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HOME CONSTRUCTION RECYCLING PROJECT TEAMS UP WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

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A Solid Waste Management District program is involving the Fort Wayne, Indiana Habitat for Humanity and a local firm, Construction Recycling Solutions, in a three-phase strategy that involves: Recycling the framing package (mostly wood); Collection

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and recycling of drywall; and Recycling most everything else that includes plastics, cardboard, steel and shingles. It's estimated that the largest C&D component will be wood (approximately 40 percent) with drywall (25 percent). Local contractors were invited to see a demonstration of grinding equipment that turned lumber into mulch and drywall into a soil additive. Construction Recycling Solutions will do the recycling for 13 homes that Habitat for

Humanity plans to build this year. The company calculates that between 40 and 60 tons of material have already been diverted from landfills. Wood chips are being marketed to farmers for animal bedding.

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