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CASE STUDY: *A Recycling Trail from One Home to Another*

Some lucky family will soon be able to purchase an affordable home in the Cape Cod town of Truro, thanks, in part, to a generous donation of recycled building materials by Woodmeister clients.

Last spring, Woodmeister began working with Lauren Mazzella and her husband, Joseph, to transform their Truro summer house into a larger, year-round home for their future retirement. The Mazzellas soon realized it made more sense to move or tear down the existing structure and start from scratch.

Moving the two-story house and donating it to charity was the couple's first choice. However, that option turned out to be impossible because of the home's location on a hill with a steep driveway. Yet, the thought of "throwing perfectly fine appliances and building materials into the dumpster made me crazy," Mrs. Mazzella said. "There were a lot of things in the house that could be reused, and I knew that there are people who could use them."

Although unable to donate their whole



Landscape plants can be saved and transplanted.

house, the Mazzellas were able to do the next best thing. Acting on a suggestion by Peter Hunt, project manager at Woodmeister, they made an arrangement with greenGoat, a non-profit organization that salvages building materials and puts them to reuse. As a result, dozens of reusable items, from kitchen cabinetry and appliances to windows and doors, were removed from the Mazzella's house and recycled, several right in their own community.

One of the recipients was Highland Affordable Housing, a non-profit organization that works to increase affordable housing in Truro. Last year, the organization was given a 2,000 square foot home from a family who was also rebuilding. The three-bedroom Cape was moved to a new lot purchased by Highland with funds donated by the town. After it is renovated this winter, the home will be sold as affordable housing to a qualified family, according to Philip Smith, treasurer and board member of Highland Affordable Housing.



Phil Smith and Amy Bauman with the donated dishwasher.

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The remodeled house will feature three sliding-glass door units, three low-flow toilets, and a dishwasher from the Mazzella's home. "This donation saves us from having to buy all of these items new," said Smith.

"Since we are an all-volunteer organization, saving several thousands of dollars on the renovation is very important to us."

The rest of the recycled building materials and appliances will go into greenGoat's inventory and either donated

to charitable organizations or sold, with the proceeds going to further greenGoat's environmental mission.

For the Mazzellas, Massachusetts, giving items from their home to help another

family be able to live in Truro was very important to them. "Truro is the most beautiful town, and the people are so nice. I love everything about it," said

Mrs. Mazzella. "I wanted to give something back more than just my tax dollars...It's a complete win in every way."

Commonly Salvaged Materials:

Cabinetry	Plumbing Fixtures
Appliances	Toilets & Sinks
Doors & Hardware	Landscape Plants
Windows	Lumber
Wood Flooring	Mechanical Systems
Carpeting	And much more!
Lighting Fixtures	



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