grant from NYSERDA for the cost of the solar panels.

c. We have also purchased Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) for a portion of the Ann’s House electrical usage for 4 years.

d. Use of:
i. Regionally produced materials (within 500 miles);
ii. Rapidly renewable materials;
iii. Recycled materials;
iv. Forestry Stewardship Council Certified Wood;
v. Low VOC emitting materials – e.g. flooring materials, paints, and other construction materials;
vi. Cree LED lighting throughout the building and LED TVs;
vii. Instantaneous hot water system – no standby losses associated with traditional hot water tanks;
viii. High efficiency condensing boilers and radiant heat;
ix. Energy star appliances;
x. Large windows to provide more natural light;
xi. Construction waste recycling during the construction of the building;
xii. Indoor Air Quality plan during construction with post-construction testing;
xiii. Storm Water Management implemented during construction and as part of the design.