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**LANDER SHERMAN
URBAN DEVELOPMENT**
195 E. 9th St., St. Paul
\$339,900
Home #273

This professional couple in their mid-thirties enjoys traveling, following college sports, and staying active through golf and running. They feel right at home at Printer's Row, the fourth phase of development in downtown St. Paul's new Wacouta Commons neighborhood, winner of the national Best in American Living Award for Best Smart Growth Community. They are proud of their sleek new urban home in a beautiful new neighborhood—the new city park a half block away is a great place to picnic or walk the puppy. They are also happy to be a part of a neighborhood with a mix of housing types—rental- and ownership-priced to meet a wide range of incomes and lifestyles.

This couple loves the contemporary, bold exterior of their home, and they

are delighted to show it off to friends. They hold barbeques on their patio, overlooking downtown St. Paul and the new, European-influenced city street. Sit-down dinner parties overlook the skyline through south- and east-facing oversized windows. Their contemporary loft has cool features, including sealed concrete floors and exposed ductwork, but it also has a polished air with beautiful cherry cabinets, granite countertops, a gas fireplace, and a spacious stainless steel island that doubles as a bar when they have visitors.

Their loft is just blocks from the Farmer's Market, where they go on weekends to get fresh flowers and vegetables. They are also regular users of St. Paul's renowned trail system along the Mississippi River, which is nearby. At night, they attend events at Xcel or the Ordway and have dinner at LoTo, created by restaurateur David Fhima. St. Paul's newest hotspot, this restaurant is just a couple blocks walk from their home.

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This couple travels with ease, knowing that their association-maintained home is secure while they're gone. They just lock the door and go, and landscaping and snow removal will be taken care of. And their cars are safe and sound in the heated, underground garage. When entertaining out-of-town guests, they'll offer their second bedroom, which they generally use as a den and TV room.

This couple is eco-conscious, and they are glad their home is, too. Low-VOC paints and finishes, sealed cabinet backings, and fresh air exchange give them high indoor air quality. They also save money on energy bills with energy-efficient appliances, furnace, and a programmable thermostat.