



Introduction to Green Building for Affordable Housing

HUD GREEN ACADEMY

Course 1

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HUD Green Academy Training

- Course 1 Intro to Green Building for Affordable Housing
- Course 2 Executive Decision-Making
- Course 3 Best Practices for Building Operations and Maintenance
- Course 4 Financing Green Building
- Course 5 Energy Performance Contracting for Small PHAs

Course Summary

This course provides an introduction to energy efficiency and green building for HUD grantees, affordable housing practitioners and participating jurisdictions.

Day One explores the elements of green building and operations including efficiency, healthy housing and organizational sustainability. HUD rules are discussed and case studies are included.

Day Two is an interactive affordable housing design charrette exercise.

Course Content

- Overview of green building concepts and sustainability
- Presentation of green building standards and HUD incentives
- Integrated design and development exercises
- Sustainable operations and maintenance strategies
- Organization-wide commitment and planning

Agenda

DAY ONE

- Module 1 Green Building and Sustainability
- Module 2 Location Efficiency and Site Design
- Module 3 Water Conservation
- Module 4 Resident Health, Safety and Accessibility
- Module 5 Materials and Resources

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- Module 6 Energy Efficiency
- Module 7 Operations and Maintenance
- Module 8 Organizational Sustainability
- Module 9 Green Building Standards and Codes
- Module 10 Reflection and Day One Synthesis Exercise

Agenda

DAY TWO

- **Module 11** **Integrated Design Workshop**
- **Reflection and Course Evaluation**

Module 1

Introduction to
Green Building and Sustainability



Module 1

HUD promotes conservation, including

- energy efficiency,
- renewable energy,
- water conservation,
- reduction of environmental impacts,
- waste minimization and
- the creation of a healthy and comfortable living environment



Introduction to Green Building and Sustainability

HUD's

PRIORITY GOAL 1: FORECLOSURE PREVENTION

PRIORITY GOAL 2: RENTAL ASSISTANCE

PRIORITY GOAL 3: VETERANS HOMELESSNESS

PRIORITY GOAL 4: ENERGY AND GREEN RETROFITS

Introduction to Green Building and Sustainability

What is
green building?



Which definition do you prefer?

- A.) Green building is the practice of creating structures and using processes that are environmentally responsible and resource efficient throughout a building's life-cycle from siting to design, construction, operation, maintenance, renovation and deconstruction. - EPA
- B.) (Green buildings are) high performance, healthful, durable, affordable and environmentally sound buildings. - LEED for Homes
- C.) A green building is one that uses energy and materials more effectively both in production and operation while polluting and damaging natural systems as little as possible. - buildingscience.com

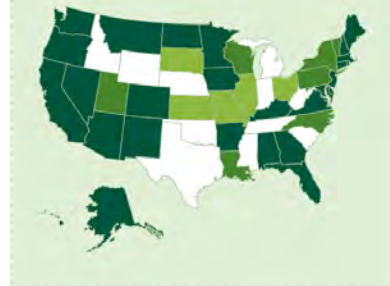
GREEN STANDARDS INCREASING

Nationwide, **63%** of units financed with LIHTC in 2010 committed to meet a holistic green building standard.

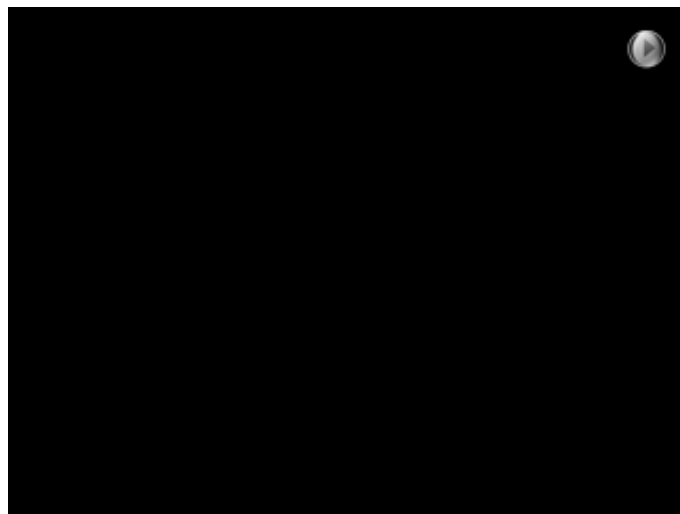


% of units funded in 2010 meeting a holistic green building standard

100% Over 66% Over 33% None recognized



Courtesy Enterprise



Bellingham, WA Green Communities Initiative

CASE STUDY

Bellingham Green Communities

Owner:
**Bellingham Housing
Authority**

Location:
Bellingham, WA

Completed:
2011

Key concepts:
**Resource savings,
community building**



Photo credit:

Bellingham Green Communities Overview

- **396 units in three 1970s buildings**

- Envelope and insulation improvements
- New hot water heating system with solar hot water panels on the roof
- Photovoltaic electrical panels
- Energy efficient lighting and lighting controls
- Improved ventilation
- Green roof retrofit to existing resident courtyard
- Rainwater harvesting for landscape irrigation



- **Now performing 17 percent over 2004 building standards**

Bellingham Green Communities Lesson

- Resident education and community participation
- Creative recycling of building waste
- Thirty percent energy savings



CASE STUDY Curtis Apartments Cogeneration

Owner:
Worcester Housing
Authority

Location:
Worcester, MA

Completed:
2010

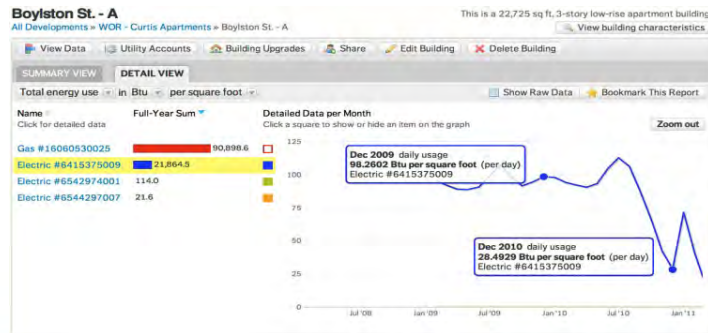
Key concepts:
Energy retrofit with
cogeneration



Photo credit: Mercantile Square Lofts

Curtis Apartments Cogeneration Overview and Lessons

- Replaced boiler system and installed cogeneration system simultaneously
- Achieved 50 percent energy savings



CASE STUDY ecoMOD

Owner:
University of Virginia

Location:
Nationwide

Founded:
2004

Key concepts:
Research, education and
sustainable construction



ecoMOD Overview

Uses pre-fabricated components to create efficient and sustainable dwellings and communities

ecoMOD
new units

ecoREMOD
adaptive additions

ecoMOD XS
small or accessory dwellings

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Los Angeles Eco-Village Case Study



Eco-Village

Measures	Cost
Insulation	\$9,630
Demand controls for central boiler	\$1,816
Dual pane glass doors	\$20,645
Total Cost	\$32,091
Incentives through DfC	\$32,091
Net Costs	\$0

Cost Savings	
Electric cost savings/year	\$4,700
Gas cost savings/year	\$3,900
Total energy efficiency improvement after rehab	30%

In your opinion which is the greenest project?

- A.) Bellingham Washington
- B.) Curtis Apartments Cogeneration
- C.) ecoMOD
- D.) Eco - Village

Introduction to Green Building and Sustainability

Green Building:

- ✓ Location efficient
- ✓ Conserves
 - energy,
 - water,
 - materials and
 - resources
- ✓ Healthy and accessible
- ✓ Built to last



Introduction to Green Building and Sustainability

What type of project do you anticipate next?

- A.) Weatherization
- B.) Mod Rehab
- C.) Substantial Rehab
- D.) New Construction
- E.) NA

Introduction to Green Building and Sustainability



- Utility costs in public and assisted housing are more than a quarter of operating costs
- Maintenance is more than a third

Introduction to Green Building and Sustainability Integrated Design



Whole Building Design Guild - National Institute of Building Sciences

Introduction to Green Building and Sustainability



HUD Spends \$7 Billion a Year on Utilities

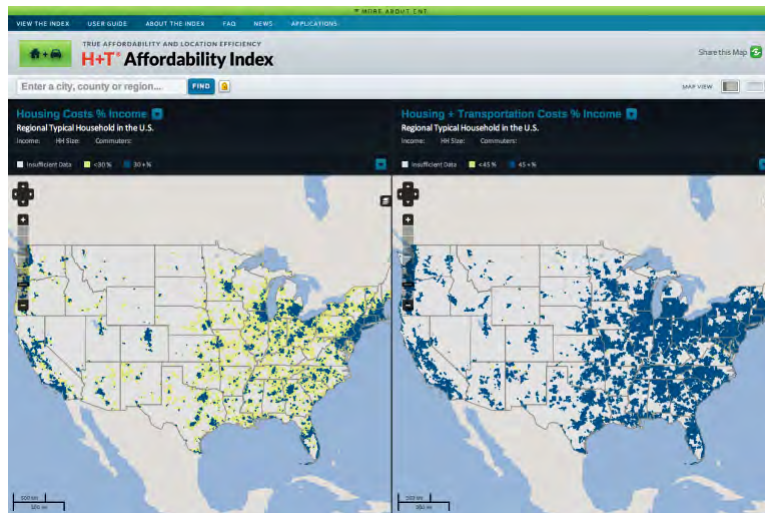


How would you spend \$1.4 billion in energy savings?

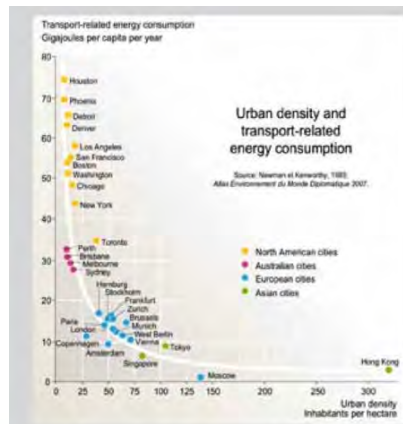
- A.) Tenant services
- B.) Neighborhood renewal
- C.) More housing
- D.) Other

Module 2

Location Efficiency and Site Design



Location Efficiency: Facts and Impact



Source: Newman et Kenworthy, 1989; Atlas Environnement du Monde Diplomatique 2007.
UNEP/GRID-Arendal: <http://www.grida.no/publications/ny/kick/>

Location Efficiency: Site Selection



Build here



Not here



What are the most important obstacles to securing affordable housing sites?

- A.) Zoning
- B.) Lag in securing funding
- C.) Neighborhood response (NIMBY)

Location Efficiency: Site Design & Management



CASE STUDY

Mercantile Square Lofts

Owner:
Morey Mercantile LLC

Location:
Denver, CO

Completed:
1996

Type:
**Mixed-use
renovation**



Photo credit: Mercantile Square Lofts

Mercantile Square Lofts Goals

- Honor goal of LoDo District to preserve historic character
- Preserve a beloved landmark
- Provide affordable housing amid rising demand
- Add housing units convenient to urban center and transit



Mercantile Square Lofts Overview

- Multi-unit residential above retail
- Historic rehab in urban setting
- 94 residential units, including 77 affordable
- 133,00 square feet, including 52,000 retail and 18,000 office
- LEED Gold certification



Photo credit: Mercantile Square Lofts

Mercantile Square Lofts Financing

- Equity: LIHTC
- Grant: public agency (state historic grant)
- Loans: Public institution (TIF), traditional mortgage
- Bonds: Tax Increment Financing
- Total project cost (land excluded): \$20.7 million

Mercantile Square Lofts Design

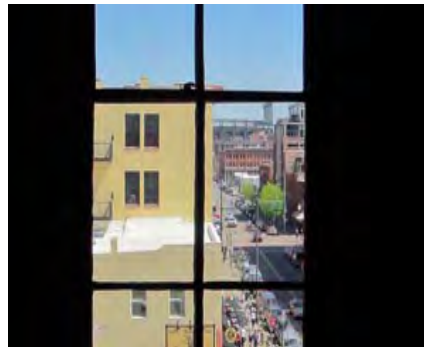


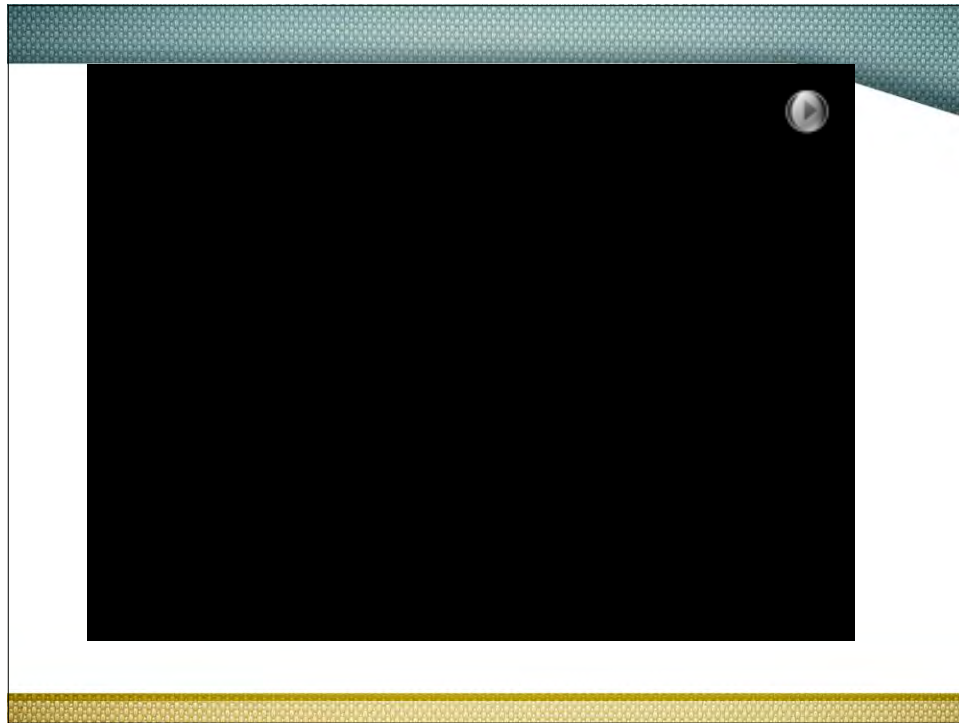
Photo credit: Mercantile Square Lofts

Mercantile Square Lofts Lessons

Local partnerships can:

- Create and preserve affordable housing
- Reuse industrial buildings
- Preserve landmarks
- Revitalize whole districts
- Create walkable, transit-oriented neighborhoods





CASE STUDY

South Lincoln Redevelopment Project (SoLi)

Owner:
**Denver Housing
Authority**

Location:
Denver, CO

Completed:
1996

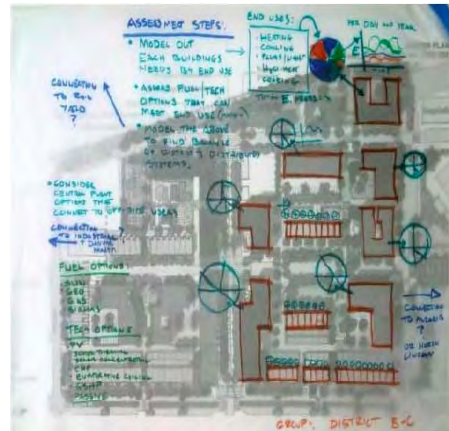
Key concept:
**Sustainable,
integrated
redevelopment**



Photo credit: Mercantile Square Lofts

South Lincoln Redevelopment Project (SoLi) Overview

- In Denver's La Alma/Lincoln Park neighborhood
- 270 public housing units on 17.5 acres
- Integrated design and construction process



South Lincoln Redevelopment Project (SoLi) Charrettes

- Energy
- Transportation
- Stormwater
- Green Infrastructure



South Lincoln Redevelopment Project (SoLi) Lessons

- Build on existing plans
- Get resident and stakeholder buy-in
- Think beyond the property line
- Create a convening body that promotes interagency communication and collaboration

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Green Site Selection

- Location efficiency
- Solar access
- Environmental preservation

Green Site Design

- Solar orientation
- Prevailing winds
- Pedestrian and bicycle access
- Groundwater recharging
- Existing features
- Sustainable planting
- Usable spaces

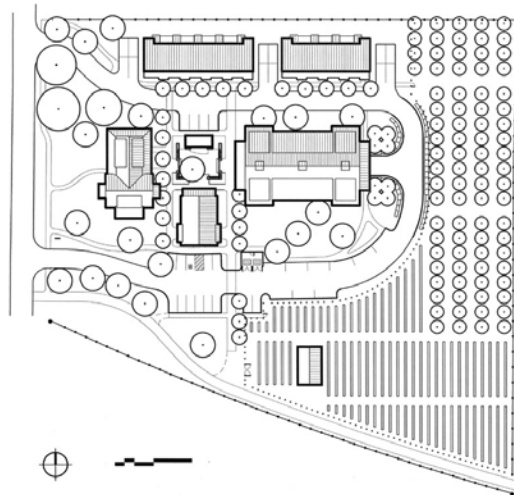
Orchard Gardens

Missoula MT

Developer:
homeWORLD

Architect:
MacArthur, Means
& Wells Architects,
PC

36 units – 30-50%
AMI
7.5 units per acre



Orchard Gardens



The top row features two photographs. The left image shows a red barn-style building with a large, open-sided pavilion in front, surrounded by landscaping and a paved area. The right image shows a red barn-style building with a large, open-sided pavilion in front, surrounded by landscaping and a paved area. The bottom row features two photographs. The left image shows a red barn-style building with a large, open-sided pavilion in front, surrounded by landscaping and a paved area. The right image shows a yellow barn-style building with a large, open-sided pavilion in front, surrounded by landscaping and a paved area.

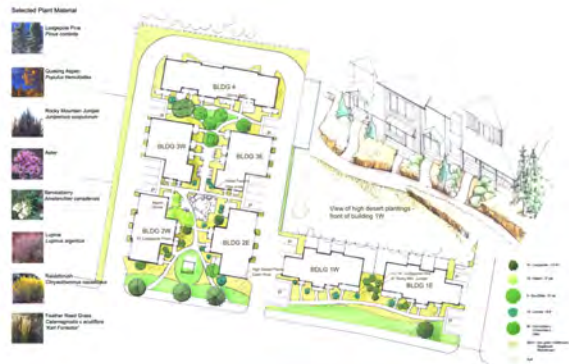
Photos: Mark Fritch courtesy the Design Advisor



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[illegible]

32 units- mixed inc.
16.6 units per acre



Pine Ridge Townhomes



Photos: Living Architecture courtesy the Design Advisor

Site Design: Eastampton Township, NJ



Original Site Plan

Automobile Intensive

Wide Road Ways

No relationship of buildings to each other

Uses more land

Buildings closer to wetlands

Building orientation doesn't take advantage of passive solar gain

Community building and other services not accessible

Courtesy Pennrose Properties/Kitchen & Associates

Site Design: Eastampton Township, NJ



Modified Site Plan

Compact site plan allowed for nature trail and playing field

Oriented for passive solar gain

Community building centrally located

Narrower road widths

Rain Gardens

Housing connected by paths and common spaces - creating sense of community

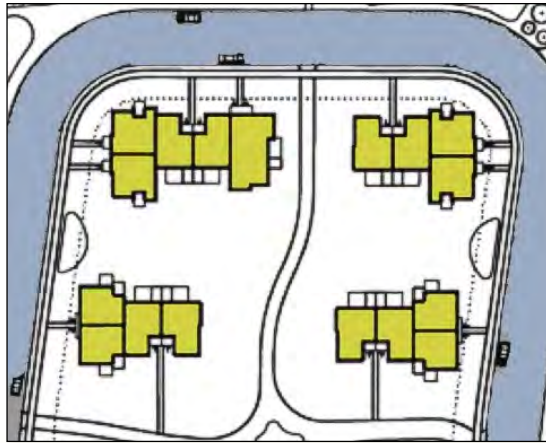
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Site Design: Eastampton Township, NJ



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Module 3

Water Conservation: Facts and Impact



Water Supply Sustainability Index (2050) With Climate Change Impacts

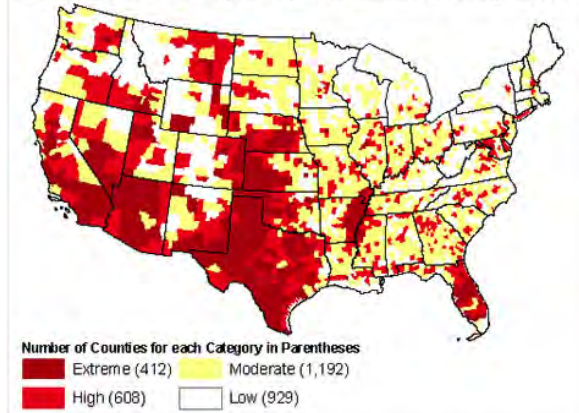
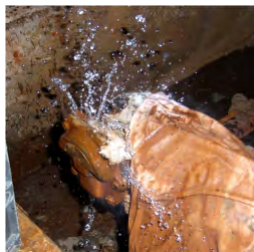


image: NRDC

Water Conservation: Indoor Water Use



Leaking Pump

Enterprise Community Partners

According to the U.S. EPA, if all U.S. households installed water-efficient fixtures and appliances, the country would save more than 3 trillion gallons of water and more than **\$18 billion dollars per year**.

Water Conservation: Indoor Water Use

Calculate Your Water Savings

How it works
Version

1. Enter the number of households:

2. How many people live in each household?

3. What WaterSense labeled products are you interested in?

☐ **Faucets** ☐ **Showerheads** ☐ **Toilets**

How will the water be heated? When will you use the product?

Not sure? Learn more: Not sure? Learn more:

4. Enter the length of time to calculate savings:

Calculate how much I'll save



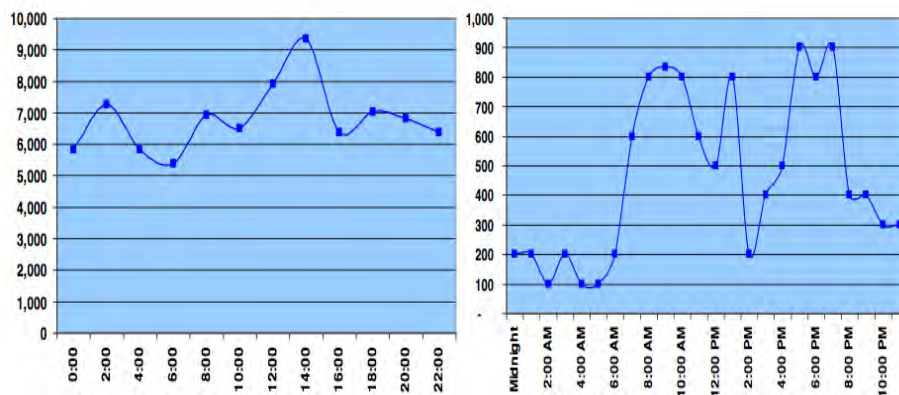
Water Conservation: Stormwater Management



Water Conservation: Irrigation

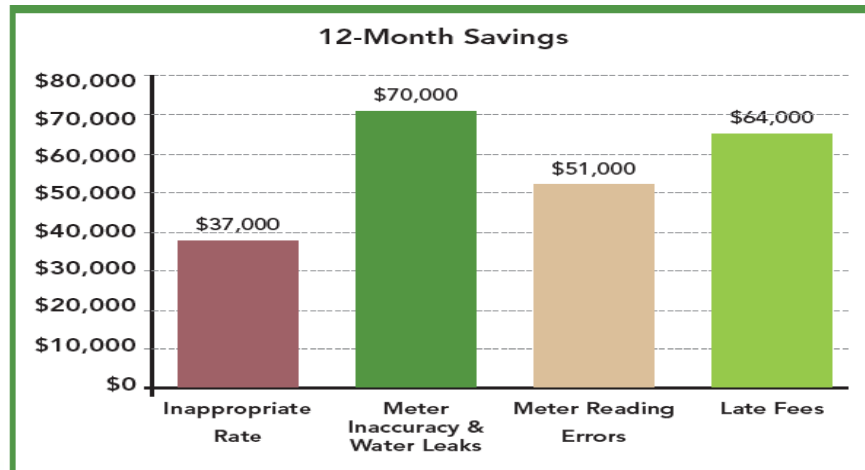


Water Conservation: Integrative Approach

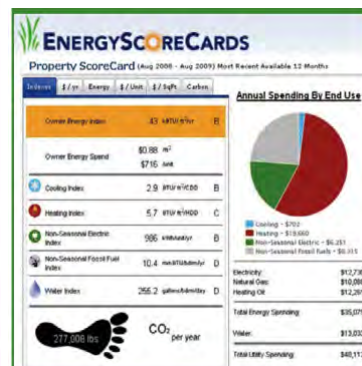
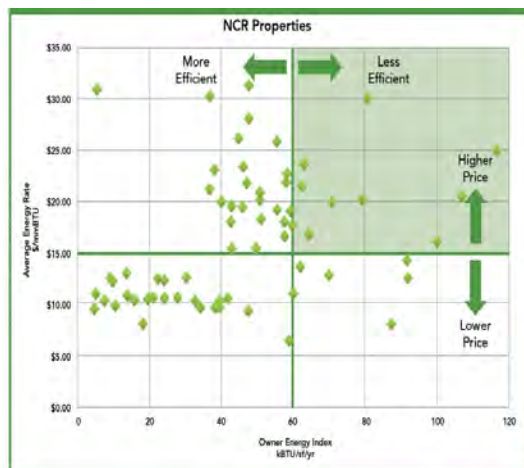


Daily Measured Water Consumption for Two Properties
(In gallons per hour)

Water Conservation: NCR Case Study



Water Conservation: Case Study



Water Conservation: Case Study

	Cost	Annual Savings	Average Payback Period
Lighting retrofit initiative	\$1.1M	\$300,000	3.6 years
Water conservation initiative	\$183,000 per property	\$213,000 per property	10 months

CASE STUDY CMHA Green Roof Installation

Owner:
**Cuyahoga
Metropolitan
Housing Authority**

Location:
Cleveland, OH

Completed:
2007

Project type:
Energy retrofit



*Photo credit: Cuyahoga
Metropolitan Housing Authority*

CASE STUDY Goals

- Reduce storm water runoff
- Reduce roof top temperatures and the “heat island” effect surrounding it
- Reduce heating requirements for the building
- Add visible value



Photo credit: Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority

CASE STUDY Overview

- Installed in 2007, matured in approximately two years
- Now covering 8,750 square feet on seven buildings at Lakeview Terrace
- Modification of traditional, existing roof system



Photo credit: Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority

CASE STUDY Financing

Financed through
HUD Energy
Performance
Contracting
(EPC)
Program



Photo credit: Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority

CASE STUDY Lessons

- Green roof construction can be part of an overall energy reduction strategy
- Pilot installation can help test a strategy for future implementation
- Energy and Green upgrades can provide job training and opportunity to build resident skills
- Green roofs have community benefits beyond savings



Photo credit: Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority

Water Conservation: Synthesis

1. Indoor
2. Outdoor



Photo: Kathleen Dorgan

Module 4

Resident Health, Safety, and Accessibility:
Facts and Impact



Sources of air pollution are in homes, schools, and offices. Some pollutants cause health problems such as sore eyes, burning in the nose and throat, headaches, or fatigue.

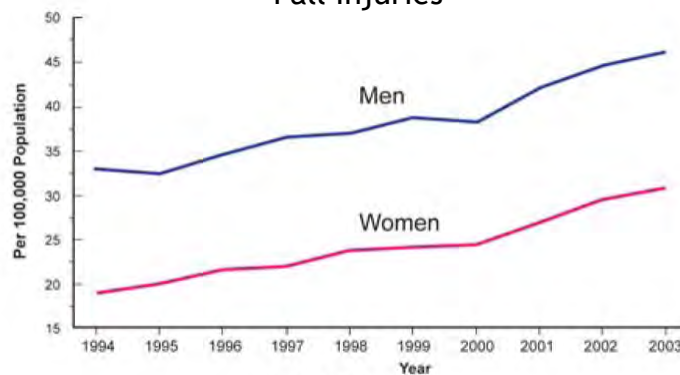
Other pollutants cause or worsen allergies, respiratory illnesses (such as asthma), heart disease, cancer, and other serious long-term conditions.

Sometimes individual pollutants at high concentrations, such as carbon monoxide, cause death.



Resident Health and Safety: Facts and Impact

Fall Injuries



Source: CDC, 2006c

Resident Health and Safety: Facts and Impact

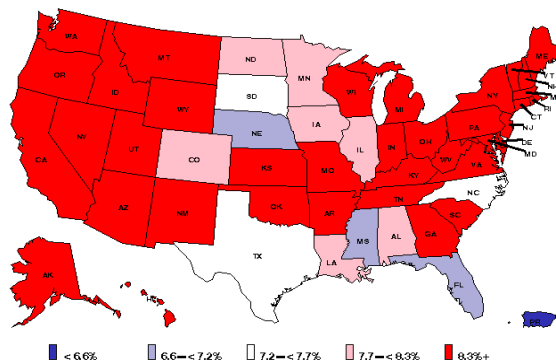


Fall injuries: curb cut summer (left) and winter (center and right)

Source Toronto Rehabilitation Institute

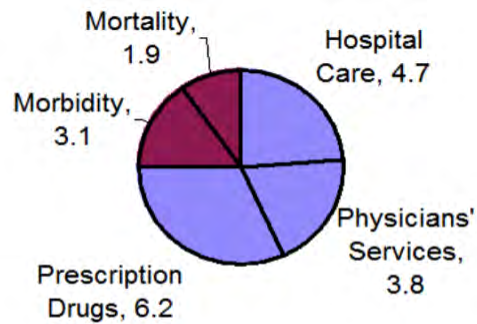
Asthma National Perspective

Map C1
Adult Self-Reported Current Asthma
Prevalence Rate (Percent) by State, BRFSS 2008



Footnote: Ranges are based on quintiles of the overall prevalence estimates from year 2000 data.
Air Pollution and Respiratory Health Branch, National Center for Environmental Health
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Resident Health and Safety: Facts and Impact



■ Direct Costs ■ Indirect Costs

\$19.7 Billion Asthma Cost in US 2007, NIH, 2007

Housing-based Asthma Triggers

Moisture



Tobacco Smoke



Dust Mite



Cockroach
Feces



Pest: Cockroach



Pest: Mice Feces

Courtesy New Ecology, INC

Resident Health and Safety: Facts and Impact



The EPA ranks indoor air pollution among the top five environmental risks to public health.

MERV Filtration

16	> 95	> 95	> 95	-	0.3-1 µm All bacteria Droplet nuclei (sneeze) Cooking oil	Superior commercial buildings Hospital inpatient care General surgery	Bag Filters - Non supported (flexible) microfine fiberglass or synthetic media, 12 to 36 inches deep.
15	85-95	> 90	> 90	> 95	Most smoke Insecticide dust Most face powder Most paint pigments		Box filters - Rigid style cartridge, 6 to 12 inches deep.
14	75-85	> 90	> 90	90-95			
13	< 75	> 90	> 90	80-90			
12	-	> 80	> 90	75-85	1-3 µm Legionella Humidifier dust Lead dust Milled Flour Auto emission particles Nebulizer drops	Superior residential Better commercial buildings Hospital laboratories	Pleated filters - Extended surface with cotton or polyester media or both, 1 to 6 inches thick.
11	-	65-80	> 85	60-65			
10	-	50-65	> 85	50-55			Box Filters - Rigid style cartridge, 6 to 12 inches deep.
9	-	< 50	> 85	40-45			
8	-	-	> 70	30-35	3-10 µm Mold Spores Dust mite body parts and droppings	Better residential Commercial buildings Industrial workspaces	Pleated filters - Extended surface with cotton or polyester media or both, 1 to 6 inches thick
7	-	-	50-70	25-30			

HEPA – 99.97% plus

Resident Health and Safety: Healthy Building Materials



Resident Health and Safety: Indoor Air Quality

Water Vapor	Bulk Moisture	Condensation
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Showers▪ Cooking▪ Humidifiers▪ Evaporated Bulk Moisture	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Standing water▪ Roof Leaks▪ Plumbing Leaks▪ Ice Dams	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Exposed Ductwork▪ Windows▪ Condensed Water Vapor <p><i>(Water vapor condenses when it comes in contact with a surface below the dew point)</i></p>
Moisture is the #1 cause of structural failure		

Resident Health and Safety: Indoor Air Quality

Proper ventilation is vital for:

- Moisture control
- Indoor Air Quality
- Combustion Appliances
- Comfort

Resident Health and Safety: Integrated Pest Management



Resident Health and Safety: Integrated Pest Management

- Property Managers should use IPM methods
- Reduce food, water that attracts them.
- Use baits & gel, **NOT sprays**
 - Won't work if contaminated by strong-smelling cleaners or other chemicals, pesticide sprays or foggers or nicotine from cigarette smoke.
 - Use in every room.
- Tenants are key partners.



Gel Bait



Bait Station

Enterprise Community Partners

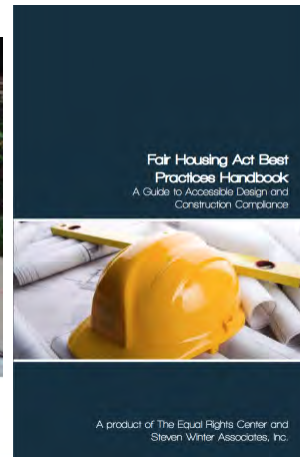
Resident Health and Safety: Integrated Pest Management



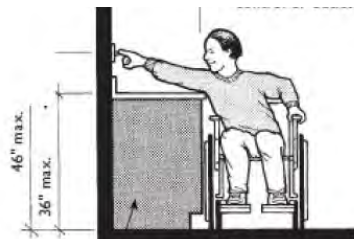
Resident Health and Safety: Accessibility



Common Compliance Oversight:
Curb Ramp Creates Excessive Cross Slope



Accessibility



ADA – All public spaces

Section 504 - Apartments

Resident Health and Safety: Accessibility - Visitability

- At least one zero-step entrance approached by an accessible route on a firm surface no steeper than 1:12, proceeding from a driveway or public sidewalk
- Wide passage doors
- At least a half bath/powder room on the main floor



Visitability

An Inclusive Design Approach for Housing

This booklet provides a summary of the goals, benefits, and features of inclusive housing design. It is a preview of a forthcoming book entitled Inclusive Housing: A Pattern Book. Excerpts from the book along with an annotated version of the new ICC/ANSI A117.1 Type C, visitability standards will give you a better understanding of what visitability is and why it is important to housing design.

THE CENTER FOR INCLUSIVE DESIGN AND ENVIRONMENTAL ACCESS (CIDEA)

Resident Health and Safety: Accessibility - Visitability



On flat lots...



and steep lots.



In high-end houses...



Detached houses...



and town houses.



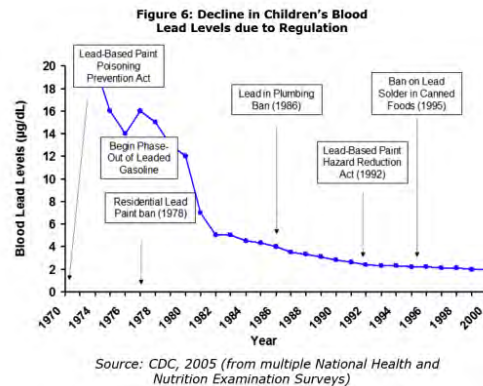
and inexpensive houses

Photo Credit: concrete change.org

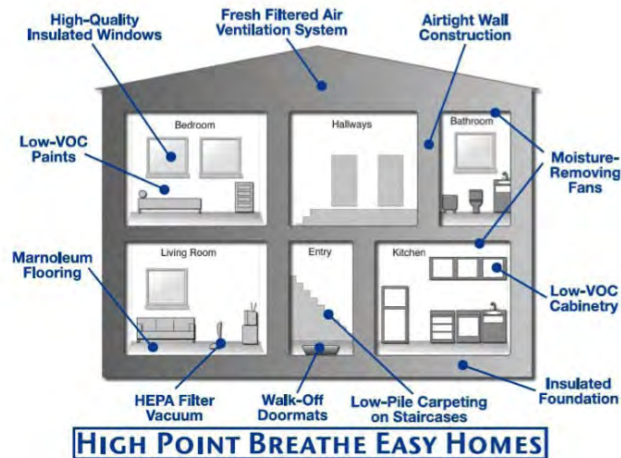
Resident Health and Safety: Integrative Approach

Increased
collaboration
has decreased:

- Second hand smoke
- Unintentional Injuries
- National Disasters
- Lead Hazards
- Radon Risk



Resident Health and Safety: Case Study



Resident Health, Safety, and Accessibility: Synthesis



Module 5

Materials and Resources



CASE STUDY

Wheeler Terrace

Owner:
**Community Preservation
and Development Corp**

Location:
Washington, DC

Completed:
April 2012

Type:
Deep Renovation



Photo credit: Enterprise

Wheeler Terrace Goals

- Saving affordable apartments that are near transit along with recreational, cultural and medical resources, while reusing older buildings
- Saving energy, resources and money over the long term through Green retrofit
- Improving health measurably by improving indoor air quality
- Revitalizing the site and connecting it with the larger urban area



Photo credit: DCMud Blog

Wheeler Terrace Strategies

- Formed tenant association and purchased property
- Assigned rights to CPDC
- Re-secured Section 8 status



Photo credit: National Center for Healthy Housing

Wheeler Terrace Overview

- 116 total units
- 133,000 SF
- Urban setting
- LEED Gold



Photo credit: Bing Maps

Wheeler Terrace Financing

Equity: LIHTC

Grant: Private (foundation), public agency (ARRA)

Loans: Public institution

Total project cost (land excluded):
\$32,000,000, (\$131,000 per unit)

Wheeler Terrace Design Elements

- Walls insulated and windows replaced
- New roof coating and one green roof
- Low-volatile finishes, sealants, adhesives and carpets
- Geothermal heat pump
- Energy STAR appliances and lighting
- Stormwater sand filter system



Photo credit: Enterprise

Wheeler Terrace Indoor Environment



Photo credit: DCMud Blog

Wheeler Terrace Lessons

- Derelict properties can be turned around with strategic partnerships and green design strategies
- Indoor air quality, a tenant priority, can become a measurable goal
- Making tenants a partner in the development helps them take ownership of the changes

Materials and Resources: Reuse & Waste Reduction

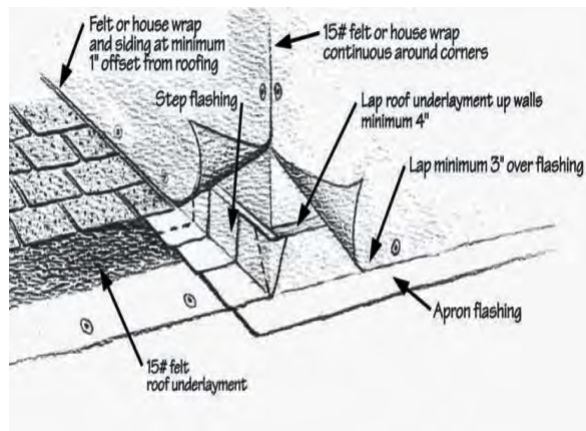


Photo: Kathleen Dorgan

Materials and Resources: Durability

Standing against

Moisture
Sunlight (UV radiation)
Temperature
Chemicals
Insects
Fungi
Natural Hazards
Wear and Tear



Materials and Resources: General Cond. & Certifications



Energy Efficiency: HUD New Construction



ENERGY STAR Buildings

ENERGY STAR Buildings Feature...



Effective
Insulation



Properly Sized
Equipment



Tight Construction
and Ducts



ENERGY STAR
Lighting



ENERGY STAR
Appliances



High Performance
Windows



3rd Party Tested
and Verified



Materials and Resources: Integrative Approach



KADorgan

Materials and Resources: Case Study



SEEDocs
SOCIAL ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN DOCS

Documentaries that showcase the public value of design and exemplary collaborations.

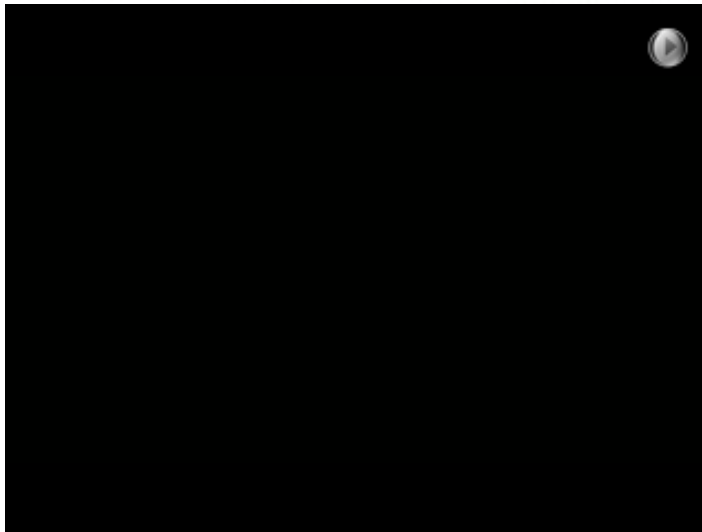
WINNING PROJECT FEATURED:
Owe'neh Bupingeh Preservation Plan and Rehabilitation Project

DESIGN CORPS Fetzer Institute THE UPTAKE

A Design Corps Initiative. Funded by the Fetzer Institute. Produced by The UpTake.

▶ 13:37 HD ::

SEEDocs: Owe'neh Bupingeh Preservation Plan and Rehabilitation Project
by Design Corps 15:08 2 months 3 weeks ago



CASE STUDY

Housing Nantucket

Owner:
Housing Nantucket

Location:
Nantucket, MA

Started:
1994

Program:
Recycling structures



Photo credit: Housing Nantucket

Housing Nantucket

Goals and Achievements

- Founded in 1994 to retain residents who would otherwise have to leave.
- Moved unwanted homes to new sites and created 26 rental units.
- Available to those earning 50-100 percent of median



Photo credit: Housing Nantucket

Housing Nantucket Organization and Financing

- Two paid staff and an annual budget of \$600,000
- Projects funded from fees and from private and public granting sources



Photo credit: Housing Nantucket

Housing Nantucket Operations



Photo credit: Housing Nantucket

Housing Nantucket acquires vacant sites from the Nantucket Housing Authority and the Town of Nantucket

Housing Nantucket Operations



Photo credit: Housing Nantucket

A rehabbed house awaits its new tenant.

Housing Nantucket Lessons

- Unwanted but sound houses can be reused on vacant lots, preserving community character and fabric
- Historic housing can be made into a vital part of the affordable housing supply and the future of the community

Synthesis

Green Building Issues covered this morning:

- Location
- Site Planning
- Water Conservation and control
- Health and Safety
- Accessibility
- Materials and Resources



Module 6

Energy Efficiency



Energy Efficiency



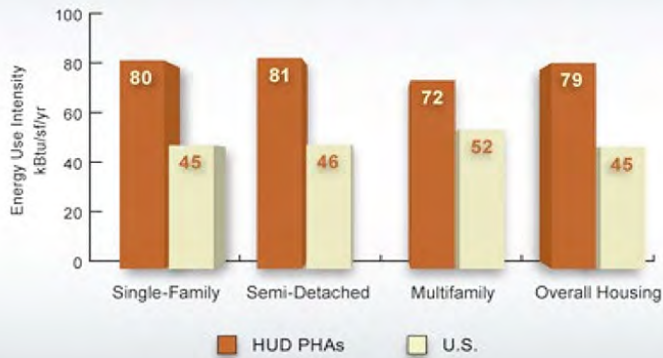
Continuous Drainage Plane, Air Barrier and Insulation

Properly-sized HVAC System

Properly-installed HVAC System

Energy Efficiency: Facts and Impacts

Energy Use Intensity - Comparing Average Public Housing to U.S.

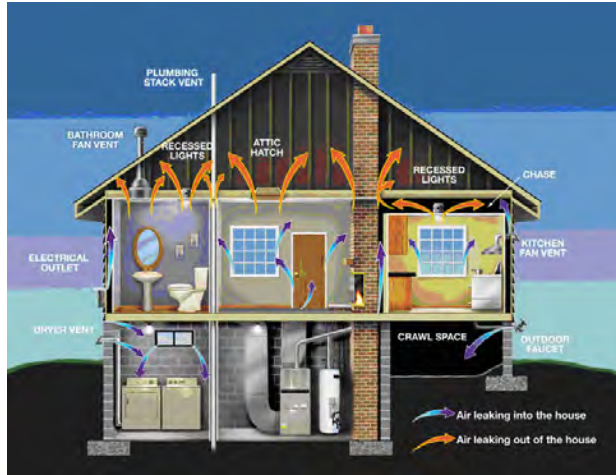


Energy Efficiency: Analyzing Existing Conditions



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Energy Efficiency: Analyzing Existing Conditions



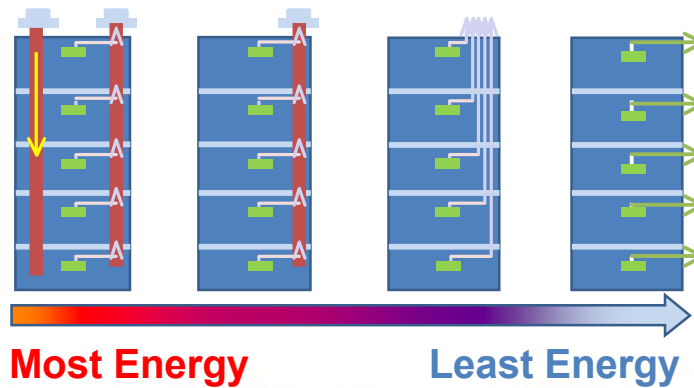
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- Air movement in and out of conditioned spaces
- Stack and wind effects, shafts & by-passes
- Exhaust & supply fans

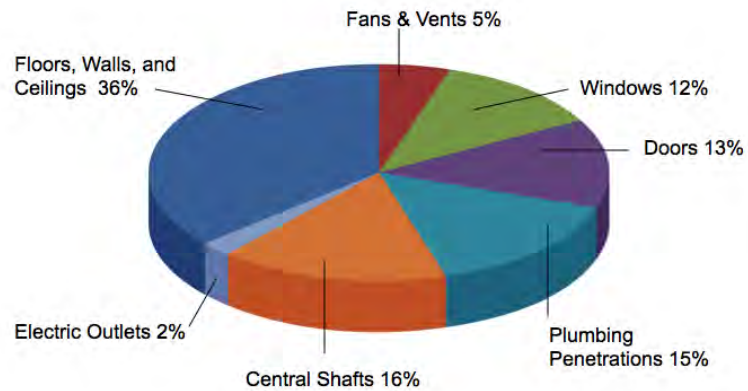
Energy Efficiency: Analyzing Existing Conditions

Multifamily Billing Analysis: New Mid-Rise Buildings

City of Seattle Research Consultant: Ecotope w/ GGLO



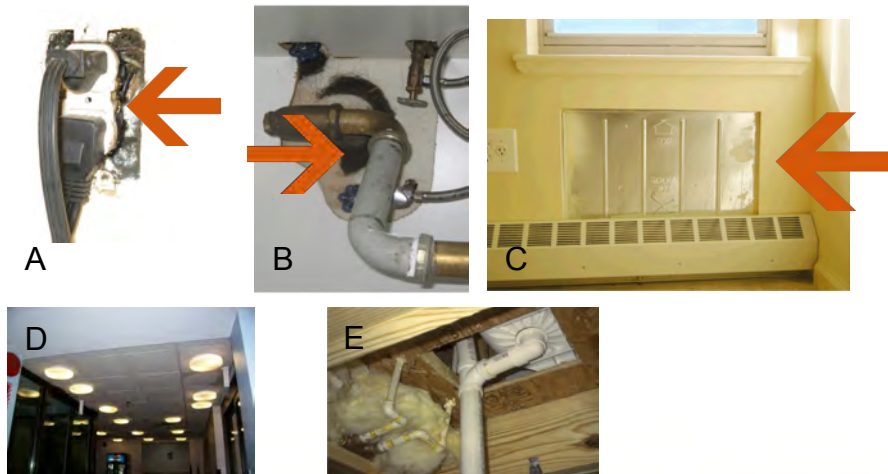
Energy Efficiency



Data Source: California Energy Commission

Building air leakage in residential properties

Energy Efficiency: Analyzing Existing Conditions



Energy Efficiency: Analyzing Existing Conditions

- ENERGY AUDIT
- Research
- Energy and Water Data
- Review of operations
- Physical Inspection
- Analysis
- Recommendations



Energy Efficiency: Analyzing Existing Conditions

Audit Recommendations:

- Energy Conservation Measures
- Integrated Pest Management
- Property repairs
- Other



Replace or maintain equipment

Energy Efficiency: Analyzing Existing Conditions

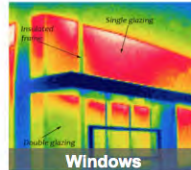
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- RESNET
- BPI
- ASHRAE
- Local

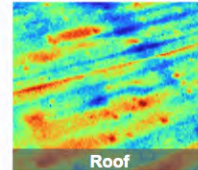
Sources of Heat Loss (and Gain)

- Non-insulated roof
- Broken windows
- Single-pane windows
- Poor air-sealing

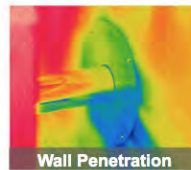
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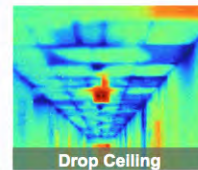
Windows



Roof



Wall Penetration



Drop Ceiling

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Energy Efficiency: Analyzing Existing Conditions

AUDIT TYPES -MOST to least EXTENSIVE

- Investment Grade Audit*
- Whole building audit*
- Weatherization audit*
- Walkthrough audit*



Enterprise Green Communities

Energy Efficiency: Analyzing Existing Conditions



Exterior view of house fronts framing corner of new residential square.
Credit: Alain Jaramillo, Photographer



Interior view of living room, with Court Rumford fireplace to right.
Credit: Dick Francis- fotoWest

Energy Efficiency: Upgrade and Rehab Guidelines

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ENERGY EFFICIENT REHAB ADVISOR - Home | Tools

WELCOME TO THE ENERGY EFFICIENT REHAB ADVISOR!

This Advisor describes the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) guidelines for conducting energy efficient housing rehabilitation. HUD recommends following these guidelines when undertaking any type of residential project in single family and multifamily housing, whether it is privately-owned or public housing.

The Advisor's energy efficiency recommendations are based on ENERGY STAR® specifications, where applicable. ENERGY STAR is the government-backed symbol for energy efficiency. Use ENERGY STAR's Home Energy Checklist to compare your home's energy use to others.

Incorporating energy efficiency into your rehab project is a significant step toward achieving high performance housing: housing that is energy efficient, durable, sustainable and healthy. Click on the following icons to learn about these benefits.

Enter your profile below to **Get Started!** You can also find general information on energy efficiency topics, like air sealing and insulation.

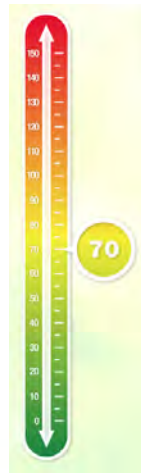
BUILD YOUR PROFILE

YOUR BUILDING | **YOUR ROLE** | **YOUR CLIMATE** | **YOUR BUILDING AGE** | **SUMMARY**

Select an item... 1 Select an item... 2 Select an item... 3 Select an item... 4

Select your building type Select your climate zone Select your building age Select your role

Energy Efficiency: RESNET HERS Index



A verified rating of energy efficiency on a scale, where 0 is Net Zero Energy and 100 is the typical new home.

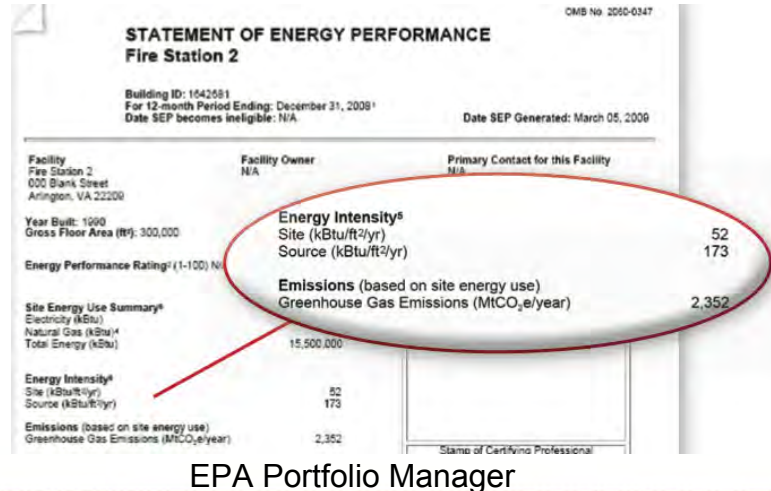
Energy Efficiency: Verification & Testing

How successful
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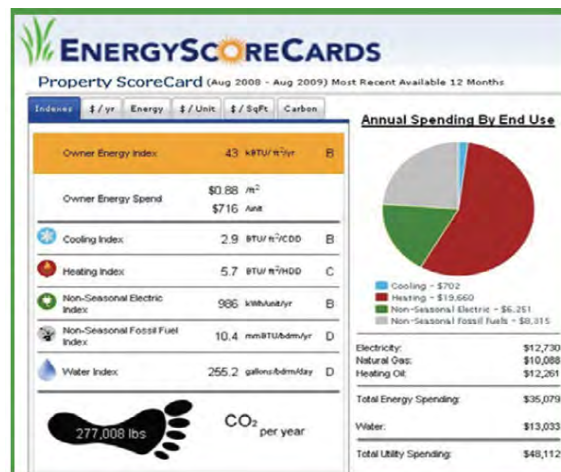


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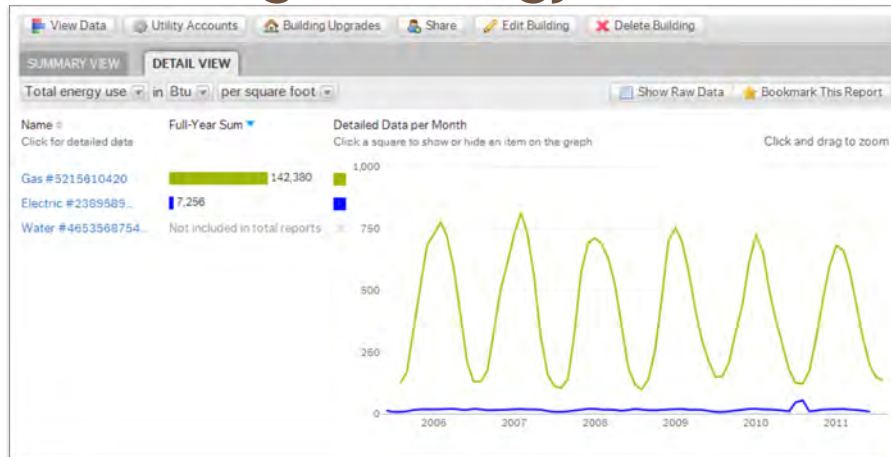
Energy Efficiency: Analyzing Existing Conditions



Energy Efficiency: Analyzing Existing Conditions



Energy Efficiency: Gas is the Largest Energy User

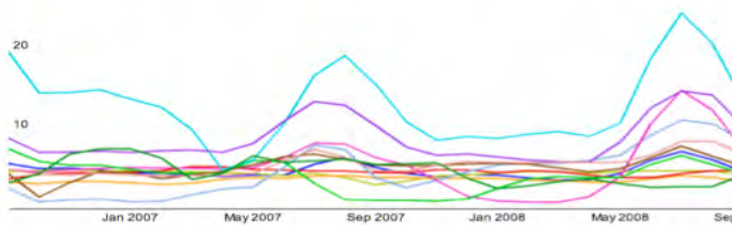


Energy Efficiency: Analyzing Existing Conditions

Electric use in kWh per bedroom

View: Electricity use in units of kWh per bedroom for most recent 2 years

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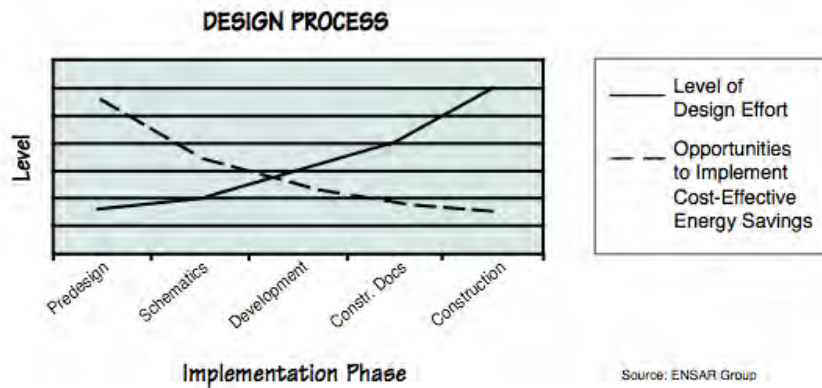


Legend (click labels to toggle display)

APARTMENT UTILITY ACCOUNTS

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Apt. #101 Electric (#2... | Apt. #102 Electric (#2... | Apt. #103 Electric (#2... |
| Apt. #201 Electric (#2... | Apt. #202 Electric (#2... | Apt. #203 Electric (#2... |
| Apt. #301 Electric (#2... | Apt. #302 Electric (#2... | Apt. #303 Electric (#2... |
| Apt. #304 Electric (#2... | Apt. #G01 Electric (#2... | Apt. #G02 Electric (#2... |

Energy Efficiency: Integrative Approach



Module 7

Operations & Maintenance: Facts and Impact



Several studies over the past few years have indicated that existing U.S. commercial office buildings hold tremendous opportunities for increasing energy efficiency through low-cost O&M improvements.

These improvements can yield savings of five to twenty percent of a building's annual utility bill. Simple paybacks are generally less than 2 years, which equals a 98% IRR (based on a 7 year measure life.)

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Operations & Maintenance: Training



CASE STUDY

Paisano Senior Housing

Owner:
HACEP

Location:
El Paso, TX

Completed:
2012

Program:
Net Zero Energy



Photo credit: Workshop8

Paisano Senior Housing Goals

- Site reuse
- Net zero energy
- High quality living environment
- Visitable
- Highest design quality



Paisano Senior Housing Overview

- Reuse of existing site
- 14 structures united by common wall and garden
- 1 and 2 bedrooms plus SROs
- All wheelchair adaptable



Paisano Senior Housing Financing

- Total project cost: \$10 million
- Financing:
 - \$8.25 million from ARRA initiative
 - \$1.6 million from Housing Authority of El Paso
 - \$.5 million El Paso city loan
 - Donations: Local residents and building owners

Paisano Senior Housing Features

- Tall canopy wall shelters west side
- Wind turbines
- Rooftop solar panels
- Solar chimneys
- Rooftop gardens



Paisano Senior Housing Lessons

- Overall design excellence goes hand in hand with the highest goals of energy conservation
- With strong partnerships at the local and national levels, it is possible to reach net zero energy use
- In accommodating disabilities, 'visitability' is an important value

Operations & Maintenance: Recycling



PHA Administrative Offices

- Administrative Offices
- Appliances
- Deconstruction
- Revenue Generating Opportunities

Operations & Maintenance: Healthy Homes Rating System

1 Damp and Mold Growth
Caused by dust mites, mold or fungus growth caused by dampness and/or high humidity. It includes threat to mental health and social well-being caused by living with damp, damp staining and/or mold growth.
Most vulnerable: 18 years or less.

2 Excess cold
Caused by excessively cold indoor temperatures.
Most vulnerable: 65 years or older.

3 Excess heat
Caused by excessively high indoor air temperatures.
Most vulnerable: 65 years or older.

4 Asbestos, Silica and other MMH
Caused by excessive levels of silica, asbestos and hazardous mineral fibers (MMH).
Most vulnerable: No Specific Group.

5 Biocides
Threats to health from those chemicals used to treat timber and mold growth in dwelling. Includes biocides include insecticides and fumigations to control pest infestations (e.g., roach or scorpion).
Most vulnerable: No Specific Group.

6 Carbon monoxide and fuel combustion products
Excess levels of carbon monoxide, nitrogen dioxide, sulfur dioxide and smoke in the dwelling's atmosphere.
Most vulnerable: No Specific Group.

7 Lead
Exposure from lead: paint dust, debris or leaded water pipes.
Most vulnerable: 6 years or younger.

8 Radiation
This category covers the threat to health from radon gas and its daughters, primarily airborne, but also refers absorbed in water.
Most vulnerable: All persons aged 62-101 with chronic exposure.

9 Uncombusted fuel gas
Fuel gas escaping into the atmosphere within a dwelling.
Most vulnerable: No Specific Group.

10 Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs)
Associated with inadequate natural and/or artificial light. It includes the psychological effect associated with the view from the dwelling.
Most vulnerable: No Specific Group.

11 Crowding and Space
This category covers hazards associated with lack of space within the dwelling for living, sleeping and normal household activities.
Most vulnerable: No Specific Group.

12 Entry by Intruders
Difficulties in keeping a dwelling secure against unauthorized entry and the maintenance of exterior walls and roofs.
Most vulnerable: No Specific Group.

13 Lighting
This category covers the threats to physical and mental health.
Most vulnerable: No Specific Group.

14 Noise
Covers threats to physical and mental health resulting from exposure to noise inside the dwelling or within its curbside.
Most vulnerable: No Specific Group.

15 Domestic Hygiene, Pests and Refuse
Covers hazards which can result from poor design, layout and construction such that the dwelling cannot be readily kept clean and hygienic, access into and harborage within, the dwelling for pests and maintenance and appropriate processes for storing and disposal of refuse.
Most vulnerable: No Specific Group.

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Housing Hazards as Identified in the Healthy Home Rating Tool

DAMP AND MOULD GROWTH HHSRS VERSION 2

Vulnerable age	Persons aged under 15 years	Multiple locations	Yes	No
Related hazards	Excessive cold	Secondary hazards	Yes	No

A) Front end bedroom
B) Bathroom

DESCRIPTION OF HAZARDS
Dwelling: 1960s, 2/3rd floor 3 bedroom and maisonette

Background: The 4 storey block is of brick crosswall and exposed concrete floor slab construction. Space heating to each maisonette is by means of a gas-fired boiler warm air system.

A) Front bedroom: The concrete floor to the top floor front bedroom and bathroom projects over the access balcony by approximately 1 metre. There is damp affected plaster and mould growth to the front main walls and to the exterior bank wall to the front bedroom.

B) Bathroom: The front wall of the bathroom and adjacent sitting and internal walls are affected by severe and extensive mould growth, caused mainly by condensation resulting from cold bridging.

CASE STUDIES

Green Cleaning Policy



There are several examples of organizations integrating green cleaning policies into their housing communities.

CASE STUDY

Sherwood Village Senior Apts.



Photo credit: CHISPA

- Salinas, CA
- An innovative composting and recycling program
- Includes YouTube instructional videos on recycling and composting
- Approximately 9 tons of material is recycled annually

CASE STUDY HELP USA



Photo credit: HELP USA

- Housing for veterans and formerly homeless
- Program of “green lifestyles” for residents

Enterprise Community - Training In A box (TIAB)

- Four workshops, 30 min each
- Healthy Living module focuses on cleaning

GREEN & HEALTHY LIVING:

**Resident Engagement
Training in a Box**



EASY IMPROVEMENTS FOR YOUR HOME WORKSHOPS
TRAINER NOTES

 Enterprise
green
Communities

Enterprise Community - Training In A box (TIAB)

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Green Physical Needs Assessment (GPNA)

A projection of future needs and costs based on a condition and operations assessment that includes an Energy Audit



Green Physical Needs Assessment (GPNA)

Includes:

- Assessment of property conditions and identification of necessary repairs and replacements
- Operating cost analysis and projections
- Energy Audit findings including potential savings through energy and water efficiency measures
- Integrated Pest Management Plan



Synthesis

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Asbestos, Silica and other MMF
Caused by excessive levels of silica, asbestos and man-made mineral fibers (MMF).



From HHRS

What are the challenges of integrating:

- IPM, recycling, and composting?
- Energy efficiency and indoor air quality?

Module 8

Green Building Standards & Codes: Facts and Impact



Energy Efficiency Codes



2012 IECC:

- 15% more Energy Efficient than 2009
- 30% more Energy Efficient than 2006

Adopted locally with State variations.

Some States and localities use Other codes

“Above Code” Programs





ENERGY STAR

Core Energy
Efficiency
Features



Complete Thermal Enclosure System	High-quality insulation & fenestration Proper installation & air sealing Reduced thermal bridging
Complete Heating & Cooling System	Fully-engineered design Best practice installation Fresh air & exhaust
Complete Water Management System*	Water-managed site, foundation, walls, and roof *Not required for MFHR

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ENERGY STAR

ENERGY STAR® QUALIFIED HOMES THERMAL ENCLOSURE SYSTEM RATER CHECKLIST



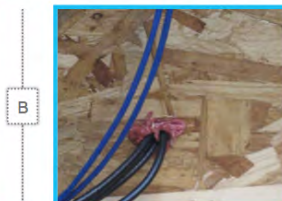
SECTION 3. FULLY ALLIGNED AIR BARRIERS ⁶

3.1 Walls¹⁰

3.1.9 All other exterior walls



Electrical box not air sealed.



Wiring penetrations properly air sealed.

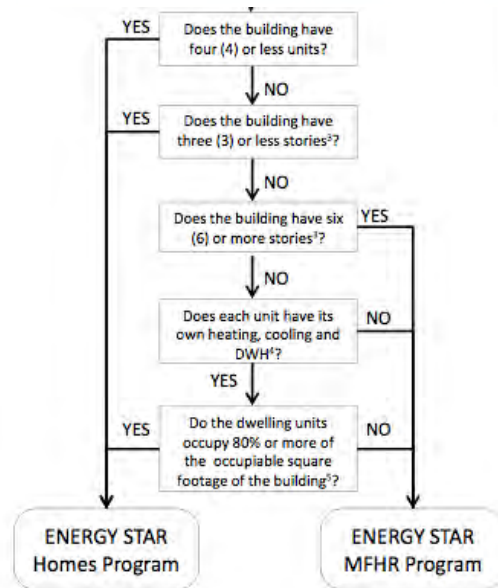
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Residential Programs apply to:

- Single Family Homes (detached and attached)
 - Factory Built Homes (manufactured and modular)
 - Low Rise Residential Buildings
 - Mid and High Rise Residential Buildings*
- } Certified Homes
- } MFHR



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ENERGY STAR Certified Home

Each ENERGY STAR certified home is independently verified to be at least **15%** more energy efficient than a home built to the 2009 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC), and includes additional measures that deliver a total energy efficiency improvement of up to **30%** compared to a typical new home.



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ENERGY STAR Certified Homes Raters

- Builders must work with a Home Energy Rater to gain the ENERGY STAR certification.
- Raters provide:
 - Third party verification
 - Quality assurance
- Raters are trained to:
 - Evaluate construction techniques
 - Take key measurements
 - Perform inspections



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ENERGY STAR Certified Homes



1. Check eligibility.
2. Check Benchmark Home Size.
3. Select Version 3 energy efficiency measures.

Prescriptive Path

1. Build the home using the ENERGY STAR Reference Design.
2. Complete the inspection checklists.

Performance Path

1. Model the home and find the ENERGY STAR HERS Index Target.
2. Select upgrades that achieve a HERS Index \leq ENERGY STAR HERS Index Target and meet other program requirements.
3. Complete the inspection checklists.

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ENERGY STAR Contractor Certification

Energy Star v3

Builders - ENERGY STAR Orientation

**HVAC Contractor - ACCA's Quality
Assured Contractor Program or
Advanced Energy's Quality-Assured
Professional Program**

ENERGY STAR

Multi Family High Rise

Each ENERGY STAR certified mid and high rise project is verified to be at least **15%** more energy efficient than a building built to the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) Standard 90.1-2007.



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ENERGY STAR MFHR Verifiers

- Developers must work with a Licensed Professional to gain the ENERGY STAR certification.
- Licensed Professionals are Registered Architects or Professional Engineers who:
 - Oversee a team of verification providers (e.g. Rater, HVAC Contractor, Test and Balance Engineer)
 - Quality assurance
 - Fulfill program reporting requirements (Stamped and Signed)

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ENERGY STAR MFHR



1. Check eligibility.
2. Select ES MFHR energy efficiency measures.

Prescriptive Path

1. Design the building using the ENERGY STAR MFHR Prescriptive Path.
2. Submit Proposed Design Submittal
3. Complete the T&V protocols and checklists through construction
4. Submit As-Built Submittal

Performance Path

1. Model the building per ASHRAE 90.1 Appendix G and ES Simulation Guidelines
2. Select upgrades that achieve a Performance Target of $\geq 15\%$ and meet other program Prerequisites.
3. Submit Proposed Design Submittal
4. Complete the T&V protocols and checklists through construction
5. Submit As-Built Submittal

ENERGY STAR MFHR



ENERGY STAR Multifamily High Rise Project Application, Version 1.0

- Partnership Agreement with Energy Star
- Application
- Calculation
- Verification
- Benchmarking - 2 years

EPA Indoor airPLUS



HERS Raters Review of:

- Moisture Control
- Radon Control
- Pest Barriers
- HVAC System
- Combustion Pollutant Control
- Low Emission Materials
- Home Commissioning

“Above Code” Programs



Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED). Guidelines set by US Green Building Council (USGBC) to attain and independently verify improved performance in areas of sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection and indoor environmental quality.

Courtesy PSL Integrated Solutions

Enterprise Green Communities



2011 Enterprise Green Communities Criteria

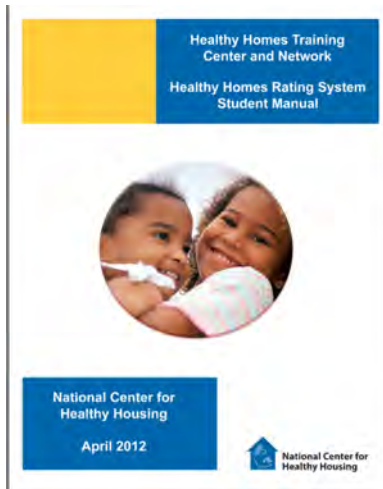


LEED

- **LEED for Homes**
 - **Multi-family mid-rise**
 - **REGREEN Residential**
- **LEED-EB:O&M**
- **LEED-ND**



Healthy Homes Rating System



Scores hazards:

- Physiological
- Psychological
- Infection
- Safety

Passive House

Includes:

- Airtight shell
 - ≤ 0.6 ACH @ 50 pascal pressure
- Low heating requirement
 - ≤ 15 kWh/m²/year (4.75 kBtu/sf/yr)

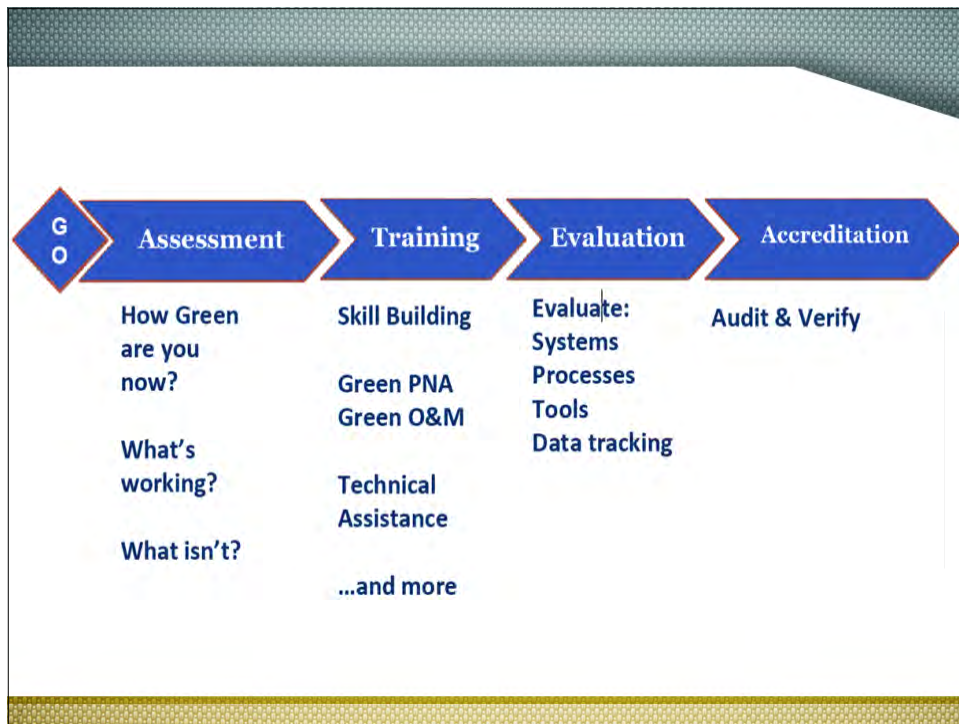


Green Building Standards & Codes



Module 9

Organizational Sustainability:
Internal Assessment and HUD Accreditation



Organizational Sustainability

Internal Assessment & HUD Accreditation



Organizational Sustainability

Sustainability Policy

- Energy and Water Efficiency
- Employee Health, Training and Productivity
- Recycling and Purchasing
- Resident Training
- Connection to Local Sustainability Plan



Resource: Enterprise Resident Engagement Training in a Box

CASE STUDY

Eden Housing

Founded:
1968

Location:
Alameda County,
CA

Example:
Sustainable
Organization



Photo credit: Eden Housing

Overview Eden Housing

- 230 staff members
- \$10.2 million budget
- 6,400 affordable housing units in 88 properties



Eden Housing Goals

- Embarked on three-year program to make the organization sustainable
- New construction exceeds stringent state standards by 15 percent



Photo credit: Eden Housing

Eden Housing Sustainable Leadership

- Digital Connectors
- Think Green program
- Podcast and resident training



Photo credit: Eden Housing

Eden Housing Lessons

- It is possible to make a commitment to green in all parts of an affordable housing organization.
- Build success and commitment beginning with small steps and education.
- Incorporate over time for entire portfolio, and measure results.
- Involve young residents in leadership through media training and technology.

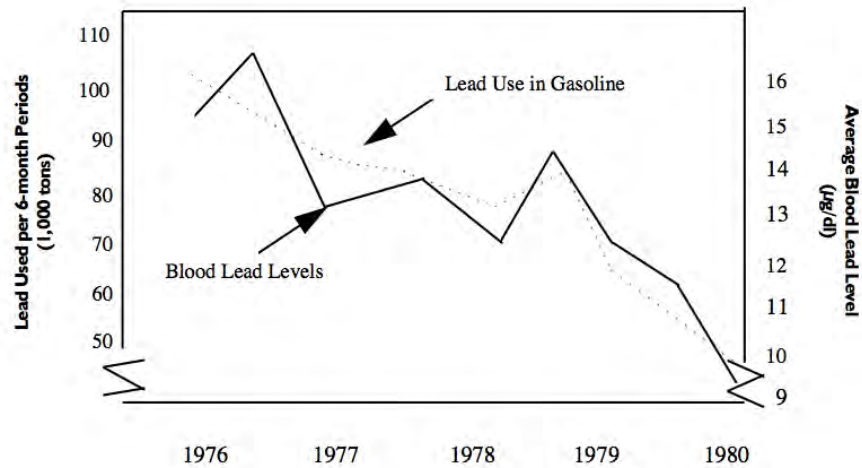
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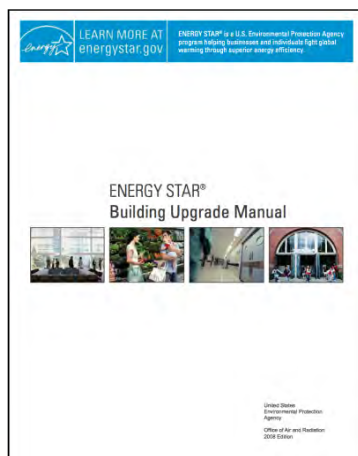
Module 10

HUD Requirements and
Green Building Standards

Facts and Impacts



Green Building Standards and Codes



ENERGY STAR appliances



WaterSense Fixtures



Green Building Standards and Codes

- New Construction with Federal Grants
 - ENERGY STAR
 - Certified Home or
 - Multifamily Mid and High Rise (MFHR)
 - IECC or more advanced energy code

Green Building Standards and Codes

High Rise

- Latest Standard
 - ☐ 90.1 - 2010
- HUD Default Standard
 - ☐ 90.1 - 2004



American Society of Heating, Refrigerating
& Air Conditioning Engineers

2012 IECC

America's primary residential energy code is the International Energy Conservation Code or IECC.

2012 IECC-regulated features will use 30% less energy compared to those that comply with the 2006 IECC

- Regulated features:
 - Insulation & Fenestration
 - Infiltration limits
 - Duct insulation, sealing, and testing
 - HVAC controls
 - Equipment sizing
 - Dampers
 - Lighting



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Green Building Standards and Codes

- HUD Standard

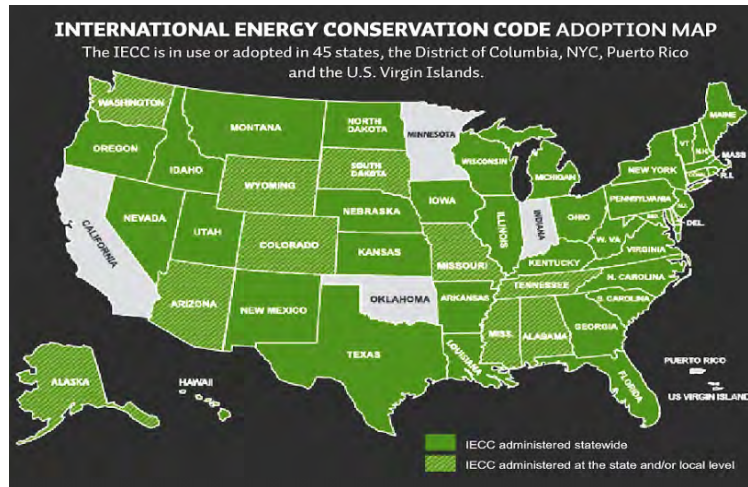
- IECC 2006

- Latest Standard

- IECC 2012



Green Building Standards and Codes



Insulation and Fenestration Requirements

Minimum R-values

- Roofs
- Walls
- Foundations

R-value indicates resistance to heat flow; higher in cold climates

Maximum U-values

- Windows
- Skylights

U-value = 1/R-value; lower in cold climates

Maximum SHGC

- Skylights
- Windows

Solar Heat Gain Coefficient; lower in warm climates

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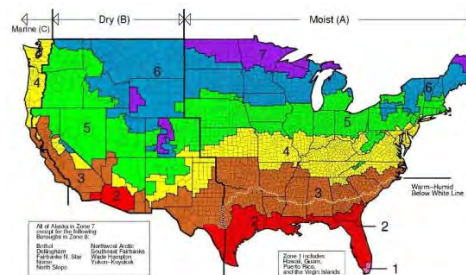


TABLE R602.1.1
INSULATION AND FENESTRATION REQUIREMENTS BY COMPONENT*

CLIMATE ZONE	FENESTRATION U-FACTOR ¹	SKYLIGHT U-FACTOR ²	GLAZED FENESTRATION SHGC ^{3,4}	CEILING R-VALUE	WOOD FRAME WALL R-VALUE	MASS WALL R-VALUE	FLOOR R-VALUE	BASEMENT ⁵ WALL R-VALUE	SLAB ⁶ R-VALUE & DEPTH	CRAWL SPACE ⁷ WALL R-VALUE
1	NR	0.75	0.25	30	13	3/4	13	0	0	0
2	0.40	0.65	0.25	38	13	4/5	13	0	0	0
3	0.35	0.55	0.25	36	20 or 13+5 ⁸	8/13	19	5/13 ⁹	0	5/13
4 except Marine	0.35	0.55	0.40	49	20 or 13+5 ⁸	8/13	19	10/13	10, 2 ft	10/13
5 and Marine-4	0.32	0.55	NR	49	20 or 13+5 ⁸	13/17	30 ⁸	15/19	10, 2 ft	15/19
6	0.32	0.55	NR	49	20+5 or 13+10 ⁸	15/20	30 ⁸	15/19	10, 4 ft	15/19
7 and 8	0.32	0.55	NR	49	20+5 or 13+10 ⁸	19/21	38 ⁸	15/19	10, 4 ft	15/19

Insulation Requirements IECC vs. “Above Code” Programs

(Climate Zone 5 used for all values)	IECC 2009	IECC 2012	ENERGY STAR v3	LEED FOR HOMES*
Ceiling insulation	R38	R49	R38	Credit
2x6 ext. studs or 1” rigid insulation (R13 + 5)	x	x	x	Credit
Foundation wall insulation R-value (continuous or cavity)	10/13	15/19	10/13	Credit
Windows U-value	< 0.35	< 0.32	< 0.30	< 0.35

Courtesy PSL Integrated Solutions

Green Building Standards and Codes

ENERGY STAR for New Homes

Includes ENERGY STAR for new construction Low-Rise
Residential Units

ENERGY STAR Qualified Multifamily High Rise Buildings for new or substantially rehabilitated



Green Building Standards and Codes

1. New Construction with federal grants
2. Other new construction with federal resources (such as loans) - current IECC and/or ASHRAE
3. Substantial rehabilitation - measures recommended in Green Capital Needs Assessment
4. Moderate/other rehabilitation - at minimum, Energy Star and WaterSense products and appliances
5. Energy Retrofits - cost-effective measures determined by energy audit

Green Building Standards and Codes

New Construction requirement	Already reflect the requirement	Changes required to reflect the alignment
ENERGY STAR for: •Homes •Multifamily •Builders Challenge	<u>HUD</u> <div>Proposed</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Choice Neighborhoods •Housing Trust Fund •Neighborhood Stabilization Program-3 •Section 202/Section 811 •Self-Help Ownership Opportunity Program (SHOP) 	<u>HUD</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •HOME Investment Partnerships Program •HOPE VI
*****CDBG not included*****		

Green Building Standards and Codes

New Construction requirement	Already reflect the requirement	Changes required to reflect the alignment
Minimum		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IECC- International Energy Code Council • ASHRAE- America Society of Heating Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning Engineers 	<u>HUD</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Public Housing Capital Fund •Operating Grants •Multifamily Insurance Programs <u>USDA</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Section 515 New Const. •Section 514/16 Farm & Labor Housing •Multifamily Preservation & Revitalization •Section 538 Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing 	<u>No Changes</u>

HUD Requirements

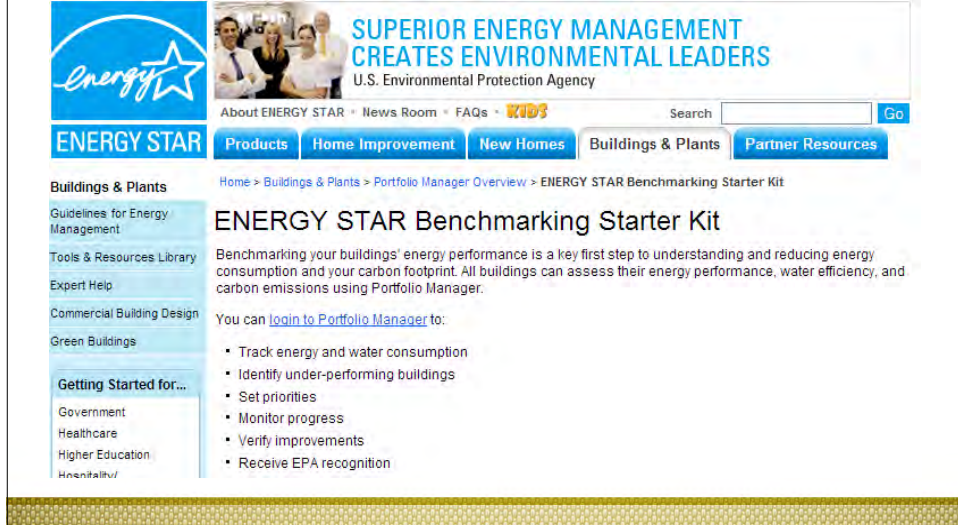
HUD Reporting PHAs

- Energy Performance Information Center (EPIC) - Capital Funds - ECMS

CDBG/HOME

- IDIS - EnergyStar units, energy efficiency

Green Building Standards and Codes



The screenshot shows the ENERGY STAR website. At the top, the title "Green Building Standards and Codes" is displayed. Below it, the ENERGY STAR logo is on the left, and a banner on the right reads "SUPERIOR ENERGY MANAGEMENT CREATES ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERS" with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency logo. A navigation bar includes links for "Products", "Home Improvement", "New Homes", "Buildings & Plants", and "Partner Resources". The "Buildings & Plants" section is active, showing a breadcrumb trail: "Home > Buildings & Plants > Portfolio Manager Overview > ENERGY STAR Benchmarking Starter Kit". The main heading is "ENERGY STAR Benchmarking Starter Kit". Below it, a paragraph states: "Benchmarking your buildings' energy performance is a key first step to understanding and reducing energy consumption and your carbon footprint. All buildings can assess their energy performance, water efficiency, and carbon emissions using Portfolio Manager." A link "login to Portfolio Manager to:" is provided. A list of bullet points follows: "Track energy and water consumption", "Identify under-performing buildings", "Set priorities", "Monitor progress", "Verify improvements", and "Receive EPA recognition". A sidebar on the left lists various categories under "Buildings & Plants", including "Guidelines for Energy Management", "Tools & Resources Library", "Expert Help", "Commercial Building Design", "Green Buildings", and "Getting Started for..." with sub-links for "Government", "Healthcare", "Higher Education", and "Manufacturing".

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ENERGY STAR Benchmarking Starter Kit

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Module 11 Reflection and Review

Synthesis