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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
(Amendment No. \_\_\_\_\_) \*

Beazer Homes USA, Inc.

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(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, \$0.01 par value

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(Title of Class of Securities)

07556Q105

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(CUSIP Number)

January 21, 2004

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(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this  
Schedule is filed:

Rule 13d-1(b)

Rule 13d-1(c)

Rule 13d-1(d)

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\* The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting  
person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of  
securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which  
would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be  
deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange  
Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of  
the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see  
the Notes).

CUSIP No. 07556Q105  
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1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS  
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)  
  
Basswood Capital Management, LLC  
13-4045628

2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)  
  
(a)   
(b)

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  
  
Delaware

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH

5. SOLE VOTING POWER  
  
0

6. SHARED VOTING POWER  
  
826,123

7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  
  
0

8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  
  
826,123

9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
  
828,432

10. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES  
CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9  
  
6.1%

12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)  
  
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CUSIP No. 07556Q105  
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1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS  
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)  
  
Matthew Lindenbaum

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2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

(a)   
(b)

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

United States of America

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH

5. SOLE VOTING POWER

870

6. SHARED VOTING POWER

826,123

7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

870

8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

826,123

9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

826,993

10. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES  
CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9

6.1%

12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

IN

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CUSIP No. 07556Q105  
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1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

Bennett Lindenbaum

2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

(a)   
(b)

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3. SEC USE ONLY

4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

United States of America

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH

5. SOLE VOTING POWER

988

6. SHARED VOTING POWER

826,123

7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

988

8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

826,123

9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

827,111

10. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9

6.1%

12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

IN

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CUSIP No. 07556Q105  
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Item 1(a). Name of Issuer:

Beazer Homes USA, Inc.  
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(b). Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:

1000 Abernathy Road  
Suite 1200  
Atlanta, Georgia 30328  
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Item 2(a). Name of Persons Filing:

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Basswood Capital Management, LLC  
Matthew Lindenbaum  
Bennett Lindenbaum

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(b). Address of Principal Business Office, or if None, Residence:

Basswood Capital Management, LLC  
645 Madison Avenue  
10th Floor  
New York, NY 10022

Matthew Lindenbaum  
c/o Basswood Capital Management, LLC  
645 Madison Avenue  
10th Floor  
New York, NY 10022

Bennett Lindenbaum  
c/o Basswood Capital Management, LLC  
645 Madison Avenue  
10th Floor  
New York, NY 10022

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(c). Citizenship:

Basswood Capital Management, LLC - Delaware  
Matthew Lindenbaum - United States of America  
Bennett Lindenbaum - United States of America

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(d). Title of Class of Securities:

Common Stock, \$0.01 par value

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(e). CUSIP Number:

07556Q105

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Item 3. If This Statement is filed pursuant to ss.240.13d-1(b) or 240.13d-2(b), or (c), check whether the person filing is a:

- (a)  Broker or dealer registered under Section 15 of the Exchange Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).
- (b)  Bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Exchange Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).
- (c)  Insurance company as defined in Section 3(a)(19) of the Exchange Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).
- (d)  Investment company registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-8).
- (e)  An investment adviser in accordance with s.240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E);
- (f)  An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with s.240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F);

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- (g)  A parent holding company or control person in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G);
- (h)  A savings association as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C.1813);
- (i)  A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under Section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-3);
- (j)  Group, in accordance with s.240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J).

Item 4. Ownership.

Provide the following information regarding the aggregate number and percentage of the class of securities of the issuer identified in Item 1.

(a) Amount beneficially owned:

Basswood Capital Management, LLC - 828,432 Matthew  
Lindenbaum - 826,993 Bennett Lindenbaum - 827,111

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(b) Percent of class:

Basswood Capital Management, LLC - 6.1% Matthew  
Lindenbaum - 6.1% Bennett Lindenbaum - 6.1%

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(c) Number of shares as to which the person has:

Basswood Capital Management, LLC

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(i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote	0	
(ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote	826,123	
(iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of	0	
(iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of	826,123	

Matthew Lindenbaum

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(c) Number of shares as to which the person has:

(i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote	870	
(ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote	826,123	

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(iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of	870
(iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of	826,123

Bennett Lindenbaum  
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(c) Number of shares as to which the person has:	
(i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote	988
(ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote	826,123
(iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of	988
(iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of	826,123

Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class.

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following [ ].

N/A  
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Item 6. Ownership of More Than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.

If any other person is known to have the right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of, such securities, a statement to that effect should be included in response to this item and, if such interest relates to more than five percent of the class, such person should be identified. A listing of the shareholders of an investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 or the beneficiaries of employee benefit plan, pension fund or endowment fund is not required.

N/A  
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Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company or Control Person.

If a parent holding company or Control person has filed this schedule, pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G), so indicate under Item 3(g) and attach an exhibit stating the identity and the Item 3 classification of the relevant

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subsidiary. If a parent holding company or control person has filed this schedule pursuant to Rule 13d-1(c) or Rule 13d-1(d), attach an exhibit stating the identification of the relevant subsidiary.

N/A

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group.

If a group has filed this schedule pursuant to ss.240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J), so indicate under Item 3(j) and attach an exhibit stating the identity and Item 3 classification of each member of the group. If a group has filed this schedule pursuant to ss.240.13d-1(c) or ss.240.13d-1(d), attach an exhibit stating the identity of each member of the group.

N/A

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group.

Notice of dissolution of a group may be furnished as an exhibit stating the date of the dissolution and that all further filings with respect to transactions in the security reported on will be filed, if required, by members of the group, in their individual capacity. See Item 5.

N/A

Item 10. Certification.

By signing below we certify that, to the best of our knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purpose or effect.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of our knowledge and belief, we certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

January 30, 2004

(Date)

Basswood Capital Management, LLC\*

By: /s/ Matthew Lindenbaum

Name: Matthew Lindenbaum

Title: Managing Member

/s/ Matthew Lindenbaum\*



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Matthew Lindenbaum

/s/ Bennett Lindenbaum\*

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Bennett Lindenbaum

\* The Reporting Persons disclaim beneficial ownership of the securities reported herein except to the extent of their pecuniary interest therein.

Note. Schedules filed in paper format shall include a signed original and five copies of the schedule, including all exhibits. See s.240.13d-7 for other parties for whom copies are to be sent.

Attention. Intentional misstatements or omissions of fact constitute federal criminal violations (see 18 U.S.C. 1001).

Exhibit A

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AGREEMENT

The undersigned agree that this Schedule 13G dated January 21, 2004 relating to the Common Stock, \$0.01 par value of Beazer Homes USA, Inc. shall be filed on behalf of the undersigned.

Basswood Capital Management, LLC\*

By: /s/ Matthew Lindenbaum

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Name: Matthew Lindenbaum  
Title: Managing Member

/s/ Matthew Lindenbaum\*

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Matthew Lindenbaum

/s/ Bennett Lindenbaum\*

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Bennett Lindenbaum

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