

# Making Green Homes Affordably

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**Why Green Homes?**

# Energy Costs are Reported to be the Second Largest After Shelter Expense

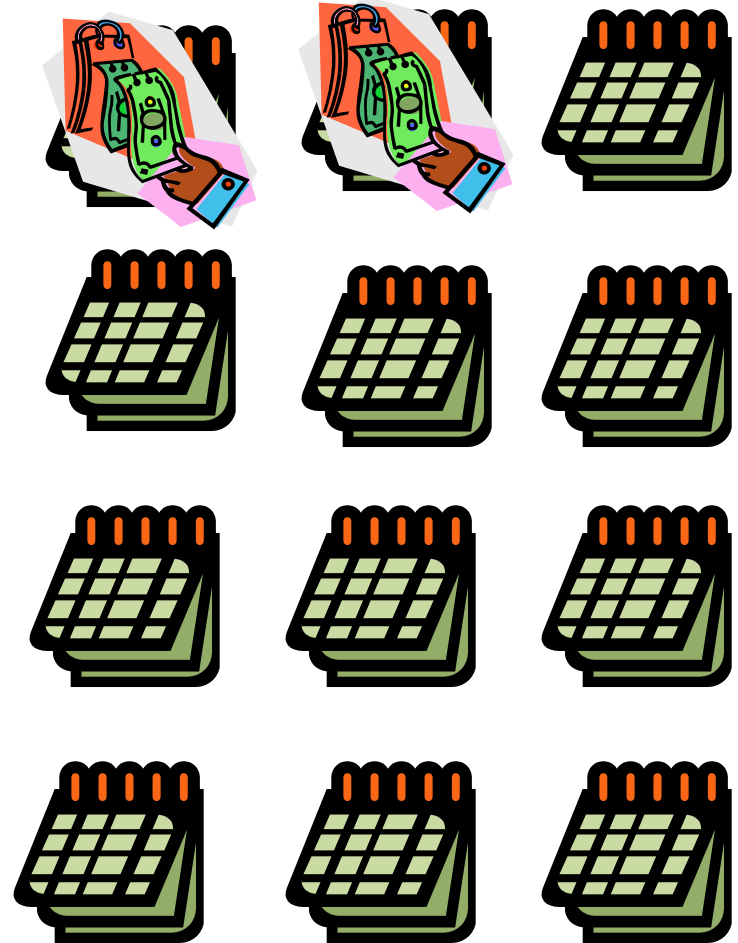
- A factor in mortgage defaults
- A contributor to homelessness
- The very-low to low-moderate income families are especially at risk
- High energy burdens can increase health and safety risks in homes



# Rising energy costs impact household budgets

- 2008 average after tax income \$52,586
  - Energy costs >\$6,200
- ~ 12-1/2%, of 1-1/2 months' income

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# Where does it all go?

## Breakdown of Home Energy Use

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Home Space Heating	50%
Water Heating	15.3%
Lighting	6.8%
Home Space Cooling	6.4%
Refrigeration	4.6%
Electronics	2.8%
Washer/Dryer	3.2%
Cooking	3.9%
Computers	6%
Others	3.9%

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# What do you think Green Buildings can reduce the most?

- A. Energy Use
- B. CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions
- C. Water Use
- D. Solid Waste



**ENERGY  
USE**

24%\* -50%\*\*

**CO<sub>2</sub>  
EMISSIONS**

33%\*\*\* -39%\*\*

**WATER  
USE**

40%\*\*

**SOLID  
WASTE**

70%\*\*

## Green Buildings Can Reduce...

\* Turner, C. & Frankel, M. (2008). Energy performance of LEED for New Construction buildings: Final report.

\*\* Kats, G. (2003). The Costs and Financial Benefits of Green Building: A Report to California's Sustainable Building Task Force.

\*\*\* GSA Public Buildings Service (2008). Assessing green building performance: A post occupancy evaluation of 12 GSA buildings.



# PERCEPTION





# REALITY



# Today's Green Homes



# Benefits of a Green Home

- Healthier (better indoor air quality)
- Increased comfort
- Conserve water and energy
- Lower operating costs
- Increased durability (lower maintenance cost)
- Increased occupant safety
- Reduced construction and demolition waste
- Environmentally responsible

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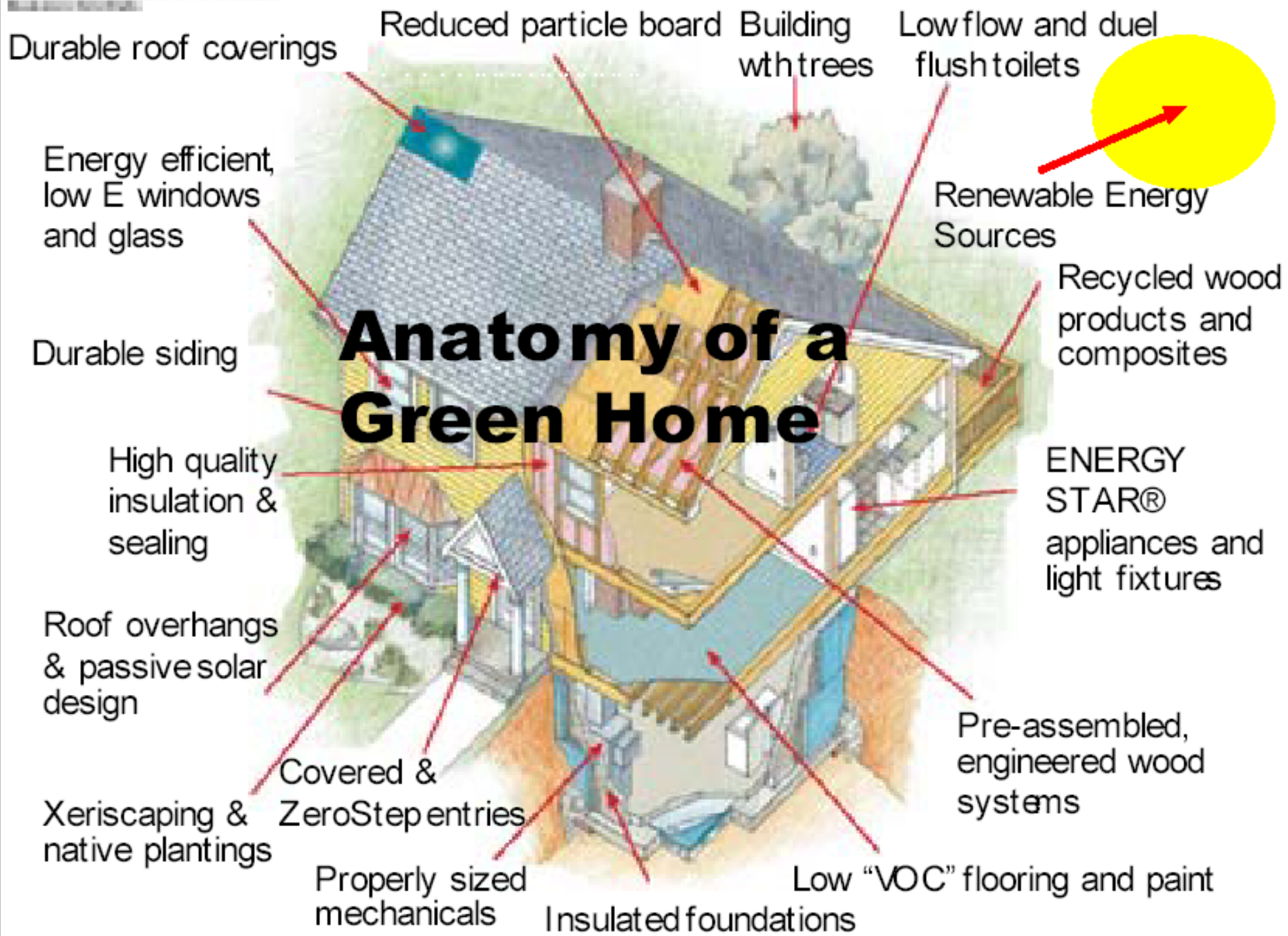
**Green Building is all about the Triple Bottom Line:  
People, Planet, Profit**

Source: SmartMarket Report, McGraw Hill Construction, 2008





What makes a green home?



# How Do You Define Green?



**Builder A**



**Builder B**



**Builder C**



## Nutrition Facts

Serving Size 8 crackers (28c)

Servings Per Container About 2

### Amount Per Serving

**Calories** 120      Calories From Fat 30

% **Daily Value\***

**Total Fat** 3.5g      **5%**

Saturated Fat 1g      **5%**

Trans Fat 0g

Polyunsaturated Fat 1.5g

Monounsaturated Fat 0.5g

**Cholesterol** 0mg      **0%**

**Sodium** 140mg      **6%**

**Total Carbohydrate** 22g      **7%**

Dietary Fiber Less than 1g      **3%**

Sugars 7g

**Protein** 2g

Vitamin A 0%

• Vitamin C 0%

Calcium 10%

• Iron 4%

\* Percent Daily Values are based on a 2,000 calorie diet.

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# LEED = Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design



**Huron Band of the Potawatomi  
Pine Creek Reservation, Michigan**

## LEED® Facts

Huron Band - Potawatomi  
Pine Creek Reservation, MI

LEED for Homes  
Certification Awarded

**Gold 80**

Locations & Linkages 6

Sustainable Sites 8.5

Water Efficiency 5

Energy & Atmosphere 27

Materials & Resources 11.5

Indoor Environmental  
Quality 15

Innovation & Design 5

Awareness & Education 2

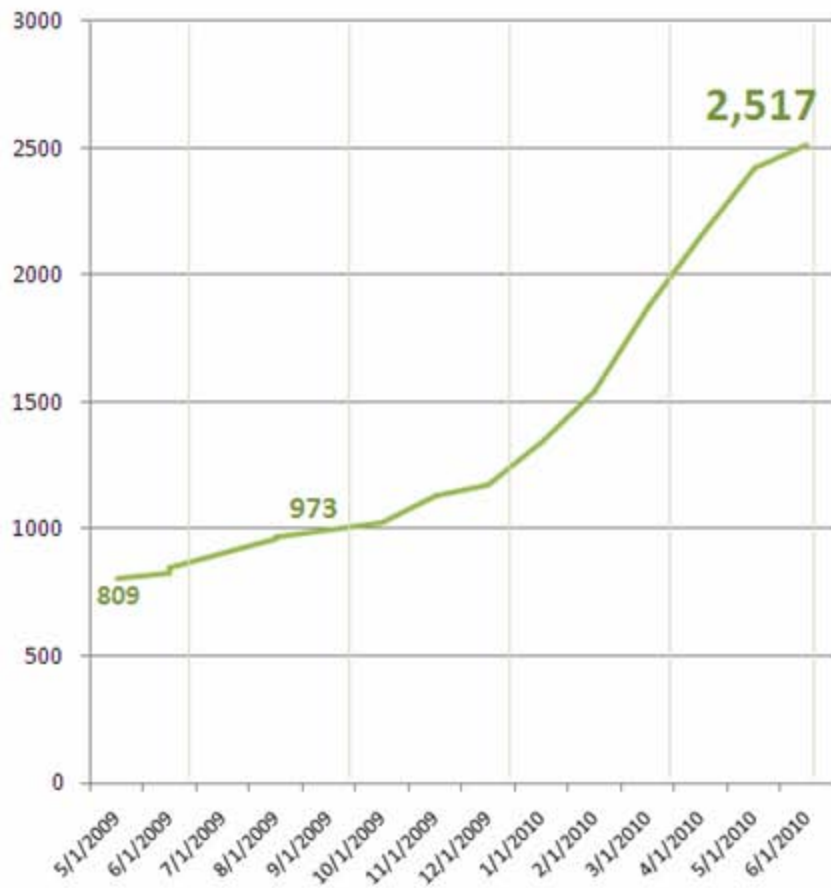
# 39%

of Certified LEED Homes are  
**Affordable Homes**

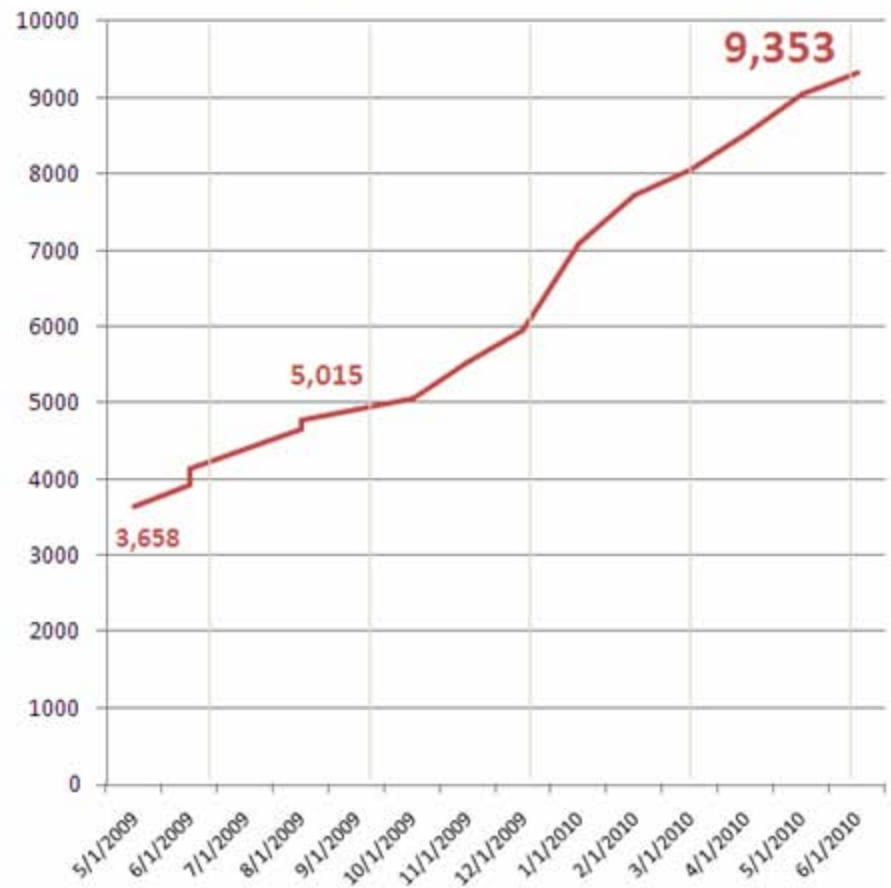
From those guidelines for eligibility for HDF funds: Low income housing is defined as less than or equal to 80% of the local area median income (AMI) or the local jurisdiction standard of affordable housing. We mandate that the number of affordable, low income units must be at least 75% of the units in each building.

# LEED for Homes: Affordable

## Certifications



## Registrations



# How Does LEED Define a Green Home?



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# USGBC has four levels of LEED:



# Program Scope and Applicable Building Types



**Single-Family Homes**



**Low-Rise Multifamily**



**Mixed Use / Mid-Rise**



**Single-Family Production**



**Gut Rehab**

# Green Begins with Blue

## Energy Efficiency

- Envelope
- Distribution
- Equipment
- Lighting
- Appliances



## Indoor Environment

- Bulk Moisture
- Radon
- Pest Control
- HVAC
- Combust. Safety
- Materials
- Commissioning



## Resource Efficiency

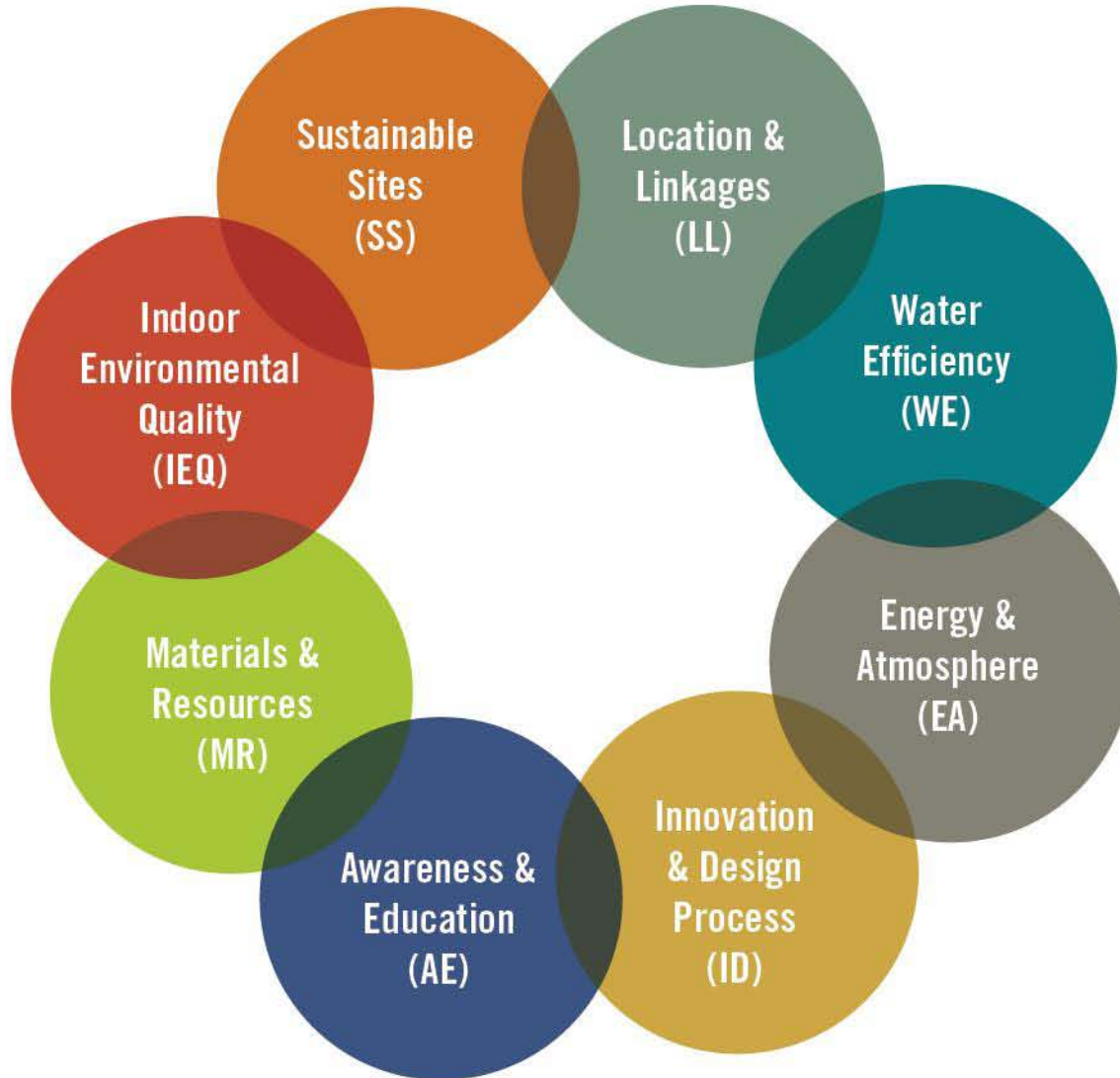
- Site Planning
- Water
- Materials
- Waste Mgt.
- Renewables





# Credit Categories

# Designing with LEED



# Innovation & Design Process (ID)

- Include all team members
- Draft LEED Score Card
- Define member roles
- Get help / training if needed
- Brainstorming 1+1=5



1. **Integrated** Project Planning
2. **Durability** Management Process
3. Innovative or Regional Design



## Construction Costs

- **Many green features have no additional cost**  
e.g. orientation on the East-West axis, proper placement of shade trees
- **Some green features result in a cost-savings**  
e.g. reducing construction waste, putting in less turf, optimal value engineering
- **Other green measures have an initial increased cost, but result in long term savings**  
e.g. solar hot water heating, radiant heating



# Energy and Atmosphere (EA)

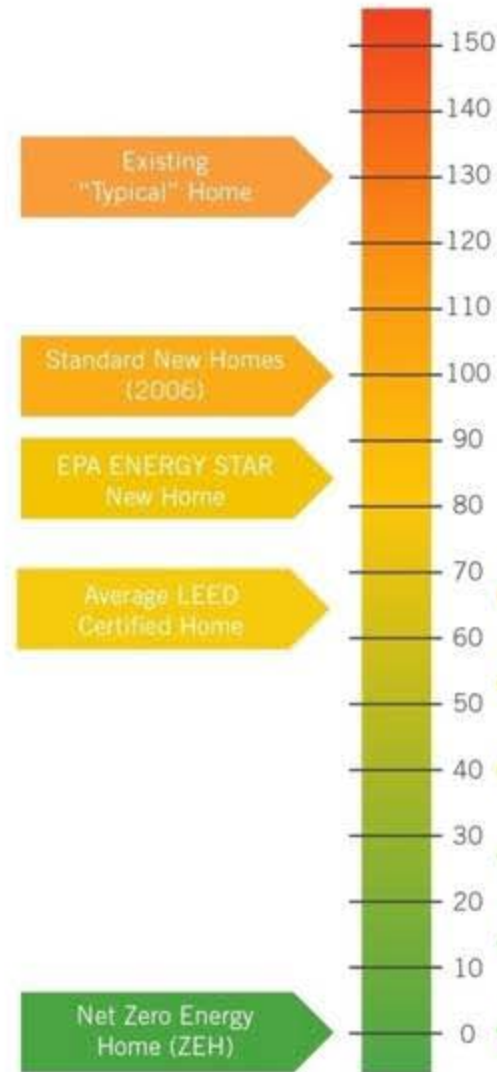
- 1. Optimize Energy Performance \*\*
- 2. Insulation
- 3. Air Infiltration
- 4. Windows
- 5. Heating & Cooling Distribution
- 6. Space Heating and Cooling Equipment
- 7. Water Heating \*\*
- 8. Lighting
- 9. Appliances
- 10. Renewable Energy
- 11. Residential Refrigerant Management \*\*



# Home Energy Rating System (HERS)

## Performance Testing:

- Heating and cooling
- Water heating
- Lighting
- Appliances
- Building envelope



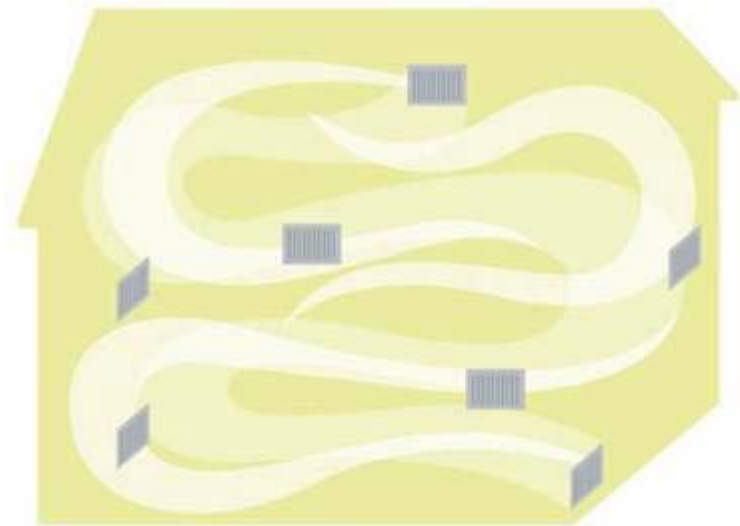
**RESNET**  
Residential Energy Services Network  
**HERS INDEX**



# Indoor Environmental Quality (EQ)

\*6 point minimum

1. Energy star with IAP \*\*
2. Combustion Venting
3. Moisture Control
4. Outdoor Air Ventilation \*\*
5. Local Exhaust \*\*
6. Distribution of Space Heating and Cooling
7. Air Filtering \*\*
8. Contaminant Control \*\*
9. Radon Protection
10. Garage Pollutant Protection



# Awareness & Education (AE)



1. Education of Homeowner or Tenant  
& Public Awareness
2. Education of Building Manager



# Cornerstone Senior Apartments

Largest LEED Gold development in Ohio

31% more energy efficient than conventional construction

Water efficient plumbing fixtures reduce water by 350,000 gallons/year.

Ventilation provided by continuously running Energy Star bath fan.



Developer: NRP Group was named the NAHB's 2009 Multifamily Development Firm of the Year

**Extensive training provided to building managers and tenants.**





# Economics and Value

How much  
does this cost  
and why are we  
doing this?



# What do we get out of this deal?

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# LEED Homes are Healthy Homes

**“One of our tenants has severe asthma. We offered to move them into our LEED certified project. Once they moved into the LEED building the asthma symptoms were significantly reduced.”**

— Harold J. Mast Director, Genesis Non-Profit Housing Corporation

# Cost of LEED Homes

- Potential learning curve costs
- Design and construction costs
- Verification
- Registration/Certification costs

**Single family:** \$2,500 - \$3,000

**Multi family:** Depends on total # of units  
Typically \$300 - \$1,000 per unit

More units = More economies of scale



## Why LEED for Homes?

- National program, internationally-recognized standard
- Rigorous, true third-party certification
- Required third-party Performance Testing
- Partner to many regional green programs
- Homeowner assurance of home's green measures through third-party verification
- Strong marketing support for LEED in 2009-2010
- Superior way to differentiate your offering

LEED → "Leadership" for Market Innovators

# VALUE OF 3RD PARTY CERTIFICATION

**INDEPENDENT**  
VERIFICATION OF ACHIEVEMENTS  
**QUALITY ASSURANCE**  
**AUDITABLE RESULTS**

**LEED provides accountability to funding sources**





# Resources



# Rating System Synergies

- Enterprise Green Communities
  - Charrette grants
  - Homeowner education grants
- LEED Neighborhood Development
  - 10% fee discount
  - Meets verified green building prerequisite
- National Green Building Standard
  - Many of the same crossovers due to code requirements
  - Shared documentation
- Energy Star
  - Every LEED Home is tested to meet Energy Star performance

# NEW Inter-agency Partnership for Sustainable Communities



Guided by 6 “Livability Principles”:

- Transportation Planning
  - Environmental Protection, and
  - Housing Investments
- at the respective Federal Agencies

Designed to break-down the traditional silos of  
the Federal government.

***More points for grant applications  
meeting the livability principles.***

# Affordable and Green: The Greenbuild 2010 Legacy Home Project



# Innovation & Design Process (ID)

**Insulated Concrete Forms (ICF's)**

**Conventional 'Stick' Built Construction**





# Goals of Greenbuild Project

## “Legacy”

- Energy Star, LEED, NGBS certifications
- “No-Cost” Design Strategies
- Program Performance Comparison
- Healthier indoor air quality
- More comfortable & More durable (less maintenance)
- 40% - 50% more energy-efficient



\* Based on third-party verified market sales analyzed in GreenWorks Realty ECert Report.

# Home Size Adjuster = -10



<b>1900 SF</b>	<b>45 pts</b>	<b>60 pts</b>	<b>75 pts</b>	<b>90 pts</b>
<b>1200 SF</b>	<b>35 pts</b>	<b>50 pts</b>	<b>65 pts</b>	<b>80 pts</b>
<b>2500 SF</b>	<b>52 pts</b>	<b>67 pts</b>	<b>82 pts</b>	<b>97 pts</b>

Three Bedroom Example

# Legacy Project Case Study



SS: rain gardens and pervious



pavers



WE: low-flow plumbing fixtures



EA: radiant heating



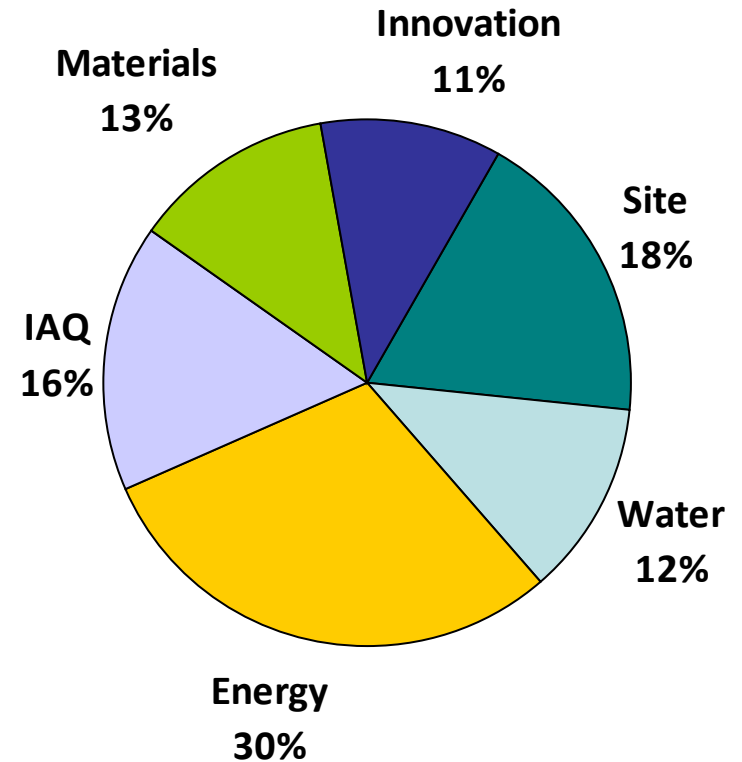
MR: ICF's and SIP's

EQ: all hard flooring



# Case Study LEED Points

Category	Points	%
Sustainable Sites / Locations and Linkages	23	23.5
Water Efficiency	4	10.9
Energy & Atmosphere	22.5	27.9
Materials & Resources	11	11.8
Indoor Air Quality	17	15.2
Innovation, Education	9	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>86.5</b>	<b>100%</b>



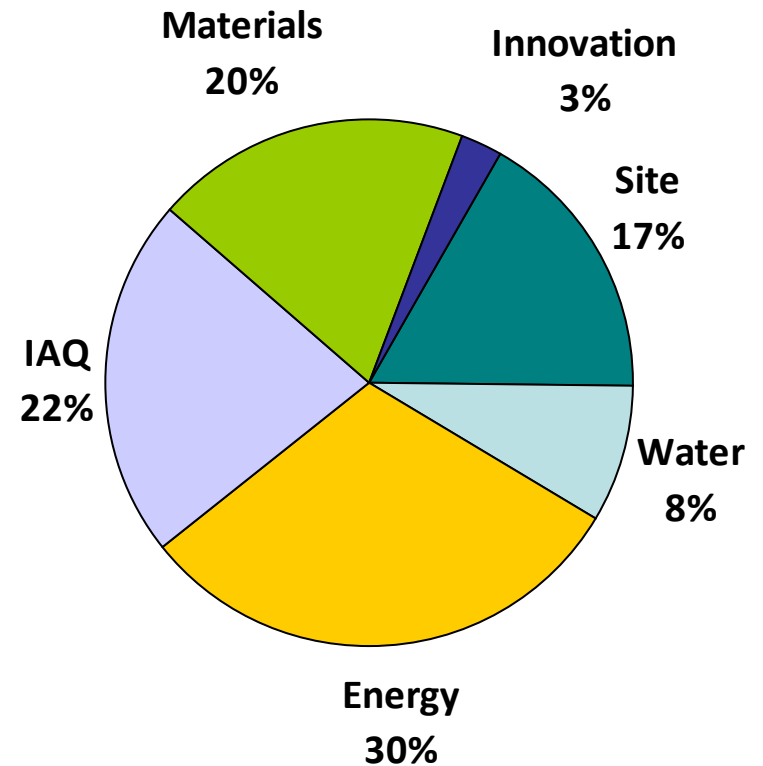
# Habitat for Humanity – Case Study

- NAHB Green Building program was used to certify both 1517 & 1521 11<sup>th</sup> St. Waukegan, IL
- Compared the ICF home to the Wood Frame home with foam insulation.
- Not a significant difference in point totals



# Actual 1517 - NGBS Point Summary

Category	Points	%
Sustainable Sites / Locations and Linkages	101	17.0
Water Efficiency	50	8.4
Energy & Atmosphere	181	30.4
Materials & Resources	116	19.5
Indoor Air Quality	132	22.2
Awareness, Education, Innovation	15	2.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>595</b>	<b>100%</b>



# Gold Scoring Analysis

Chapter	Required Points	Claimed Points	Additional Claimed Points Above Gold	Point Shortfall	Mandatory Status
<a href="#">Chapter 5: Lot Design, Preparation, and Development</a>	93	101	8		Not Applicable
<a href="#">Chapter 6: Resource Efficiency</a>	113	116	3		Met
<a href="#">Chapter 7: Energy Efficiency</a>	100	181	81		Met
<a href="#">Chapter 8: Water Efficiency</a>	41	50	9		Met
<a href="#">Chapter 9: Indoor Environmental Quality</a>	100	132	32		Met
<a href="#">Chapter 10: Operation, Maintenance, and Building Owner Education</a>	11	15	4		Met
SECTION TOTALS	458	595	137	0	
Additional Points Above Gold	100	--	137	0	
TOTAL POINTS	558	595	--	0	

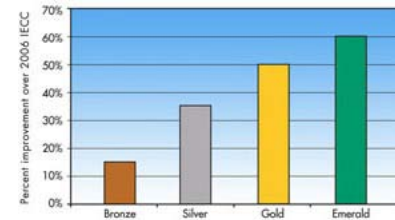
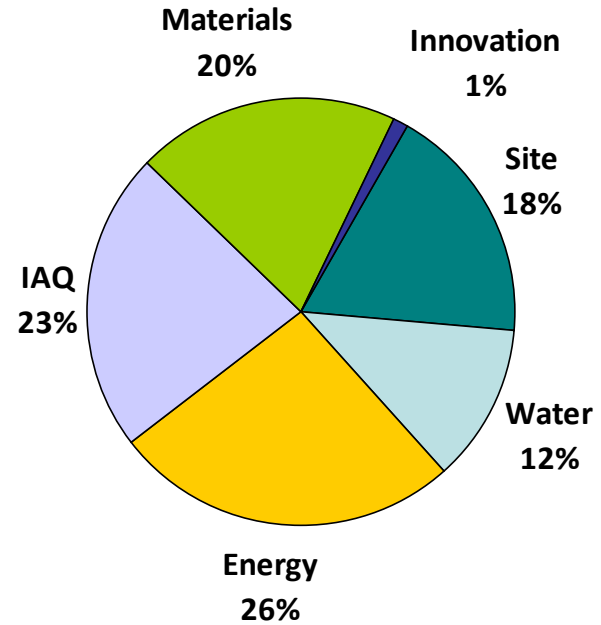
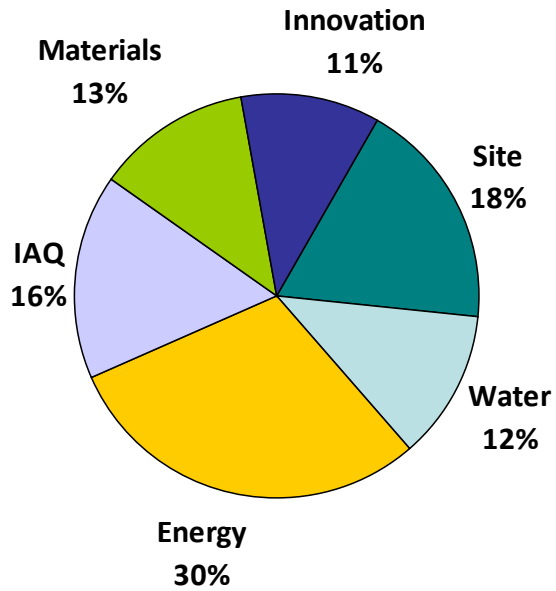
## To achieve Gold:

- Reach required Gold score for each chapter
- Reach required Additional Points for this project
- Meet all mandatory items
- Meet the requirements of 801.6 & 802.2 - High Efficiency or Waterless Toilets
- For Chapter 7 - Energy Efficiency
  - Claim at least 30 points from Section 702 (Performance Path) or Section 703 (Prescriptive Path)
  - Select a minimum of 2 items from Section 704

# CONCLUSIONS



# PROGRAM COMPARISON



# LEGACY HOME COMPARISON



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Awareness, Education, Innovation	8	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>595</b>
	<b>Platinum</b>	<b>Gold</b>





**QUESTIONS**

**ANSWERS**





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