



## New England Builder Braves Hurricane Irene With ZIP System® Sheathing

**H**urricane Irene's path of destruction across 10 East coast states in August 2011 resulted in an estimated \$7 billion to \$13 billion in damage. In the face of one of the top 10 most destructive hurricanes in the U.S. since 1980, custom builder Olson Development LLC counted on ZIP System® roof and wall sheathing to withstand the impact of Hurricane Irene in the construction of an 8,500-square foot home in Greenwich, CT.

The waterfront home was completed in April 2012 using 250 ½-inch ZIP System® wall panels and 300 5/8-inch ZIP System® roof panels manufactured by Huber Engineered Woods. The ZIP System sheathing stood up to intense storm surges, rain and wind for an extended period of time, according to the builder.



Mark Olson,  
Owner of Olson Development LLC

"My experience with ZIP System® sheathing has resulted in faster build times, and when Hurricane Irene made a direct hit on New England, the products performed flawlessly," said Mark Olson, owner of Olson Development LLC and 30-year veteran of the building industry.

ZIP System roof and wall sheathing consists of structural panels with built-in protective barriers. The seams of the roof and wall panels are sealed using ZIP

System tape providing moisture resistance for seams, valleys and ridges, ultimately reducing the occurrence of air leaks. ZIP System's cutting edge formula meets and exceeds industry standards set by the Seal and Insulate with the ENERGY STAR® effort, and is code recognized as window and door flashing tape when used with ZIP System wall sheathing (ESR-2227). With this innovative product, ZIP System roof and wall sheathing is faster to install than traditional methods and provides an instant 180-day rough dry-in, allowing builders to schedule subcontractors sooner and ultimately complete the house in less time.

Olson Development LLC also used 300 ¾-inch AdvanTech®, which Huber Engineered Woods manufacturers, to construct the home.

AdvanTech flooring and sheathing are known for moisture resistance and unsurpassed quality, as well as industry-leading strength and stiffness based on ESR-1785 (Evaluation Service Report) standards that exceed PS2 performance standards used by competitors.



A combination of innovative resin technology and manufacturer engineering makes this product unique in the field of structural panels, and AdvanTech flooring is the only subflooring to hold the ESR certification. The AdvanTech® brand now features new panel graphics including the ESR-1785 certification on the front of the panel, a Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) logo to showcase its environmental commitment, a new fastening guide for quicker installation, and bi-lingual instructions to ensure 1/8-inch spacing gap. AdvanTech® flooring is backed by the Huber Engineered Woods 50-year fully-transferrable warranty.

**For more information about Olson Development LLC, ZIP System roof and wall sheathing or AdvanTech flooring visit [www.OlsonDevelopmentLLC.com](http://www.OlsonDevelopmentLLC.com), [www.zipsystem.com](http://www.zipsystem.com) or [www.advantechperforms.com](http://www.advantechperforms.com). Or follow Huber Engineered Woods on Facebook and Twitter.**