

No matter what your home-building needs are, we can make the process simple and affordable. We can facilitate your entire project or provide individual services such as:

ENERGY EFFICIENT DESIGN

GREEN BUILDING CONSULTING

PROJECT MANAGEMENT

RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION

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WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BUILD GREEN?

Building green means building with environmental consciousness and sustainability in mind. Specifically, it means incorporating energy efficiency into the home design, selecting eco-friendly building materials, practicing conservative construction methods and protecting natural resources on and off site.

WHO ARE WE?

Zendo (Zen) Kern, founder and CEO, was born and raised on the Big Island where he grew up in an environmentally conscious, off-grid home. Not surprisingly, he developed an appreciation for sustainable living and environmental stewardship. Zen started Superior Development Group, our parent company, as a conventional contracting and real estate development company. With an eye toward sustainable development, Zen had the foresight to hire an ecologist who helped redefine the goals of our company and bring our practices in line with Zen's values. After realizing that many of our existing construction practices were actually recommended for "green building", it wasn't difficult for us to make the leap to "green". Thus, Green Island Builders was born.

OUR GREEN TEAM

The key to our success lies in the collective professional experience of our staff and our proven ability to work effectively with local subcontractors, suppliers, and government agencies. Our Green Team includes Shaun Perry, General Manager and Green Building Consultant, and Pamela Sullivan, Ecologist and Green Building Program Coordinator.



A light-colored roof and exterior, and a design to encourage natural ventilation, help reduce utility bills and provide a cool comfortable home.

Born and raised in Hawaii, Shaun brings a thorough knowledge of the local environment, codes, appropriate material selection, and strong business relationships to the table.

With two degrees in the biological sciences, Pamela is our natural resource expert and has extensive experience incorporating accepted and approved best management practices into sustainable site plans.

WHY GREEN ISLAND BUILDERS?

Our comprehensive professional background allows us to provide a contracting service package unique among builders on the Big Island. We provide an integrated approach to create energy efficient, ecologically sensitive, and environmentally responsible homes by combining a sustainable site plan, energy efficient design, eco-friendly building materials, conservative construction practices and homeowner education. Qualifying homes can be certified as "green" through the Hawaii BuiltGreen™ Program. This program was developed by the Building Industry Association of Hawaii in cooperation with the State of Hawaii Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.

"BIG BANG TECHNOLOGIES"

By including the "Three Big Bang Technologies" in new home construction, homeowners can save money and live comfortably without air-conditioning (Source: DBEDT Study of Hawaii's First Energy Efficient BuiltGreen™ Home).

1. Solar hot water heater
2. Radiant barrier
3. Natural ventilation