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At Home Briefs - Housing Award

The Homesteads, a new housing community of 16 single-family homes in Sandwich, was recently honored by the National Association of Home Builders and Builder Magazine as the 2008 Best Affordable Home in their annual Best in American Living Awards. The Homesteads was designed by [Brown Lindquist Fenuccio & Raber Architects Inc.](#) of Yarmouthport, and built by The Valle Group of Falmouth for [Housing Assistance Corp.](#) The community was developed on land donated to HAC by Ben and Lucile Fleet of Sandwich. The houses were built on just over 5 acres of the parcel, leaving 10 acres preserved as permanent open space. The Homesteads, which incorporated green building design strategies, was subsidized by more than \$1 million in public funding, and 16 homes, ranging from \$150,000 to \$225,000, were sold by lottery to low- and moderate-income first-time home buyers.