Thesis:
With the recent push towards new energy sources and the protection of the environment, developers have begun applying these ideas to the construction of new sustainable homes. However, what exactly can be done to make homes more sustainable?

Core Concepts/Keywords:
- sustainable homes
- environmentally friendly
- energy sources
- green architecture

Primary Source:

Citation:

Annotation:
Peter is current owner of Ruby Construction, a construction and development company going green in Orange County, New York. Questions asked were related to why he chose to have his company practice green methods, upcoming projects involving green methods, and recent partnership with New World Homes.

Print Reference Source:

Citation:

Annotation:
Professional reference on physical design of cities and urban places. International coverage including recent European and Asian sustainability initiatives. Covers essential topics such as preservation, renewal, patterns of settlement and more.

Electronic Reference Source:

Citation:

Annotation:
Gives an overview of the development of green architecture as an idea during the 21st century. Shows the evolution of certain technologies as well as green architecture as a philosophical concept.

Web Sites:

Citation:

Annotation:
A compilation of information for home buyers on how to remodel existing homes, build a green addition, or build a new green home.

**Citation:**

**Annotation:**
An emerging certified design–build company that has adopted green building methods to the construction of modular homes.

**Books:**

**Citation:**

**Annotation:**
Informs on the process for planning and design of green communities. Explains principles and their application to residential development by using local materials and techniques, solar power, waste management, and water efficiency. Contains plans, elevations, vignettes, case studies, and examples.

**Citation:**

**Annotation:**
Offers overview of urban green movement, case studies in effective policy implementation, and tools for measuring and managing success. Contains graphs, maps, and photographs to represent sustainability and environmental issues.

**Citation:**

**Annotation:**
Describes pioneering efforts to solve global housing crisis without creating problems of ecological degradation and lack of empowerment. Includes case studies, technical information, and latest thinking on sustainable construction for international development, technology, teacher training, and displaced populations.

**Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles:**

**Citation:**

**Annotation:**

**Citation:**
Discusses a paper by Stephen Mustow explaining the relationships of some of the key players in international initiatives to bring a mindset of sustainability to the construction sector.

Newspaper Article:

Citation:

Annotation:
Reflection of the author on her involvement with My Greenhome workshops that taught her about sustainable homes and the environment.

Additional Sources:

Citation:

Annotation:
Brother and coworker to Peter Berman, owner of Ruby Construction. Questions asked were related to his current office relocation to New World Homes and current green projects New Word Homes is working on.

Citation:

Annotation:
Reports on one of UK’s biggest housebuilders going green. Barratt’s EcoSmart Show Village could pave the way to sustainable homes becoming mainstream.

Citation:

Annotation:
Author’s opinion on sustainable architecture in the US and how it’s current trends are hypocritical, ignoring associated energy impacts.

Citation:

Annotation:
Describes the growing relationship between sustainable design, green architecture and school construction. Green design results in lower utility bills and the use of non-toxic materials and better ventilation should improve air quality and reduce respiratory illnesses. There is also early evidence that some of the improvements inherent in these buildings can help test scores and reduce absenteeism.