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**SHAMROCK HEIGHTS**

# **New community opens in Renton Highlands**



**Shamrock Heights features 117 new three- to five-bedroom homes, as well as a private community park.**

**RENTON** | What's green, gorgeous and a smart move? The new Shamrock Heights community featuring 117 new Built Green 4-Star rated homes from \$499,950 is so highly regarded, it makes others green with envy.

Built on a wide, gently rolling hillside in the Renton Highlands, just a mile south of Highway 900 and a convenient hop off Interstate 405, Shamrock Heights is a new community that blends the best of ecofriendly living with architecturally distinctive three- to five-bedroom homes. The builder, CamWest, has a long and successful track record of innovation in creating unique Northwest communities that enhance the features of the natural setting and environment.

At Shamrock Heights, CamWest has reached a new benchmark in sustainable living with a certified Built Green community that offers 4-Star rated new homes providing cost-savings, energy efficiency and healthy living. These homes include Energy Star appliances, low VOC paints, and many other resource-saving features that provide new homeowners a chance to feel great about their new homes and take pride in what their new home and community choice does to enhance and protect natural resources, says Windermere agent Randy Reeves.

These homes have it all, says Reeves. Along with the green advantage, Shamrock Heights homes include a variety of home plans and the features and finishes you'd expect to cost extra, yet are included in the purchase price—from hardwood floors and elegant millwork to tile and granite. And with CamWest, it's so easy to customize, many of our buyers take the opportunity to personalize their new homes with their own special creative touches, says Reeves.

With 9.5 acres of greenbelts and a large kid-tested private community park, the first thing that strikes most people as they arrive at Shamrock Heights is the sense of open space.

As you wander through the community, CamWest's interpretive signs tell the story and explain the advantages of the Rain Gardens, Rain Channels pond and wetlands, says Lance Wiley, project manager at CamWest. One of the key goals of all these low impact landscaped green features is ultimately to help protect and enhance natural Northwest treasures such as salmon streams, wetlands and forested habitat.

These unique, signature Rain Gardens and Rain Channels at Shamrock Heights are attractively designed for eye appeal and offer the added benefit of more open space and privacy buffers. They disperse rain run off and filter rain water with a variety of native plants, rocks and landscaping.

Being a demonstration community for Low Impact Development under the King County smart growth initiative allowed us to create an innovative solution to manage storm water naturally using Rain Gardens, Rain Channels, ponds and wetlands instead of traditional underground pipes, says CamWest president Eric Campbell. This natural system not only improves the quality of run off by removing pollutants and increasing natural habitat, but also is very attractive and really adds visual interest throughout the community.

To acknowledge Campbell's efforts in making CamWest a leader in environmental stewardship, he was the recipient of a King County Earth Hero award in 2005.

**View these homes:** Open daily from noon to 5 p.m. on 148th Avenue Southeast (Nile Avenue Northeast), just north of Northeast 4th Street, in the Renton Highlands.

**Getting there:** From I-405, take Exit 5 to Highway 900 eastbound. Turn right on 148th Avenue Southeast and travel almost a mile. Shamrock Heights is on the right just before the intersection with Northeast 4th Street. **Prices:** From \$499,950.

**Builder:** CamWest.

**Information:** 206-947-9979 or [www.camwest.com](http://www.camwest.com).