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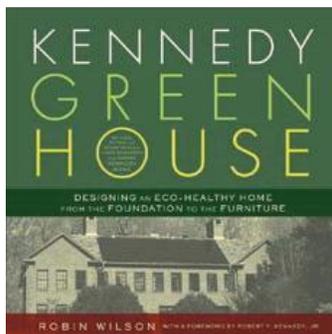
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The green makeover of Robert F. Kennedy Jr.'s historic home in Westchester, N.Y., is the subject of a new book to be published in April.

Kennedy Green House, a 160-page book by interior designer Robin Wilson, tells the story of how Wilson worked with Kennedy and a green team to do a major renovation of his home after it was ravaged by black mold from a summer flood. They sought to turn his "sick home" into an eco gem by using non-toxic materials as well as efficient appliances and fixtures.



CAPTION book cover

Kennedy, the third of 11 children born to Ethel Kennedy and Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, is no stranger to environmental causes. He's [co-director of the Pace Environmental Litigation Clinic](#) at Pace University School of Law and senior attorney for the non-profit Natural Resources Defense Council.

Kennedy, who wrote the foreword for the upcoming book, has authored two environmental books of his own: *Riverkeepers: Two Activists Fight to Reclaim Our Environment as a Basic Human Right* (with John Cronin) and *Crimes Against Nature: How George W. Bush and His Corporate Pals Are Plundering the Country and Hijacking Our Democracy*.



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About Wendy Koch

Wendy Koch has been a reporter and editor at USA TODAY since 1998, covering politics and social issues. She's begun a quest to build the most eco-friendly home her budget allows. She'll share her experience and give you tips for greening your home. [More about Wendy](#)



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He and his second wife, Mary Richardson, have four school-age children together who live in the New York home.

Robin Wilson, who runs the Robin Wilson Home design firm in New York City, has been involved in other high-profile projects, including the renovation of former president Bill Clinton's Harlem office. She focuses on sustainable, recyclable and non-toxic materials.

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