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The home located at 100 Morningside Drive in Cranberry Township feels as though it is tucked away on a rustic mountain or quiet retreat; you would never know it is located mere miles from major highways and the bustling city of Pittsburgh.

Worth $1.65 million and boasting 9,250 square feet, Pittsburgh Magazine’s 2017 Ultimate House is nothing less than that. Built by Infinity Custom Homes, the Ultimate House is part of the new Forest Edge community developed by Singer Properties and located on a former family farm.

The Ultimate House’s location in Cranberry Township puts it within miles of restaurants, shopping options and parks; it is also conveniently close to businesses, colleges, schools and two major highways. Including just over 23 square miles, Cranberry is one of the fastest growing townships in our region, but is also full of history.

From 1904-2012, what is now the Forest Edge community was known as the Stevenson Farm. Owned and worked by the Stevenson family and others, the farm grew crops such as corn, soybeans, wheat, oats and alfalfa. Originally 89 acres, the farm was down to 66 acres when it was sold in its entirety for development in 2012. The neighborhood community of Forest Edge was designed to keep the natural feel of the farm and provide a place with access to nature. Twenty-six acres of the land will remain as open space for the development; a rustic pavilion, natural mini-parks and wooded trails are part of that space and are available for homeowners.

“We hope that this neighborhood provides an atmosphere where families feel welcome and a place they would like to call home for many years,” says Brian.
Singer, managing partner at Singer Properties and owner and developer of Stevenson Farm and the Forest Edge Development. “We feel the community was designed to keep the serenity of the original farm with rolling hills and wooded surroundings while making development improvements to give every home owner a beautiful lot to call home.”

This year’s Ultimate House is one of the first homes in the development. Its design and architecture were inspired by the setting and were brought to life with products and services from tried-and-true Pittsburgh companies like 84 Lumber and PPG Paints as well as Pittsburgh newcomer NRG.

“We tried to recreate a modern version of what a farmhouse might have been back in the day,” says Scott Blodgett, president of Infinity Custom Homes and builder of this year’s Ultimate House. “The community is a great setting – it’s a very rural and quiet, conveniently located suburb.”

The first floor of the Ultimate House boasts a pair of two-car garages, a mudroom with a dog-washing station, an entertainer’s kitchen and more. The second floor is home to a laundry room, nursery, two bedrooms and an extensive master suite. A wet bar, fireplace, walk-in closet and private covered deck are only some of the amenities. The third floor is a loft space with built-in bunk beds, and the basement level features a fitness room, theater room, wine cellar and more.

The Ultimate House opened to the public for tours from September 8-17, with all proceeds from the tours benefitting The Free Care Fund of the Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh Foundation.
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