Pennsylvania Energy Code Collaborative Roadmap for 100% Compliance by 2020

The Pennsylvania Energy Code Collaborative is a diverse group of stakeholders working together to reduce energy usage in buildings by improving compliance with the state’s building energy code.

Our goals are to:
- Assist the state to measure and achieve full compliance with its 2009 energy codes;
- Educate consumers to build demand for efficient buildings and strong energy codes; and
- Create an ongoing forum for collaborative discussion of energy code compliance and enforcement issues.

To meet these goals, we have identified the following long-term strategies:

1. Create and maintain a best-in-class energy code training website;
2. Increase education to consumer-facing audiences;
3. Expand the reach of compliance tools;
4. Pilot code compliance approaches; and
5. Educate policymakers and provide technical input into legislative & administrative activities.

Using these strategies, we propose the following Collaborative roadmap to increased code compliance:

**2015**
- Create stand-alone state code training website with expanded resources (1)
- Develop materials articulating the value of energy codes to appraisers, builders (2)
- Provide early feedback for PSD’s residential code compliance assessment (3)

**2016**
- Develop/pilot training for real estate professionals and home inspectors (2)
- Respond to the results of the PSD study and assist with resource dissemination (2, 3)
- Implement potential Energy Code Ambassador Program for code officials, builders (3, 4)
- Develop and disseminate "Code Compliance 101" resource for policymakers (5)

**2017**
- Implement training for real estate professionals and home inspectors (2)
- Help verify 90% compliance and use PSD assessment data for strategic outreach (2, 3)
- Investigate potential for state residential and/or commercial energy rating program (4)
- Continue outreach and promote commercial code baseline compliance assessment (5)

**2018**
- Update and expand training website to include new resources (1)
- Provide support for a potential statewide commercial code compliance assessment (3)
- Help develop/pilot state residential and/or commercial energy rating program (4)
- Help to approve methodology for utility claimed savings for code compliance support (5)

**2019**
- Update consumer outreach materials to reflect acquired data and new programs (2)
- Assist in implementing statewide building energy rating program (4)
- Assist utilities, state PUC launch utility program to close code compliance gap (5)

**2020**
- 100% of the energy savings required by the state energy code (2009 IECC) are realized
- The market and general public largely recognize the value of energy efficient buildings

Do you share these goals? Help us get to 100% – contact Kevin Rose (krose@neep.org) to join the PECC.