



Wright/Jenkins Design GreenCastle Homes Building Industry Association "Green Home of The Year"

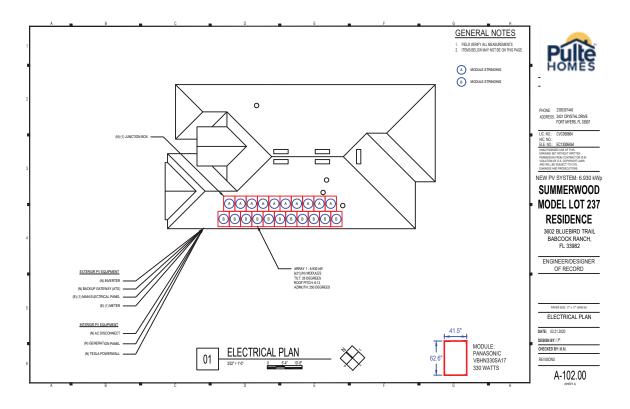






About Solar Energy In Babcock Ranch

Production of solar energy at a utility scale is a key part of our sustainability commitment. We partnered with Florida Power & Light (FPL) to ensure that the net production of clean, renewable energy at Babcock Ranch exceeds the total amount the town will consume.Babcock Ranch donated the land for the solar facility – but it is owned and operated by FPL. Residents are billed for the energy they use at the same rates as any other FPL customer. However, homes achieve energy savings through established and reliable building technologies that don't require as much power to operate.



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PULTE HOMES CREATES SOLAR HOME IN BABCOCK RANCH Pulte Homes is taking a lead from America's first solar-powered town with a first-of-its-kind solar home in Babcock Ranch. Pulte Homes' new Summerwood home design is now complete and available for viewing in the Lake Babcock neighborhood. The new home, available for purchase, includes 21 Panasonic HIT 330watt solar panels with embedded Enphase Microinverters, and a Tesla Powerwall stored energy system that the homeowner can control and monitor with an app. Rick Vaske, director of operations for Advance Solar & Energy in Fort Myers, said the homeowner-friendly system combines the power of solar energy with a Tesla stored energy solution. The system's stored energy can be used to power critical power loads in a home, such as lights, the refrigerator and the home's security system during a power outage. Vaske added that in addition to a 26% Federal tax credit on the solar system and Tesla Powerwall, homes with solar will save homeowners close to \$200 per month on their electric bill. For more information about Pulte Homes in Babcock Ranch, visit Pulte.com/BabcockRanch or Pulte.com/Edgewater.