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## Mission

Our mission is to promote ecologically friendly home building methods and practices, and to enhance our communities through leadership in sustainable development.

## Non-Profit

## Featured Project



View the case study [here](#).

**Nelse Design + Build**  
Project: Green Cubed  
Seattle, WA

This month's featured project is a 5-Star single family home in the Seattle's Greenlake neighborhood built by Nelse Design + Build. A recipient of the Built Green Incentive in the inaugural 2007 funding cycle, this project is one of the first to complete construction. The project started by carefully planning for minimal impact to the site and providing for high water infiltration rates. The home has a vegetated roof system, no impervious surfaces outside the house footprint, no turf grass and a cistern for rainwater collection. The home itself was designed to be 30 percent more efficient than international energy code, and achieved a HERS rating of 56. The Structural Insulated Panel construction contributed to both high insulative efficiency as well as an average air leakage rate of 0.16 ACH. With no carpet and a whole home radiant heating system among many other indoor air quality features, the air in the home will be clean and healthy for the occupants. To reduce material impacts, the builder source separated all of the recyclable construction waste and achieved an overall diversion rate of over 90 percent, used salvaged cabinetry from another project and installed rapidly renewable bamboo flooring.

### Vital Stats

Location: Seattle

Star Level: 5-Star

Checklist: Single Family

Size: 2,667 square feet, 4br

Section	Points
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Site and Water	174
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## Feature

### Built Green® Announces Fall 2008 Built Green Incentive Recipients!

Five local companies will take a lead in local green building, thanks to the 2008 Built Green Incentive program. The incentives were awarded for new construction projects ranging from a single family home, townhome projects and larger multifamily developments. The funding ranged from \$5,000 to \$15,000 for each project with a total of \$42,000 awarded.

The Built Green Incentive was developed by the Master Builders Association's Built Green program to encourage environmentally motivated companies to try enhanced green building techniques in their building projects. The Built Green Incentive is funded by grants from King County and Seattle Public Utilities both of whom are committed to market transformation and the support of local high-level green building projects.

The incentive was targeted at builders interested in developing projects that will meet the Built Green 4 or 5-Star certification levels. In the Built Green program, 4 and 5-Star projects meet superior environmental standards, including Energy Star® certification, and must be independently verified. The incentives will help offset some of those certification costs, which will include performance testing. Based on the past nine years of certifying local projects, Built Green has found that once a builder incorporates these advanced techniques into their building practices, that builder is much more likely to continue to incorporate them in future projects.

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Competition for the incentives was fierce and made for some difficult decisions by the funding committee. Of the 20 projects that applied for funding, the following five were selected. The recipients of the 2008 Built Green Incentive by project category are:

- **5-Star Level, Single Home**
  - Eggen Family - Eggen Single-Family Residence, Vashon
  - 310 Design and Fabrication - Binkley-

Built Green is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization accepting donations to promote green building and education programs

### Statistics

Total homes certified since 2000  
14,395

Total homes certified 2009  
724

Total BG member companies  
695

### Resources

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Energy Efficiency	155
Indoor Air Quality	120
Material Efficiency	120
Size Multiplier	1.05
<b>Project Total Score</b>	<b>597.45</b>

Some of the many green features of the project include:

#### Site and Water Protection

- Home built on an infill site
- Installed vegetated roof system
- Installed a cistern for rainwater collection
- Constructed no impervious surfaces outside of the home footprint
- Installed landscaping that will require no irrigation
- Used no turf grass
- Did not clear or grade during wet weather periods and used limited heavy equipment
- Provided a front porch
- Home built within 1/4 mile of a public transit stop
- Installed dual flush toilets to conserve in home water use

#### Energy Efficiency

- Homes designed to be 30 percent more energy efficient than international energy code
- Home achieved HERS rating of 56 and an average air leakage of 0.16 ACH
- Used SIPS (Structural Insulated Panels) for whole home
- Installed high efficiency boiler for hydronic heating system
- Installed water heater with efficiency of .90 or better
- Installed hard wired fluorescent fixtures for 75 percent of home's lighting needs
- ENERGY STAR® front loading washers, dishwashers, refrigerators, and heating equipment
- Pre-wired for future photovoltaic panels

#### Indoor Air Quality

- No carpet used in home
- Low-VOC/low-toxic paints used for all major interior surfaces
- Installed Ductless heating system
- Used wood projects with no added urea formaldehyde for SIPS, shelving, windows

James House, Seattle  
- Skov Family - Skov-Sanscrainte House, Seattle

- **4-Star Level, Single-family 10 Units or more**  
- [YS Development, LLC](#) - Rose Hill Heights Community Development, Redmond
- **5-Star Level, Multifamily 10 Units or more**  
- Sedona Holdings, LLC - Sedona, Seattle

For more information on the requirements to certify a project at the 4 and 5-star levels within the Built Green program, visit the checklist section of the [website](#). In addition to the numerous requirements established within the checklist, there were additional requirements added specifically for the Built Green Incentive that can be viewed [here](#).

These projects will ultimately serve as quality examples of innovative ways in which we can build high performance homes that are attractive and cost effective. Please stay tuned to the Built Green Incentive website for pictures and updates as the projects are currently underway!

The funding committee is currently assessing the first two rounds of incentives and discussing the possibility of opening a new application period in the Fall of 2009. If you are interested in applying or would like more information on the Built Green Incentive application criteria and requirements, please visit the [website](#).

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### Letter from the Director

#### Announcing 2009's Built Green Demonstration and Master Builders Centennial Legacy Project - Wet Lab II at The Mercer Slough Environmental Learning Center

Over the years Built Green has demonstrated its community and industry leadership through participation in demonstration projects. These projects, such as the Built Green Idea House in 2004 and the Built Green Home at Suncadia in 2006 help showcase the products and services of our members, as well as provide a launching pad for innovative green building practices. So it is with great excitement and anticipation that we embark upon what may be our most ambitious demonstration project yet, the Master Builders Association's Centennial Legacy Project, a project that will ultimately be donated to the Mercer Slough

- and trim
- Garage air sealed from home and ventilated with automatic exhaust fan
- Built to have positive indoor air pressure using controlled ventilation
- Installed a drainage plane between SIPS and siding

#### Material Use

- Achieved 90 percent overall construction waste diversion rate by separating waste on site
- Re-used salvaged cabinetry
- Installed rapidly renewable bamboo flooring
- Used concrete slab sub-floor as finish floor
- Used a 50-year siding product and recycled content roofing product
- SIPS drastically reduce the amount of framing lumber used

To see other previously featured virtual tours, [click here](#).

Pictures courtesy of Paul Clark.



## Member News

### The Irons Brothers Construction, Inc. First Construction Industry EnviroStar in King County

"It's not embarrassing to be a tree hugger anymore," said Joseph Irons, President of Irons Brothers Construction, restating a quote he heard recently from a speaker at the Built Green® conference. This remodeling company, whose core values include green and sustainable practices, now holds a four-star rating with the EnviroStars Program in King County.

Based in Shoreline, Irons Brothers Construction, Inc., offers residential and light commercial remodeling. They work with clients to determine their project needs and wants and incorporate green practices that are a fit for their project and budget. The company recognizes the growing demand for greener remodeling services and assists its clients by providing sustainable options. These can be as simple as reusing and recycling building materials and unwanted items or as intricate as working through to certify your project using Built Green guidelines. Each remodeling project may have any combination of sustainable, efficient and healthy elements. Detailed descriptions of their services can be seen at [www.ironsb.com](http://www.ironsb.com), or call 206-306-PROS (7767).

The EnviroStars program certifies companies based on their practices that demonstrate a commitment to protecting the environment by properly managing and reducing hazardous waste.

Some of the sustainable practices Irons Brothers Construction performs include:

Environmental Learning Center to help teach our region's children about environmental issues and stewardship.

To celebrate the Master Builders Association's 100-year anniversary, we have committed to building the fourth out of five buildings on the site, a building that will ultimately become the 5-Star certified Wet Lab II. The groundbreaking for the project scheduled for early June and the build will be completed for donation by December 2009. The site will host over 100,000 visitors annually, both school age students and adults alike, and will be a focus of much of our media activity in the coming year.

As members of Built Green® and the greater Puget sound green building community, we are asking for your help in bringing this project to reality. We are currently seeking donations of time, materials, services from building and material supply firms, and will recognize everyone involved in the project through media efforts and a permanent plaque on the building. We are proud to undertake such a meaningful and lasting public service project to commemorate 100 years of service to our community. Please contact us if you or your company is interested in participating in the project, and keep an eye out for further opportunities throughout the summer.

[Aaron Adelstein](#)



## Green Building News

### [City of Seattle Green Building Initiative: Saving Energy for Homes and Businesses](#)

Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels announced on April 22, 2009, a multi-tiered strategy to save energy and reduce the climate change impacts of Seattle's buildings and homes. Energy use in residences and other buildings accounts for 21 percent of Seattle's carbon footprint. By 2020, the Green Building Capital Initiative will increase the efficiency of existing buildings by 20 percent, and raise the energy performance of new buildings and major retrofits to a level consistent with the 2030 Challenge goals. For the full story click [here](#).

### [Green Building: Jobs of the Future](#)

Washington State Department of Ecology video on green building jobs in this region and the future role of green building jobs in our economy.



## Events

### [Exploring Energy & Design: Smart Solutions For The Built Environment](#)

**Wednesday, May 13, Town Hall, Seattle**

Presented by Alan Thein Durning and Jason F.

McLennan. As the prospect of global economic crisis hits home, there is hope. The work being done to combat climate change through smart community design, green building and energy research gives communities the opportunity to respond to economic crisis with common sense solutions. This

- Hazardous and construction waste reduction at all work sites through use of a Jobsite Recycling Plan
- Substituting hazardous cleaning materials for natural products such as: baking soda, vinegar and castile soap to protect the user and the environment
- Appropriate handling, storage and disposal of all hazardous waste following King County's Waste Management Guidelines
- Having a system of policies and procedures in place to handle hazardous waste and spilled materials, including a spill response plan with spill kits readily available

Some of Irons Brothers Construction's sustainable building practices include:

- Recycling, salvage and reuse of construction materials and debris
- Using low-toxic paints, adhesives and finishes to protect the user and environment
- Installing energy efficient and ENERGY STAR® rated products
- Creative lighting design plans using lighting sensor controls and CFL's
- Monitoring and evaluating a home's indoor air quality and installing modifications for its improvement

These careful, yet practical, considerations are given to every project and have earned this new member a four-star EnviroStars rating. The company is shooting for five stars in 2010.

As an EnviroStars member, Irons Brothers Construction, Inc. has joined a growing list of environmentally sound certified businesses. Supporting an EnviroStars certified business not only supports the business community, it supports the environment!

EnviroStars is a nationally recognized program certifying businesses for reducing, recycling and properly managing hazardous waste. The program was created by the Local Hazardous Waste Management Program in King County in 1995 and now includes five counties in the Puget Sound area. More information on the EnviroStars program can be found at [www.envirostars.org](http://www.envirostars.org) or by calling 1-877-220-7827 (STAR).

#### **Built Green Certified Office Space for Rent in Pike Place Market**

Feeling the economic pinch? Belt Collins is subletting Built Green certified office space in our Pike Place Market location at great rates. One to seven workstations available, depending on need; great for a small start-up or a second office! Lease arrangements are flexible. Furnishings, utilities and janitorial service included. Monthly parking available on-site. Join a dynamic group of design professionals in an eco-friendly environment easily accessed by a wide variety of transportation. Belt Collins is a member of Built Green, USGBC/Cascadia, NBIS and NW Eco Builders Guild. Contact Ellen or Karoline at (206) 285-4395.

seminar will highlight work being done right here in our backyard, and explain what needs to be done in the future to ensure the sustainability of our region. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

#### **Living Green Series - EcoCool Remodel Tool** **Wednesday, May 20, Mercer Slough**

**Environmental Education Center, Bellevue**  
Looking for a convenient way to learn about how to make your home more green? Working on a green remodel? King County's new EcoCool Remodel Tool provides a wealth of green remodeling information in one convenient online resource tool. Patti Southard will demonstrate the Remodel Tool, and answer green remodel questions. King County's EcoConsumer Program educates residents on how to reduce their environmental impact through their purchasing decisions. This free workshop will take place from 7 to 9 p.m.

#### **Strategies for Sustainability: Best Practices** **Tuesday, May 26, Northwest Environmental Training Center, Seattle**

Organizations and communities need to define a sustainability strategy, and there is no need to start from scratch. For managers, change agents and community leaders this is an excellent opportunity to be exposed to a variety of methods and tools. Participants will leave with an expanded capacity to facilitate sustainability. This "Learning Lab" will provide the opportunity for participants to diagnose and test strategies and case studies for their own specific situation. This course will present a spectrum of well-known and tested sustainability strategies essential for anyone involved in the sustainability movement.

#### **Making Sustainability Stick - Strategies for Sustainability**

**Wednesday May 27, Northwest Environmental Training Center, Seattle**

This course will provide methods, strategies and tools to implement sustainable principles and practices in an organization or community. Individuals and teams involved, or hoping to be involved, in implementing sustainability initiatives will benefit from the information and resources presented in this course. There will be a strong focus on processes that make sustainability initiatives stick.

#### **Next Generation Green Building Materials, Part 2**

**Wednesday, May 27, Phinney Neighborhood Center, Seattle**

Come join the Northwest EcoBuilding Guild on Wednesday, May 27 from 7 to 9 p.m. to hear presenter Benjamin Cook discuss the next generation of green building materials. You may remember Part 1 from 2008. Come and learn about the latest green building products from this engaging and fast talking chemist. For more information visit the [web site](#).

## **Classes**

Classes listed below are approved workshops for fulfilling the annual Built Green education requirement for certifying projects.

#### **Introduction to Built Green®**



## Built Green Job Opening

### Built Green Coordinator

Built Green is looking for an organized, motivated, and friendly office assistant to help manage the demands of our fast growing program starting in mid-June. If you're detail-oriented and interested in supporting the growth of green building in King and Snohomish counties, please apply! A Bachelor's or Associates degree is required, as well as previous office experience, and knowledge of environmental issues and green building practices. You can download a full job description [here](#). To learn more about the Built Green program, visit our [website](#). This is a full-time position with great benefits.

Please send your cover letter and resume to the Built Green Director at 335 116th Ave SE, Bellevue, WA 98004 or via [email](#).



## New Members

Are you a Built Green member and a member of the Master Builders Association? Then your company is designated with a small green tree on the Master Builders Association [website](#) as a Built Green member. Your company is also listed on the Built Green [website](#).

Welcome to our newest member companies!

#### [Abodian, Inc.](#)

*Elegant Storage Solutions. Simple Assembly.*  
(425) 557-7718 in Issaquah

#### [Adams Mohler Ghillino Architects](#)

(206) 709-3070 in Seattle

#### [Blue Sound Construction](#)

(206) 854-6042 in Seattle

#### [Cascade Integration, Inc.](#)

*Lighting Control, Home Automation*  
(206) 391-8020 in Snohomish

#### [D L H, Inc.](#)

(425) 888-1853 in North Bend

#### [GreenWise Construction](#)

(253) 835-2064 in Tacoma

#### [Guild Hall, Inc.](#)

(206) 463-4248 in Vashon

#### [Huber Engineered Woods](#)

(206) 542-7663 in Seattle

#### [J.P. Landscape Services, Inc.](#)

(425) 844-2816 in Duvall

#### [J.S. Remodeling](#)

(206) 423-5345 in Auburn

#### [JPN Services, Inc.](#)

(425) 453-5373 in Everett

### Tuesday, June 9, MBA Housing Center, Bellevue

This seminar provides an introduction to the Built Green program from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Tuesday, June 9 at the MBA Housing Center, 335 116th Ave. SE in Bellevue. Learn how to certify a project and use the checklist, how to join, how the program works and other resources. The seminar presents examples of projects and covers how to fill out the Built Green checklist. This orientation has a cost of \$30 and is required in order to certify homes as Built Green. To register, contact the MBA University registrar at [education@mbaks.com](mailto:education@mbaks.com) or go [online](#).

### [High Performance Homes: The Do's Don'ts and Why's with Mark LaLiberte](#)

#### Tuesday, May 12 MBA Housing Center, Bellevue

Instructor Mark LaLiberte will provide you with the training necessary to identify common construction details that can lead to moisture problems, and contribute to indoor air quality concerns and excessive energy consumption. His presentation is designed to teach you how to correct them before they become customer service problems. Learn to enhance your company's reputation by being the expert. The workshop format will consist of two hours of training and two hours of round table question-and-answer time. Cost: \$30 for Members/ \$50 for Non-Members

For more information on the class and to register please click [here](#)

### [The RE Store: Green Roof Workshop](#)

#### Saturday, May 16, Seattle

**Time:** Noon to 5 p.m.

**Cost:** \$25.00

Learn about the dozens of benefits that a green roof can add to any sized building, from doghouses to warehouses. Benefits include: stormwater mitigation, longer roof lifespan, temperature/heat island regulation, insulation, habitat benefits, water and air purification and much more. Watch a real installation on a doghouse that will be given to one lucky workshop participant!

Patrick Carey is director of the Northwest EcoBuilding Guild's Green Roof Project. He is also a trainer for the Green Roofs for Healthy Cities Green Roof Course series and principal of Hadj Design, a green roof design-build company. Contact Jason Darling to register.

### [Green Advantage Training and Certification with David Johnston](#)

#### Tuesday, June 23, MBA Housing Center, Bellevue

Renowned green building consultant and teacher David Johnston will present the Green Advantage® Training and Certification. This workshop features state-of-the-art instruction on proven residential and commercial green building techniques and approaches. It provides real world, practical construction and marketing instruction in the areas of site selection, energy conservation as it applies to framing, insulation, windows, water heating, appliances, heating and cooling, resource conservation and indoor air quality. It also addresses marketing these green advantages.

For more information on and to register, click [here](#).

**Karen J. Granger & Associates**  
*It's All About the Green*  
(425) 831-7707 in North Bend

**KNK Construction Company, Inc.**  
(206) 240-7212 in Mill Creek

[M&A EnterPrises, Inc.](#)  
(425) 222-4794 in Issaquah

[Mirsky Electric](#)  
(206) 230-8293 in Seattle

[Murphy Building Company, Inc.](#)  
(425) 775-3388 in Lynnwood

[Ncompass Construction](#)  
(206) 933-5961 in Seattle

[North Creek Roofing, Inc.](#)  
*A Name You Can Trust*  
(425) 483-7986 in Bothell

**R&A Trucking**  
*Clearly the Right Choice for Trucking*  
(425) 508-6206 in Marysville

[Stantec Consulting](#)  
*Mechanical Designer*  
(206) 770-7779 in Seattle

[Wessco Blinds](#)  
(206) 285-5455 in Seattle

## **New Certifications**

Congratulations to [Abode Ltd](#) for certifying the two new construction homes on NE 187th in Bothell as **4-Star** Built Green; [Advanced Building Consultants, Inc.](#) for certifying a single-family home on 40 th Ave. NE in Seattle as **4-Star** Built Green; **Anderson Tedrick Custom Homes** for certifying a single-family home on NE Harrison Street at the Issaquah Highlands Community in Issaquah as **4-Star** Built Green; [Belmark Homes](#) for certifying 12 new construction townhomes on 1st Park SE and 2nd Ave SE at the Abbey Road Community in Bothell as **3-Star** Built Green; [Ben Leland Construction](#) for certifying a single-family home on NE Harrison Street at the Issaquah Highlands Community in Issaquah as **4-Star** Built Green; [Glover Homes](#) for certifying 29 new townhomes on Evanston Ave. N, Interlake Ave. N and Yale Ave. E in Seattle as **4-Star** Built Green; **Greenleaf Construction, Inc.** for certifying four single-family homes on 26th Ave. S and Interlake Ave. N as **4-Star** Built Green, a new construction project on 27th Ave. in Seattle as **3-Star** Built Green, and a remodel project on N. 77th Street in Seattle as **3-Star** Built Green; [Highfield Homes Partners](#) for certifying 66 new homes at the Snoqualmie Ridge Community in Snoqualmie as **3-Star** Built Green; [Model Remodel](#) for certifying the remodel project on 24th Ave. NW in Seattle as **3-Star** Built Green; [Nelse Design + Build](#) for certifying the single-family new construction project on N. 61st Street in Seattle as **5-Star** Built Green; **Odyssey Builders, Inc.** for certifying the remodel project on 34th Ave. NW in Seattle as **3-Star** Built Green; [Owen Roberts Groups](#) for certifying the new

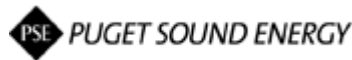
## **King County**



**King County  
GreenTools Team  
gets a new  
member**

Ric Cochrane is joining the GreenTools team as a program manager. Ric is a Fulbright Fellow and received master degrees in both Public Administration and Public Planning from the University of Washington. At GreenTools, Ric will be managing the grants program and providing green building assistance to King County cities and projects. You can reach him by [email](#).

## **Puget Sound Energy**



### **Western Washington Construction Projects Receive \$650,000 in Conservation Grants**

Puget Sound Energy's recently launched energy efficiency grant program for new multifamily construction projects has signed its first agreements totaling almost \$650,000 with six developers. Avalon Towers, Meydenbauer Apartments and Metro 112 in Bellevue, Bakhita Gardens and Hearthstone on Woodlawn in Seattle and Lancaster Townhomes in Olympia were awarded the first of the PSE program's grants, worth a total of more than \$550,000 for electricity-saving and more than \$90,000 for natural gas-saving incentives to be incorporated into their design and construction.

PSE's Multifamily New Construction program is providing the developers with financial incentives packaged into single grants, technical information and support for the construction of their new energy-efficient multifamily housing complexes. The program funding incentives help offset the developers' cost to upgrade to ENERGY STAR® appliances and lighting, enhance window efficiency and to install high efficiency equipment used for space and water heating, both in the residential units and common areas.

By encouraging developers to account for energy efficiency measures during the design and construction phase, the PSE program ensures that the projects they are building use energy wisely, lowering utility bills to the property owner and prospective residents. The measures also complement action items on the Built Green® multifamily checklist.

Since the program's launch, nearly 50 grant applications have been received from throughout PSE's 11-county electric and natural gas service areas to construct residential, market-rate, affordable housing and/or senior housing units. The application process is ongoing, and the remaining applications are still being reviewed. After the initial application is made, PSE conducts project evaluations and reviews grant proposals with the applicants before offering a final grant agreement to selected applicants. Many current multifamily development projects still have the opportunity to

construction home on SE Grand Ridge Drive in the Issaquah Highlands Community in Issaquah as **4-Star** Built Green; [Proform Construction](#) for certifying the remodel project on 43rd Ave W in Seattle as **3-Star** Built Green; [Real Property Development](#) Company for certifying the single-family home on 27th Ave. NE, six townhomes on 7th Ave. NE and four townhomes on 23rd Ave. W in Seattle as **3-Star** Built Green; [Rick Burnstead Construction](#) for certifying the two single-family new construction homes on Timber Creek Drive NW in Issaquah as **3-Star** Built Green; [SMR Architects](#) for certifying the multifamily project on Rainier Ave. S in Seattle as **3-Star** Built Green; [Stuart Silk Architects](#) for certifying the single-family home on W. Lake Sammamish Pkwy NE in Redmond as **3-Star** Built Green and the single-family home on 39th Ave. E in Seattle as **4-Star** Built Green; **Sunshine Construction LLC** for certifying the remodel project on 32nd Ave. W in Seattle as **3-Star** Built Green; [Westhill Inc. Design/Build](#) for certifying the remodel project on 44th Ave. NE in Seattle as **1-Star** Built Green; and **Wick Homes LLC** for certifying a new construction single-family home on 23rd Ave E in Seattle as **3-Star** Built Green.

qualify.

It is anticipated that the program will produce more than 1.5 million kilowatt hours of electric savings and nearly 20,000 therms of natural gas savings in 2009 or the equivalent of the electricity needed to power 125 homes and natural gas for 25 homes.

For more information about the Multifamily New Construction program and how to apply, visit [PSE.com](#) or call a PSE Energy Advisor at 1-800-562-1482.

By Malcolm McCulloch Multifamily New Construction Program Manager for PSE

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