

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

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## In Today's Market...



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



### In An Ideal Market...



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



# **Today's Session**

- > Joan Glickman, U.S. Department of Energy
- Kevin Rose, Northeast Energy Efficiency
  - **Partnership**
- Susan Ellman, New Jersey Natural Gas
- Christa Ross, RE/MAX Select Realty

# Making Home Energy Performance Visible and Understandable



# 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: <u>www.homeenergyscore.gov</u>

### Value Proposition....Why Bother?

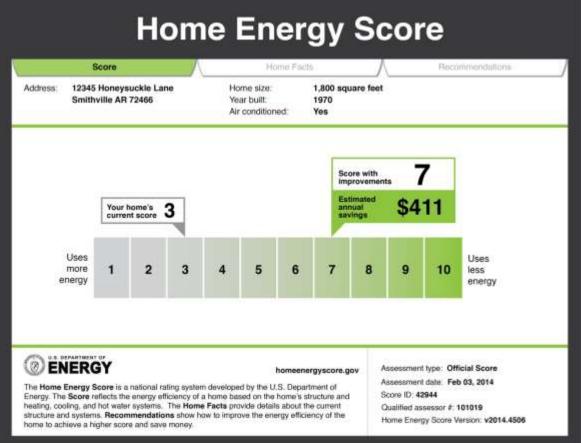


# The Score helps translate investment in energy efficiency into a tangible value.

- 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?

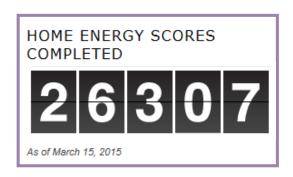


- Takes an hour or less to complete
- Can be generated by home inspectors, contractors, utilities, others
- Can be used directly on-line or linked to other software tools
- No reporting requirements,
   all automated
- Builds on social norming principles: "5" pegged to home with average energy use for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

### **Market Adoption Highlights**



- ✓ 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





- ✓ 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





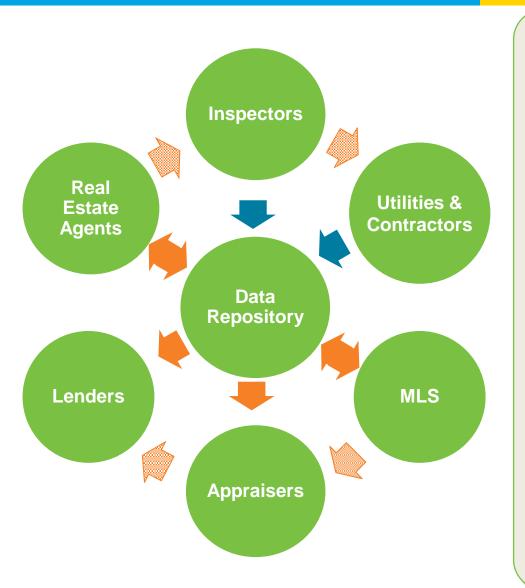
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So, how do we make this information AVAILABLE and USED in real estate transactions?

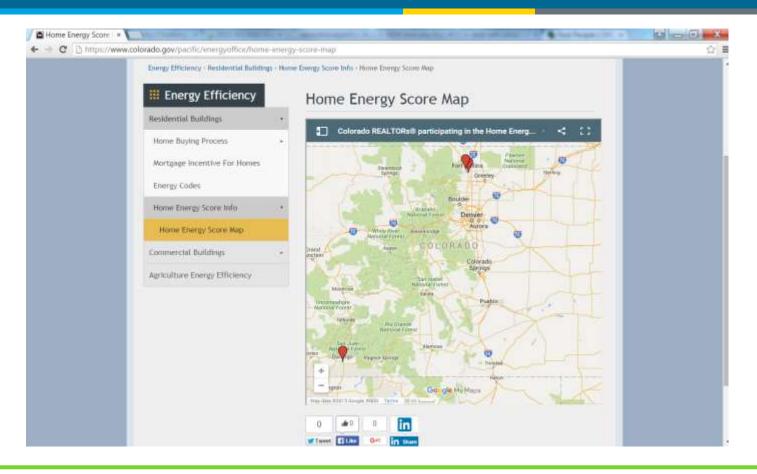
# Closing the Loop to Capture the Value of EE in Homes





- 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 Estates, DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY 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

### **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.

- 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.



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



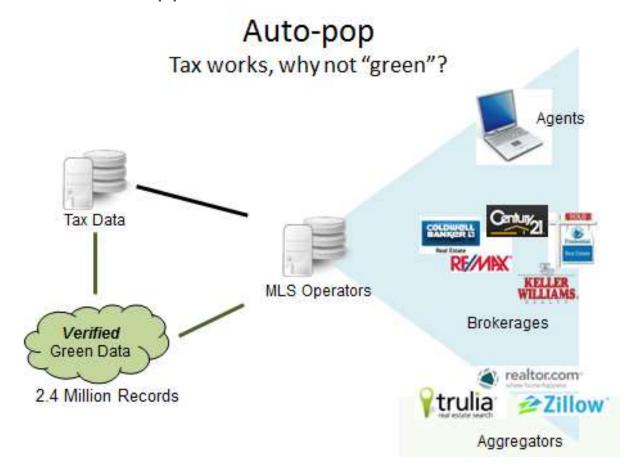
GOAL: Develop replicable models of automated, linked systems in at least 5 pilot markets with demonstrated use of this information by key real estate stakeholders.

# Why a Home Energy Information Accelerator?



### **Two Goals:**

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



# Home Energy Information Accelerator Partners



### **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**

### Colorado

- Colorado Energy Office
- IRES

### DC Metro

- DC SEU
- MRIS

### Ilinois/Chicago Metro

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

### Northeast

- NFFP
- 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...



### ✓ 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...

### **Home Energy Score**





HomeEnergyScore@ee.doe.gov www.HomeEnergyScore.gov



# HOME ENERGY LABELING IN THE MID-ATLANTIC

ACI Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference October 21, 2015





### **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

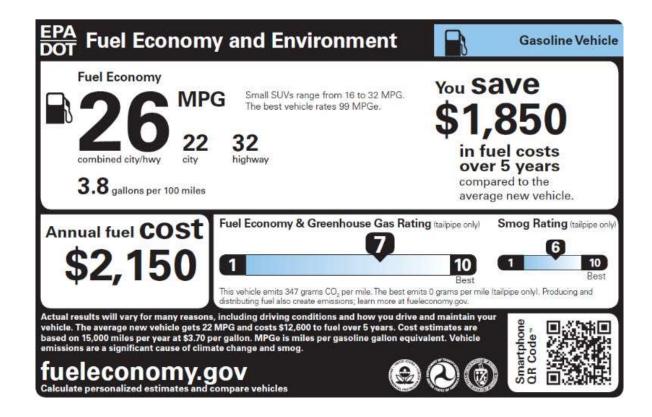
Region embraces **next generation energy efficiency** as a core strategy to meet energy needs in a carbon-constrained world

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



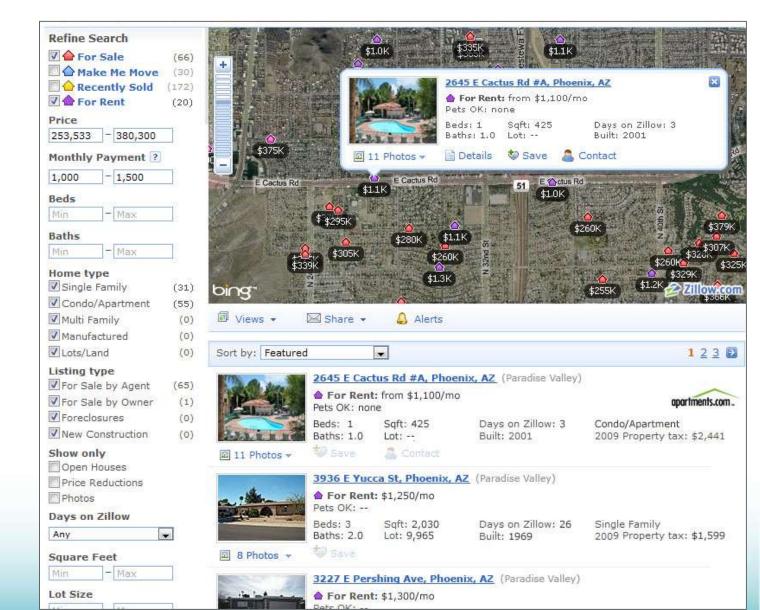






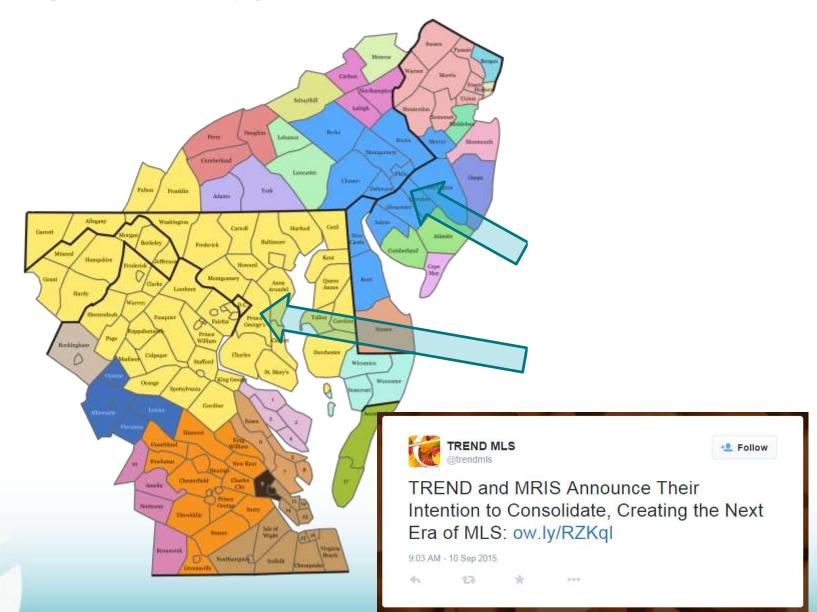


## THE PATHWAY





# THE CHALLENGE





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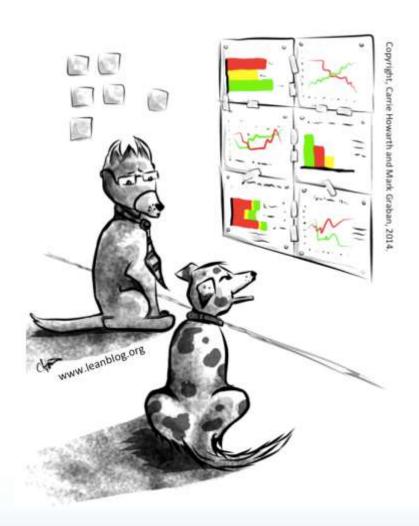
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# **METRICS**





# **TOOLS**



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

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## INFORMATION FLOW - PRESENT

**Assessor** 

software compiles DOE HES info

U.S. DOE

servers
hold HES
building
files

**RE Agent** 

retrieve info indirectly and enter manually

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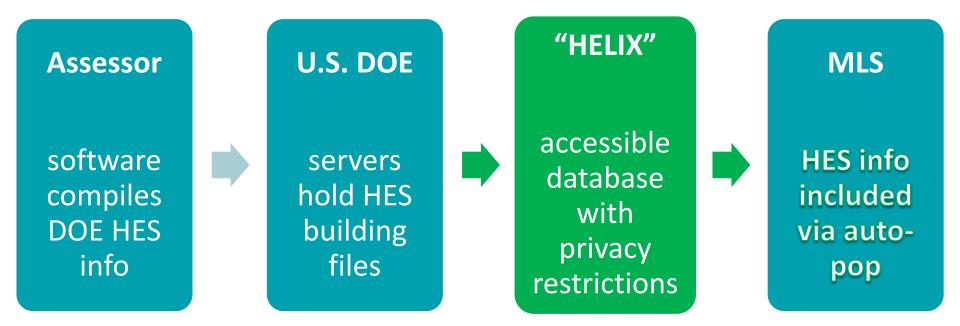
**MLS** 

HES info missing or incorrect





# 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







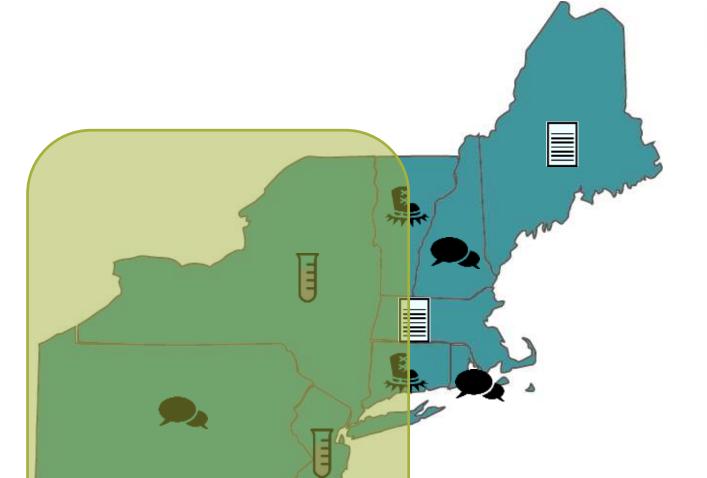


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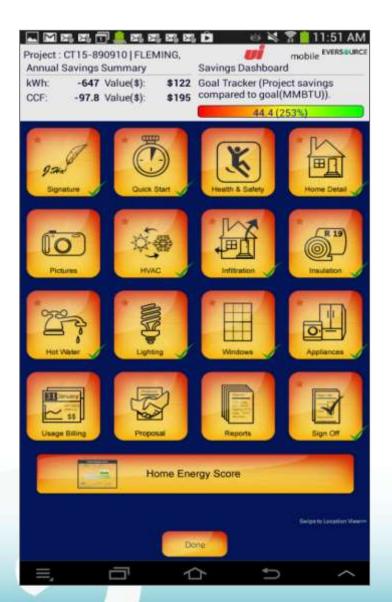






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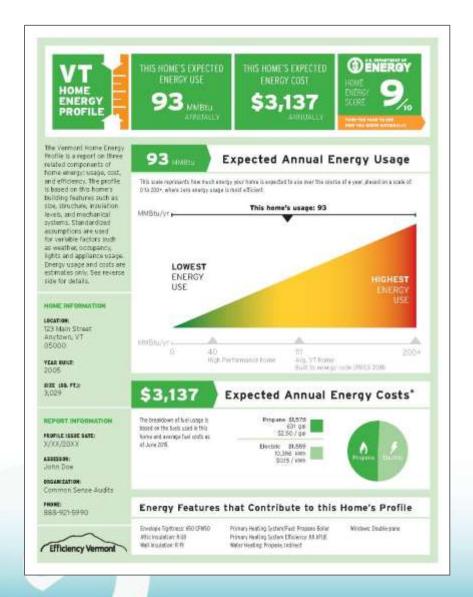




- DRIVER: mandate weatherize 80% of CT homes by 2030
- SCOPE: statewide add-on to utility home performance offerings
- METRICS: DOE HES
- TOOLS: DOE HES tool
- STATUS: launched in April; over 10,000 scores projected in first year
- ❖ INSTANT INFORMATION: If energy assessor has internet connectivity they 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 DODKET, 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 Eighty-Ninth General Court (2015-2016)

An Act relative to home energy efficiency.

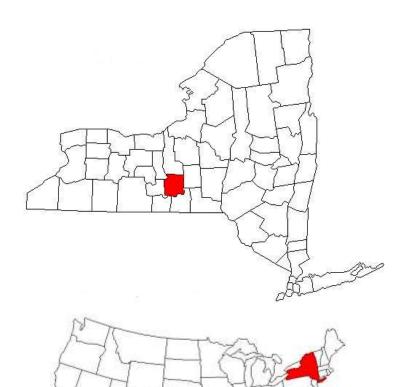
He it inacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 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
- 3 program as overseen by the department of energy resources prior to the time of listing the home
- 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 purchase, whichever comes first.
- 11 (c) This section shall not apply to sales of residential dwellings in the following
- 12 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

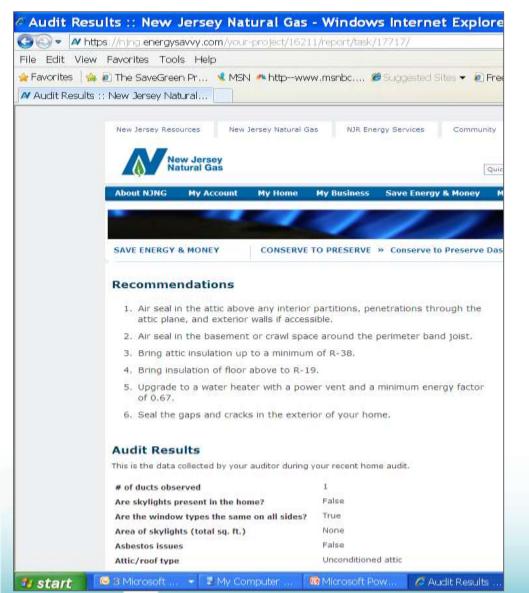
### ❖ NYSERDA DOE HES PILOTS:

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



# **NEW JERSEY**





- 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

## **PENNSYLVANIA**

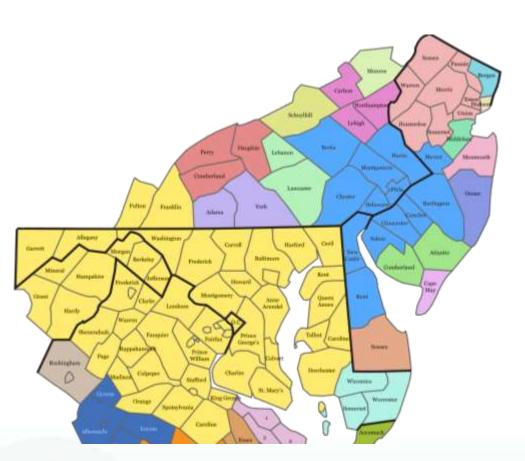




- DRIVER: Conservation Consultants,
   Inc. and stakeholder interest
- SCOPE: Western PA
- METRICS: DOE HES
- TOOLS: DOE HES tool
- STATUS: formed working group summer 2015
- SCALING UP: exploring ways to integrate HES into existing programs and via statewide plans

# 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 hi energy consumption, cost and carbon footprint.

This report has been prepared for:

Emily Heerxxx

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Location:

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404 Main St

Dothan, AL 36301

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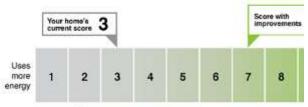
Estimated Monthly Energy Costs

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5-year savings potential:

\$**1,337**\*

Estimated average energy costs per month: Electric \$169, Natural gas \$13





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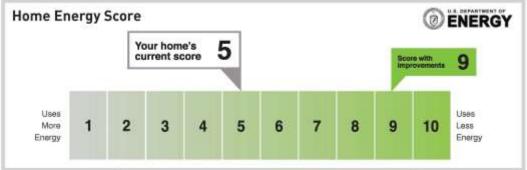
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Prepared By: Joe Assessor (334) 555-5555 assessor@gmail.com Energy Assessment Co. PO Box 325 Dothan, AL 36302

# ARKANSAS HOME ENERGY SCORE





LOCATION:

555 Magnolia Street Little Rock, AR 77202

YEAR BUILT: 2002 SIZE (SQ. FT.): 2,210

SCORE ISSUE DATE: July 15, 2015 ABOUT THE SCORE

The Arkansas Home Energy Score is a rating system developed by the US Department of Energy for Arkansas. The score reflects the energy efficiency of a home based on the home's structure and heating, cooling, and hot water systems. The information on this score card shows energy use and costs that are estimates only. Actual usage and costs may vary and are based on many factors such as weather and occupant behavior. See reverse side for technical information and details.

PROVIDED BY



Estimated Monthly Energy Costs\*

\$208

Estimated Annual Energy Costs\*

\$2,500

POTENTIAL ANNUAL SAVINGS

\$1,520

After recommended improvements.

#### TOP ENERGY SAVINGS OPPORTUNITIES:



TO FIND OUT HOW YOU CAN EASILY IMPROVE YOUR HOME'S ENERGY EFFICIENCY

CALL (800) 555 -1212 OR VISIT WWW.ARKANSASENERGY.ORG

WORST POOR AVERAGE BETTER BEST

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

# "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)



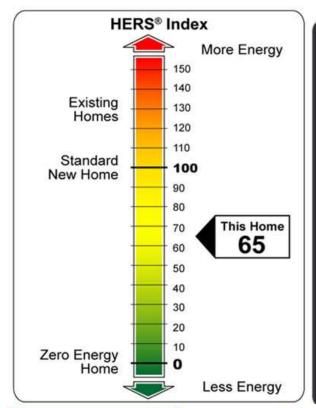
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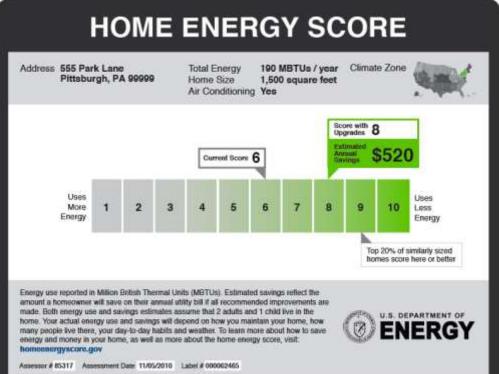
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State MID-ATL	Status	Rating Programs / Policies				
Connecticut	e	DOE HES has been incorporated statewide into HPwES				
Connecticut	***	program since spring 2015				
Massachusetts		Potential legislation requiring rating and disclosure at				
iviassaciiusetts		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	I	Ithaca-based NYSERDA pilot launched in 2014 with				
New Tork	U	additional research analyzing DOE HES statewide				
New Jersey	I	Three county NJ Natural Gas pilot of DOE HES				
New Jersey	G	participation through audit program				
Pennsylvania	<b>9</b> ,	Pittsburgh-based stakeholder group formed in 2015				
reillisylvallia		promoting uptake of DOE HES in local/state programs				
Maryland,		Initial interest from state-level groups (MD Energy				
Delaware	~~	Administration, DE Sustainable Energy Utility)				
District of	I	Data flow and real estate community outreach supporting Home Energy Information Accelerator				
Columbia	J					
Implementation	on 🗐	Legislation Pilot Discussion				

















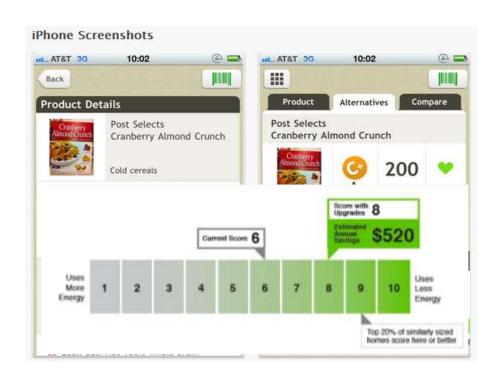


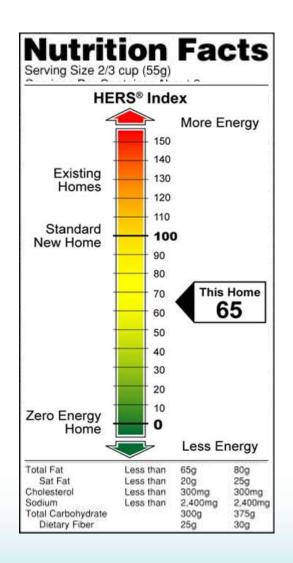
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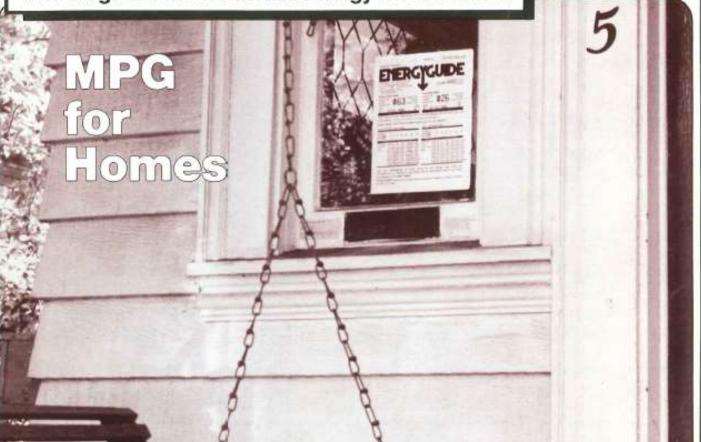
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- Refrigerators: Your Mileage May Vary
- Apartment Building Resets
- Rating Home Energy Ratings
- Condensing Furnace Sales



The Magazine of Residential Energy Conservation







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Always Delivering Strong Balanced Renewable Local Reliable Innovative Resourceful

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
  - ♦ 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



- Advertising
  - **♦** Print
  - ♦ Direct Mail
  - ♦ Web Site



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

Raquel and Susan, You've taken the first step toward saving on your energy costs ... Why Stop There?

Receive an
Additional Rebate
up to \$5,000, Plus
0% APR On-Bill
Repayment up to \$10,000,
When You Take the
Whole-House Approach
to Energy Efficiency."

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DON'T WAIT! Keep the cool air in now and be all set for the heating season later. Find out what additional SAVEGREEN incentives you may qualify for with a cell to

Don't get caught in the cold ...





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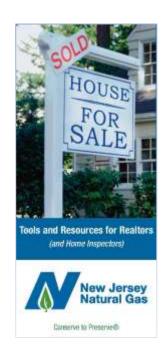






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> Tools and Resources for Realtors brochure







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#### Benefits of a DOE Home Energy Score

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



> Sponsorships



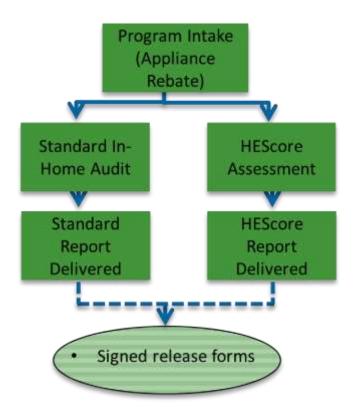
- Work with real estate community to incorporate energy efficiency into each transaction
  - ♦ More education on energy efficiency is needed
  - ♦ Ensure that listings include energy efficiency upgrades where available
- ➤ Add an energy audit to a home inspection
- > Connect customers to energy efficiency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

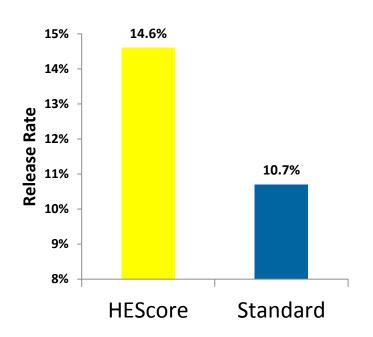


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➤ The study uses randomized control testing to identify the impact that the Home Energy Score had on homeowners' willingness to pursue energy efficiency improvements.







## **Contractor Outreach & Opportunities**









## 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.
- Bring attic insulation up to a minimum of R-38.
- Bring insulation of floor above to R-19.
- 5. Ductwork in unconditioned space should be sealed with mastic.
- 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.
- 9. Seal the gaps and cracks in the exterior of your home.

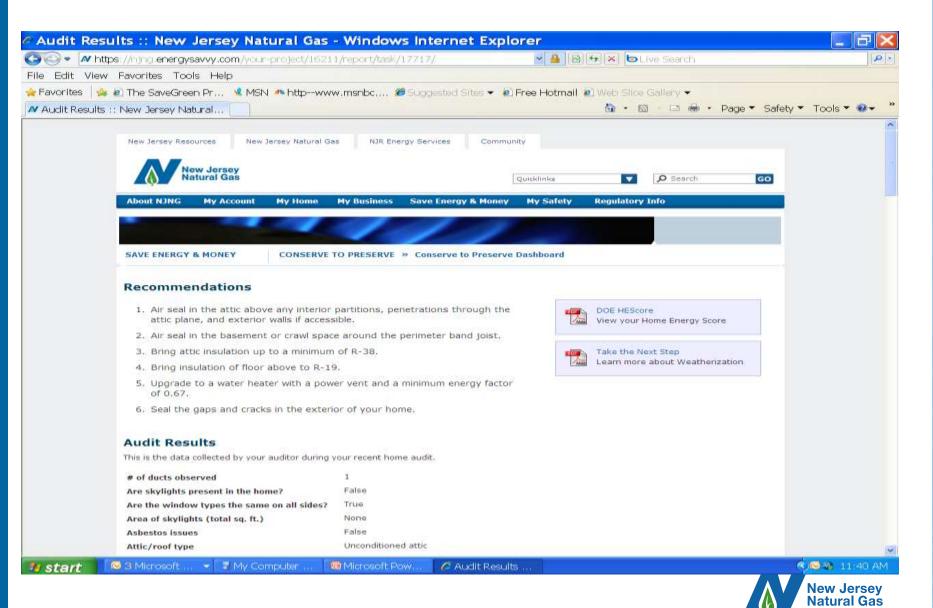
## **Audit Results**

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
Back window solar heat gain coefficient	None



## **Contractor Outreach & Opportunities**



# Come visit with us at our booth Make sure you are signed up on portal to receive eBlasts

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Energy Efficiency Marketing Manager

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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 an average age over 100 years old









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.

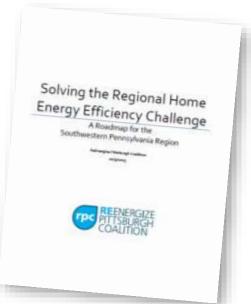
- When they live in the home
  - Cost Savings
  - Comfort
- When they sell the home
  - Return on Investment











# 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 highly qualified auditors are certified by the

Building Performance Insti-

Energy Services Network

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





## 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









### 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 auditor 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





#### 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 | 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

hensive, whole-house approach.

pline 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

So called "Energy Audits" performed by single disci-

## How do I put the Audit to Work?

want an efficient home, greater comfort, and lower

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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.

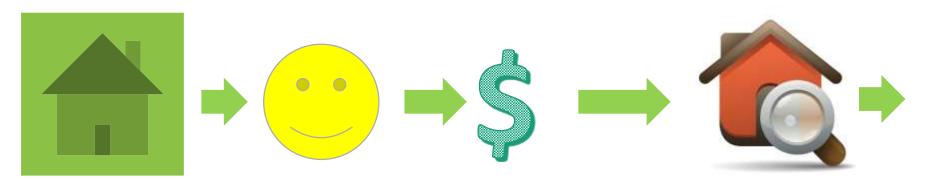








#### Appraisal process 101



Seller puts the home on the market

Buyer likes it and Buyer asks the banks

Bank sends the appraiser to lo agrees on a price for the money to buy it at the house and confirm the price is accurate



















If not...

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.







VS.







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
Heating	\$319
Cooling	\$31
Hot Water	\$317
Lights/Appliances	\$397
Service Charges	\$78
<b>Total Estimated Annual Energy Costs</b>	\$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

#### **Existing Pittsburgh Home**

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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Additional resources to aid in the valuation of green properties and the completion of this form can be found at <a href="http://www.appraisalinstitute.org/education/green\_energy\_addendum.aspx">http://www.appraisalinstitute.org/education/green\_energy\_addendum.aspx</a>

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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	









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- No one wants to add cost to the transaction









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# Objective Information

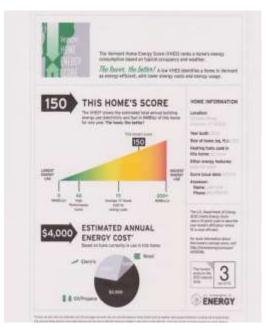
- As agents we need good information that can be presented to buyers, we can't use our opinion or subjective details.
- We will make scores and reports available if they come from a reliable 3<sup>rd</sup> party.
  - ENERGY STAR, LEED, HERS, HES











# 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 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.





