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Self-Help Enterprises recognized for green practices

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Self-Help Enterprises provides employees with bicycles to reduce greenhouse emission.

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Visalia's [Self-Help Enterprises](#) was recognized as a NeighborWorks Green Organization for its effort to create healthier and more energy-efficient environments for homeowners and employees.

The designation has been awarded to 61 organizations to date by [NeighborWorks America](#), a leader in affordable housing and community development.

“We are honored to be named a NeighborWorks Green Organization for our commitment to sustainable building practices and our green office culture”, said Tom Collishaw, Self-Help’s chief executive officer. “The green strategies we have adopted save families money, improve health outcomes, and reduce our environmental impact.”

Self-Help builds modest-size homes that reduce land use, uses Energy Star appliances, and installs solar panels on homes and apartment complexes.

Many of its developments, such as Goshen Village II and Viscaya Gardens in Dinuba and the Rancho Lindo Apartments in Lamont, Kern County, exceed current state energy standards and are Build It Green certified.

In its office, the company recycles and has composting bins in the employee break room. Print settings on copy machines are set to double-sided printing.

The company also makes bicycles available to staff to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote physical activity.