



Closing the Loop: Energy Efficient Homes, Home Performance Contractors, Realtors, Inspectors and Appraisers

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It's Hard to Get Consumers to Look Beyond First Cost of Energy Efficiency Investments





Consumers Perceive (and Receive) a Higher Value for Efficiency Investments





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Making Home Energy Performance Visible and Understandable

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy

The U.S. Department of Energy created the Home Energy Score to serve as a nationally standardized "miles-per-gallon" rating for homes

- Offers homeowners affordable, reliable, easy way to understand homes' energy performance
- Available at **no-cost** to program providers
- Intended to motivate homeowners to invest in residential energy efficiency
 - Simple and action-oriented
 - Ability to document investment in energy efficiency using the post-improvement score



Home Energy Score website: www.homeenergyscore.gov



Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy

The Score helps translate investment in energy efficiency into a tangible value.

- Easy to understand and capture at point of sale
- Exposes "hidden" value: makes insulation and air sealing visible
- Used for lead generation when offered by inspectors at point of sale (NYSERDA)



What is the Home Energy Score?

Energy Efficiency & **ENERGY** Renewable Energy



• Takes an hour or less to complete

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF

- Can be generated by home inspectors, contractors, utilities, others
- Can be used directly on-line or linked to other software tools
- No reporting requirements, all automated
- Builds on **social norming** principles: "5" pegged to home with average energy use for that area

Market Adoption Highlights



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- Score is a flexible offering that can be customized and delivered through many avenues
 - Home Performance with ENERGY STAR; direct install programs, with specific incentives (e.g., HPWH), as part of real estate transactions
- DOE launched new 3-D training & testing tool for Assessors
 - Allows greater number and type of building professionals (e.g., home inspectors, HVAC contractors) to offer the Score
- State and local adoption
 - CO, CT, MO, OR, VT
 - Others in process or likely to adopt: AL, AR, NY
 - City of Berkeley using the Score to fulfill new disclosure requirement





Application Programming Interface (API)

Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy

- Third-party software companies can license the Home Energy Score API to build applications that exchange data with the tool
 - Allows seamless data transfer
 - Now accepts data in HPXML
- Software companies and organizations that have completed API integration:
 - EnergySavvy, PSD/ TREAT , Optimiser, CakeSystems, EnergySoft, Spirit Foundation, CEEF





Images courtesy Richard Szydlowski, Minnesota Center for Energy and Environment



So, how do we make this information AVAILABLE and **USED** in real estate transactions?

Closing the Loop to Capture the Value of EE in Homes



Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy



- Maintain energy information in a central repository (or make it part of public record)
- Automate information flow to MLS
- Make energy information non-threatening and useful to homebuyers
 - Buyers generally want to know what their monthly costs are going to be as a homeowner (e.g., utility costs)
 - Ideally, brokers will encourage buyers to have a home energy assessment as part of a home inspection
- Inspectors can create leads: point out opportunities for greater efficiency and as well as incentives, retailer or utility offers
- Design policies that encourage lenders and appraisers to seek out the information
 - Greater training and outreach to lenders & appraisers
 - Need clear policies on how this information can be used to inform lending decisions and valuation

Colorado: A Unique Focus on Real Estate DEPARTMENT OF Integration

Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy



✓ The Score is integrated into the state Mortgage Energy Efficiency program.

• Homeowners receive \$750 for each point improvement on the Score, up to \$3000 for moving up 4 points. Available at point of sale or refinancing.

Better Energy Information in Real Estate Transactions



Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy

Vision

Widespread use of reliable home

energy information at all relevant points in the real estate transaction, enabling fair value at sale for energy efficient / high performing homes.

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Expand Pipeline

 Of homes with verified energy information (e.g., Home Energy Score, Zero Energy Ready homes, ENERGY STAR Homes, HERS)



Develop Tools & Systems

 That facilitate the standardized flow of home energy information from credible sources to relevant users

Demonstrate Use

• Of home energy information in MLS listings, appraisal forms, and other relevant applications.

MLS

Recognize Champions

 In relevant fields, highlight their successes, and encourage adoption of best practices.



GOAL: Develop replicable models of automated, linked systems in at least 5 pilot markets with demonstrated use of this information by key real estate stakeholders.

Why a Home Energy Information Accelerator?

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Two Goals:

- Grow the number of verified green data records
- Innovate with new applications for real estate



Home Energy Information Accelerator Partners



Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy

National Partners

- Appraisal Institute
- CoreLogic
- Council of Multiple Listing Services
- Green Button Alliance
- Home Innovation Research Labs
- Home Performance Coalition
- Homes.com
- Institute for Market Transformation
- National Association of Realtors[®]' Center for Realtor[®] Technology
- National Association of State Energy Officials
- PicketFence.com
- Real Estate Standards Organization
- Realtors Property Resource LLC
- U.S. Green Building Council

Local Partners

<u>Colorado</u>

- Colorado Energy Office
- IRES

DC Metro

- DC SEU
- MRIS

llinois/Chicago Metro

- Elevate Energy
- Illinois Department of Commerce
- Midwest Real Estate Data (MRED)

Northeast

- NEEP
- VEIC

Oregon/Portland Metro

- Clean Energy Works
- Earth Advantage
- Energy Trust of Oregon
- Oregon Department of Energy
- Regional Multiple Listing Service

What's New & What's to Come...

ENERGY Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy

✓ Financing

- New FHA Mortgagee Letter (September 2015) allows lenders to provide a two percent stretch on qualifying ratios (e.g., debt-to-income) for borrowers purchasing or refinancing a home
 - Home must score 6 or more
 - Or borrower must demonstrate that they are taking action to improve home's score to 6 or more
- Market Development
 - Outreach to banks, home inspectors, retailers, manufacturers...
- ✓ Policy
 - NASEO meeting: February of 2016
 - Agree on standard metrics to be provided to consumers, MLS
 - Work on translator between HERS and Home Energy Score to allow comparisons of new and existing homes
 - Opportunity: DOE expected to offer EnergyPlus for homes (currently only for commercial buildings) via OpenStudio And more...



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HOME ENERGY LABELING IN THE MID-ATLANTIC

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About NEEP

Mission

Accelerate energy efficiency as an essential part of demand-side solutions that enable a sustainable regional energy system

Approach

Overcome barriers and transform markets via

Collaboration, Education and Enterprise

Vision

Region embraces **next generation energy efficiency** as a core strategy to meet energy needs in a carbon-constrained world

One of six regional energy efficiency organizations (REEOs) funded by the US Department of Energy (US DOE) to link regions to US DOE guidance, products and programs







THE GOAL





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THE CHALLENGE





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METRICS, TOOLS, AND SYSTEMS

REGIONAL ROUNDUP

WHAT IT MEANS FOR YOU



METRICS





TOOLS

- DOE HES tool
- REM/Rate, EnergyGauge
- TREAT

REScheck





INFORMATION FLOW - PRESENT





INFORMATION FLOW - FUTURE



SYSTEMS



- Home Energy Labeling Information eXchange (HELIX)
 - 3 year project (2016-2018)
 - New England + New York
 - Database development and implementation
 - Outreach to real estate community



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- DRIVER: mandate weatherize 80% of CT homes by 2030
- SCOPE: statewide add-on to utility home performance offerings
- METRICS: DOE HES
- TOOLS: DOE HES tool
- STATUS: launched in April; over 10,000 scores projected in first year
- INSTANT INFORMATION: If energy assessor has internet connectivity they can produce and email the score and report on site

VERMONT



- DRIVER: 2013 Act 89 created working group recommendations
- SCOPE: statewide voluntary program; meets needs of several independent audit programs
- METRICS: EPS (MMBtu/yr), \$\$\$ breakdown, DOE HES
- TOOLS: DOE HES tool
- STATUS: target of January 2016 to begin statewide rollout
- COST EFFICIENCY: Efficiency Vermont's goal was to limit audit/rating costs to ~\$250



MASSACHUSETTS



SENATE DOCKET, NO 633 FILED ON 1/15/2015 SENATE No. 1761 By Mr. Downing, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1761) of Benjamin B. Downing, Kevin G. Honan, Stephen Kulik, Chris Walsh and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to home energy efficiency. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts In the One Hundred and Eights-Ninth General Court (2015-2016) An Act relative to home energy efficiency. He it smacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows: SECTION 1. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, a seller or 2 agent acting on behalf of the seller shall complete an energy assessment through the Mass Save program as overseen by the department of energy resources prior to the time of listing the home 3 4 for sale, provided that no additional fees shall be imposed or collected in connection with the 5 home energy assessment. This section shall apply to a seller of a single-family residential 6 dwelling or a multiple-family residential dwelling with fewer than 5 units, or a condominium 7 unit 8 (b) The seller or agent acting on behalf of the seller shall disclose to a buyer or

- 9 prospective buyer information obtained from the energy assessment of the dwelling at the time of
- 10 listing or prior to the signing of a contract to parchase, whichever comes first.
- (c) This section shall not apply to sales of residential dwellings in the following
 circumstances: (1) a foreclosure or pre-foreclosure sale; (2) a deeded or trustee sale; (3) a

- DRIVER: 2012-14 HomeMPG labeling pilot project in Western MA
- SCOPE: voluntary program for existing homes 3,866 scores
- METRICS: MMBtu/yr, carbon, \$\$\$
- TOOLS: proprietary software
- STATUS: 41% of homes completed retrofits
- MANDATORY RATING + DISCLOSURE?: proposed legislation requiring statewide label program and audits at time of listing

NEW YORK



- DRIVER: NYSERDA "Cleaner Greener Communities" grant
- SCOPE: Tompkins County
- METRICS: TBD (will evaluate DOE HES, HERS, EPS, etc.)
- TOOLS: TBD
- STATUS: kicked off this year, not recommending required disclosure

NYSERDA DOE HES PILOTS:

generated HES for 14k HPwES program homes; 2300 audit sample to determine HES conversion rate

NEW JERSEY



This is the data collected by your auditor during your recent home audit.

C Audit Results

# of ducts observed	1
Are skylights present in the home?	False
Are the window types the same on all sides?	True
Area of skylights (total sq. ft.)	None
Asbestos issues	Falso
Attic/roof type	Unconditioned attic

- DRIVER: DOE HES pilot
- SCOPE: new offering of SAVEGREEN program for three counties
- METRICS: DOE HES
- TOOLS: DOE HES tool
- STATUS: program underway; two year extension to July 2017
- ALL ONLINE: Customers choose a NJNG BPI certified Auditor to perform audit via the Contractor Portal and access their custom NJNG recommendations online

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PENNSYLVANIA





- DRIVER: Conservation Consultants, Inc. and stakeholder interest
- SCOPE: Western PA
- METRICS: DOE HES
- TOOLS: DOE HES tool
- STATUS: formed working group summer 2015
- SCALING UP: exploring ways to integrate HES into existing programs and via statewide plans
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA -MARYLAND - DELAWARE





- DRIVER: stakeholder interest
- SCOPE: TBD
- METRICS: DOE HES
- TOOLS: DOE HES tool
- STATUS: DOE's Home Energy Information Accelerator kicked off summer 2015
- MERGING MLSs: MRIS and TREND announced forthcoming merger in summer 2015



Home Performance Score is a tool to assess a h energy consumption, cost and carbon footprint.

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Home Performance Score is a tool to assess the energy consumption of a home. The the better—a low HPS identifies a home as energy efficient with lower energy costs.



ARKANSAS HOME ENERGY SCORE





HOW MUCH YOU CAN IMPROVE WORST POOR AVERAGE BETTER BEST

For a complete list of upgrade opportunities for your home, please review the recommendations report.

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"GREENING THE MLS"

- Greened:
 - NNEREN VT, NH, ME, MA
 - MLS PIN MA
 - Lehigh Valley, PA
- Next up for Greening:
 - MRIS+TREND DC, MD, DE, PA
 - West PA
 - Ithaca, NY
 - RI (statewide)



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REGIONAL ROUNDUP

WHAT IT MEANS FOR YOU



State MID-ATL	Status	Rating Programs / Policies			
Connecticut		DOE HES has been incorporated statewide into HPwES			
Connecticut	*	program since spring 2015			
Massachusetts		Potential legislation requiring rating and disclosure at			
IVIASSACITUSELLS		time of listing following 2012-2014 HomeMPG pilot			
Vermont		Statewide implementation of multi-program energy			
vermont	***	label (including DOE HES) starting in 2016			
New York		Ithaca-based NYSERDA pilot launched in 2014 with			
	J	additional research analyzing DOE HES statewide			
New Jersey		Three county NJ Natural Gas pilot of DOE HES			
New Jersey	J	participation through audit program			
Pennsylvania		Pittsburgh-based stakeholder group formed in 2015			
		promoting uptake of DOE HES in local/state programs			
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HERS VS. DOE HES





iPhone Screenshots





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> CLOSING THE LOOP REALTOR OUTREACH – CONTRACTOR OPPORTUNTIES



Established in 1952

Largest independent Local Distribution Company in New Jersey

➢ 500,000 customers in Monmouth, Ocean and Morris counties

Maintain over 7,000 miles of natural gas pipelines

Primarily residential and small commercial customer base





Launched in September 2009

- Promotes energy-efficiency and conservation measures to support state policy, and benefit our customers and the environment
- Designed to complement New Jersey's Clean Energy Program (NJCEP)
- Encompasses energy-efficiency rebates and incentives available for our customers
 - ♦ Energy-Efficient Equipment Rebates
 - ♦ Financing Options
 - \diamond Comprehensive Home Energy Audit



- 56,000+ Phone Calls
- > 185,000+ unique visitors to The SAVEGREEN Project micro site
- > 32,000+ Energy Audits completed
- > 33,000+ Enhanced Rebates
- 6,500+ customers have participated in 0% APR Financing
- ▶11,228 Home Energy Scores conducted



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Advertising \diamond Print ♦ Direct Mail \diamond Web Site



- Participation in numerous outreach events
- Work with marketing channels to get message to end users
 - \diamond Realtors
 - \diamond Contractors

Don't get caught in the cold

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When you Install an Energy-Efficient Water Heater

. Have your contractor install a natural gas WARMAdvantage-gualified water heater* 2. Call us for your FREE home energy audit 3. Apply for your rebates - It's that simple!

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Tools and Resources for Realtors brochure



Tools and Resources for Realtors (and Home Inspectors)



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Benefits of a DOE Home Energy Score

A Home Energy Score (HEScore) will provide an understanding of how a home performs, skielar to a zar's miles per galoo rating which stemonitations the vehicle's efficiency. Homes are socied on a stativ of 2 to 30, with a 30 being the most overgy-efficient (<u>See Langer regort</u>). The HEScore will obstravis how the home performs compared to others in the area and the scalifiest assessor will provide recommendations are how to insuring your home's source and afficiency.



- Realtor sales meeting presentations
- Support realtor education seminars
- Participation at Real Estate Convention



Sponsorships



- Work with real estate community to incorporate energy efficiency into each transaction
 - \diamond More education on energy efficiency is needed
 - \diamond Ensure that listings include energy efficiency upgrades where available
- Add an energy audit to a home inspection
- Connect customers to energy efficiency programs
- Connect customers to contractors for energy efficiency upgrades



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The study uses randomized control testing to identify the impact that the Home Energy Score had on homeowners' willingness to pursue energy efficiency improvements.















Recommendations

- Air seal in the attic above any interior partitions, penetrations through the attic plane, and exterior walls if accessible.
- 2. Air seal in the basement or crawl space around the perimeter band joist.
- 3. Bring attic insulation up to a minimum of R-38.
- 4. Bring insulation of floor above to R-19.
- 5. Ductwork in unconditioned space should be sealed with mastic.
- 6. Ductwork in unconditioned space should be insulated to R-8.
- 7. Upgrade to a water heater with a power vent and a minimum energy factor of 0.67.
- 8. Replace AC with a unit that has a SEER of 14.5 or higher.
- Seal the gaps and cracks in the exterior of your home.

Audit Results

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This is the data collected by your auditor during your recent home audit.

# of ducts observed	2
Are skylights present in the home?	No
Are the window types the same on all sides?	Yes
Area of skylights (total sq. ft.)	None
Asbestos issues	No
Attic/roof type	Unconditioned attic
Audit type	Initial
Back wall construction type	None
Back wall exterior covering	None
Back wall insulation value	None
Back window U-value	None
Back window area	26.00
Back window frame type	None
Back window glazing type	None

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Green Designations in Real Estate











Homes in Southwestern PA

- Some of the oldest in the country
- City of Pittsburgh
 - 76% of homes were built prior to 1960
 - 53% constructed before 1940
 - 25% homes within the City meet the newer codes introduced in 1970
 - 22 out of 90 neighborhoods have <u>an average age over 100 years old</u>







In order to sell energy efficiency it needs to be visible.



Guess which one the buyer will focus on?









Homeowners need to see value in energy efficiency to be willing to invest in it.

- When they live in the home
 - Cost Savings
 - Comfort
- When they sell the home
 - Return on Investment









Regional Energy Efficiency Summit

- Includes the goal to "Monetize the Value of Home Energy Investments"
 - REALTOR Education
 - Greening the MLS
 - Time of Sale Actions
 - Home Energy Score







"Be the source of the source of the information"





Help With Costs

Programs and incentives are available from a variety of utilities and organizations that can help make home energy improvements easier and less expensive. The following are available in the Greater Pittsburgh area:

Watt Choices

Duquesne Light offers rebates, low-cost energy audits, and other assistance to its customers

For more information visit www.wattchoices.com

Energy Save PA

Met-Ed, Penelec, Penn Power & West Penn Power offer a Whole House energy efficiency program with rebates towards the cost of an energy audit and installed improvements.

For more information visit www.energysavepa-home.com

Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania

WarmWise Audits & Rebates is an energy efficiency program for residential heating customers who meet certain income guidelines. The program provides a free whole-house energy audit and up to \$1,800 in rebates for installed improvements.

Call toll free, 1-866-956-0308 or visit https://www.columbiagaspa.com/ways-tosave/warmwise-audits-and-rebates

Keystone Help

Pennsylvania's special energy efficiency financing program. offering loans for energy related home improvements. Keystone HELP is administered by AFC First Financial Corporation a Pennsylvania energy efficiency lender and offers a wide variety of loan options and terms.

For more information visit www.keystonehelp.com

Energy Efficient and Energy Improvement Mortgages Available from several lenders in Pennsylvania:

For more information visit www.energywisepa.org/financing/mortgages

What Should I Be Looking for in an Auditor?

The most important factor when choosing an auditor is their training, certification and experience.

The most highly qualified auditors are certified by the Building Performance Institute (BPI) and the Residential Energy Services Network (RESNET).

Where To Learn More?

ReEnergize Pittsburgh Coalition www.reenergizepgh.org

CCI http://www.ccicenter.org/

Keystone Energy Efficiency Alliance http://www.energywisepa.org/

> ENERGY STAR www.energystar.gov

Where Do I Find an Auditor?

Directories of Auditors serving the Greater Pittsburgh area can be found at:



www.deawp.org www.energywisepa.org/contractor



Buying a Home?

each month... A typical homeowner spends between 5% and 20% of monthly income on utility bills.

Concerned about a home's safety, health, comfort or utility costs?

A home energy audit can ease your concerns with all four!

Get a Home Energy Audit







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What is a Home Energy Audit?

An energy audit (sometimes called an energy assessment) is a comprehensive top to bottom review of your home and its systems performed by a certified professional who determines how well those systems are operating and their effect on your safety, health, comfort and utility use. The audit starts with an interview to better understand your objectives, concerns and energy use patterns. The audit or then analyzes the home using advanced diagnostic tools such as a blower door to measure and locate air leaks, an infrared camera to inspect the quality of insulation and other meters that assess the condition and safety of your home's heating equipment.





Did You Know? **"Reducing energy costs by just \$350 per year increases the value of the home by \$7,000."** Said another way, every \$1 in energy savings results in an increase of \$20 in home value. -From the Appraisal Journal Oct. 1998

Why Should I Get A Home Energy Audit?

Your home, appliances and family are all parts of a system that affects your Safety, Health, Comfort and Wallet.

Auditors are trained to understand how all the parts interact with one another. Sometimes it's obvious, like a leaky natural gas line that poses a safety risk to your family. Other issues can be less obvious such as a malfunctioning furnace that is spilling unhealthy levels of carbon monoxide into your home. Have you ever wondered what causes one room in your home to be hotter or colder than the rest of your home? Are your utility bills causing you "sticker shock"? All these are problems your auditor can identify and help you solve. Think of your audit as the 'owners manual' for your home that you wish you had received when you purchased your home.



Your Home is a System

So called "Energy Audits" performed by single discipline contractors may be fine for their individual discipline, but they don't address the needs of your whole house. When was the last time an HVAC contractor told you that by adding insulation in the attic, he could install a smaller, less expensive furnace? A true energy audit doesn't just focus on a single component of your home, but rather all of the components as a system. While installing new windows, a new heating or AC system, or adding insulation may fix part of your home's problem, the truth is that if you want an efficient home, greater comfort, and lower utility bills, the best way to get there is with a comprehensive, whole-house approach.

How do I put the Audit to Work?

The auditor provides written plan for the most costeffective strategies to save you energy and money while improving comfort and safety. With the audit report in hand, you can seek out home performance contractors to implement the plan. After completing your improvements, your auditor can come back for a quality and safety inspection of the work performed.











Greening the MLS

- MLS's control the information that is entered into the system.
- MLS's are usually owned by the local REALTOR's board or for-profit company.
- Most online real estate sites (Zillow, Trulia, REALTOR.com) are fed from the local Multiple Listing Service (MLS).





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Without a space in the MLS to enter energy efficiency or green features:

- Information is not available to agents, buyers and online sites.
- The information is not easily searchable by agents or buyers.
- Appraisers are not aware of the energy efficiency features of a home, or a comparable home.







Appraisal process 101



Seller puts the homeBuyer likes it andBuyer asks the banksBank sends the appraiser to loon the marketagrees on a pricefor the money to buy itat the house and confirmthe price is accurate







Appraiser compares seller's house to others that have sold recently using best available information.

If appraiser supports value then deal goes through.









What if...

- The seller's home has home performance upgrades that the appraiser doesn't know about?
- The comparable homes did not have the same energy efficient features?

Either way, without "Green Fields" the appraiser can't value what he doesn't know about, even if the buyer does.







Selling The Green House









4-year New Construction home warranty

make this a home with flair.













Savings Per Year - \$3,168 (that's \$264 a month) Savings over 10 years - \$31,680 Savings for the planet too!

E lane @ Carnegie		
Size: 1,100 Sq Ft		
HERS Index: 69		
Insulation: Roof R-50, Walls R-27		
Heating: High Efficiency Electric Heat	Pump	
	Cost	VS.
Heating	\$319	
Cooling	\$31	
Hot Water	\$317	
Lights/Appliances	\$397	
Service Charges	\$78	
Total Estimated Annual Energy Costs	\$1141	

2 Units Available Priced at \$184,900 and \$189,900

The average ENERGY STAR qualified home

- Saves over 3,000 lbs of coal
- Is equal to planting almost an acre of trees
- Saves the environment 5,800 pounds of CO2 per year

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Size: 1,085 Sq Ft	
HERS Index: 159	
Insulation: Roof R-15. Walls R-0)
Heating: Gas Furnace	
Use	Cost
Heating	\$2856
Cooling	\$105
Hot Water	\$323
Lights/Appliances	\$810
Service Charges	\$216
Total Estimated Annual Energy Costs	\$4309



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Contact: Christa Ross, REALTOR® Direct: 724-309-1758 Email: christa@greenhomespgh.com







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• Resistance from the MLS / No one cares







1. Please rate your agreement with the following statements:

#	Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Somewhat Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree
1	Homebuyers frequently ask me about the energy use, energy efficiency, or other cost savings or "green" features of a home.	3	10	6	27	15	13	7
2	The energy efficiency, or other "green" features of a home, appears to be a significant factor in my homebuyers' purchasing decision.	7	6	14	26	17	7	4
3	I make homebuyers aware of the value of cost saving features, like energy efficiency, when showing a home.	3	4	8	15	18	19	14







2. In your experience, does the age of the homebuyer influence their interest in energy and "green" features?

	Answer	Bar	Response	
1	Yes		70	86% 14%
2	No	-	11	14%
	Total		81	

3. How important are the "green" or energy features of a home for homebuyers in the following age groups?

	Question	Not at all important	Somewhat important	Very Important	Total Responses	Mean
1	Under 40	7	23	30	60	2.38
2	40-60	8	35	10	53	2.04
3	Over 60	19	24	6	49	1.73

4. Rank the following training sessions or seminars on your level of interest. (1=Most Interested and 4= Least Interested)

	Answer					Total Responses
1	Building Envelope (Windows/Doors/Insulation)	15	6	7	7	35
2	High efficiency appliances (furnace/water heater/kitchen appliances/ etc.)	12	17	5	5	39
3	Renewable energy (solar panels/geothermal heat pumps)	11	5	10	10	36
4	Home Energy Use Ratings (Home Energy Score/ Energy Star/ LEED for homes)	11	8	11	8	38
	Total	49	36	33	30	-





REALTOR . RE/MAX Select Realty



- Resistance from the MLS / No one cares
- No one wants to add cost to the transaction







- Resistance from the MLS / No one cares
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- Agents need objective information







Objective Information

- As agents we need good information that can be presented to buyers, we can't use our opinion or subjective details.
- We will make scores and reports available if they come from a reliable 3rd party.
 - ENERGY STAR, LEED, HERS, HES









Home Energy Score

The HES score and reports that are being created are a consumer friendly, objective way to present energy efficiency information.







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- Devaluing of homes / Nothing to compare to







Devaluing Homes

- What is a "5"?
- Is this just one more way to "beat up" the seller?







Last Thoughts

- Our job is to help buyer's get the best home for the best price and to help the seller's get the most money.
- We need your help to get the best information.
- Greening the MLS is an important step to getting value for your work.



