

## High Performance Zero Net Energy Construction Workshop

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#### High Performance Zero Net Energy Construction Presentation

- MA Stretch Code Overview
- Mass Save Residential New Construction Program, 3 Paths
  - Low-Rise
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    - Deep Dive
- Massachusetts Clean Energy Center
  - Clean Heating and Cooling
  - Solar Electricity
  - Commonwealth Woodstove Change-out
- Mass Save Case Studies



Q&A

Helping Massachusetts Municipalities Create a Cleaner Energy Future

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The Green Communities Division Partnering with Massachusetts Cities and Towns





Town of Nantucket Green Communities & Stretch Code Presentation 5/8/2019







## Green Communities Designation and Grant Program

Up to \$20M/yr in grants and loans to *qualifying communities* 



It Governor Lt Governor DESIGNATED 2015



## Grants fund energy efficiency initiatives & renewable energy, innovative projects





## **Designation and Grant Program**

### >\$105M grants awarded



#### 270 grants completed



>\$10M savings/yr











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## Green Communities Designation and Grant Program

- Designation grant allocations based on a \$125K base plus a population/per capita income formula; maximum \$1M.
- Competitive grants available annually up to \$250,000 per applicant for Green Communities. More than \$100M awarded in total for both designation and competitive grant programs
- Projects being funded include energy conservation measures

Community	Year	Grants
Marion	2018	\$132,672
Harwich	2018	\$ 152,910
Orleans	2018	\$ 134,709
Mashpee	2010	\$ 619,394
Yarmouth	2018	\$ 191,601

#### Nantucket's Green Communities Neighbors:





## Green Communities Designation and Grant Flowchart



Contact your Green Communities Regional Coordinator

Step 1

Step 2

- Discuss Green Communities Designation with Local Government
- Receive local approval to apply for Green Communities status
- Meet the 5 Green Communities Criteria and submit a Designation Application
- Receive Green Community Designation from DOER
- Step 3 Apply for Green Community Grants





## **Designation and Grant Program**



## **Qualification Criteria - Designation**

- 1. Adopt as-of-right siting for RE/AE generation, R&D, or manufacturing -
- 2. Adopt expedited permitting process
- 3. Create an Energy Reduction Plan to reduce energy use by 20% in 5 years
- 4. Adopt Fuel Efficient Vehicle Purchase Policy
- Minimize life cycle cost in new construction → adopt the Stretch Code





## Criteria 1 – As-Of-Right Siting

- 1. Renewable or Alternative Energy Generating Facilities <u>or</u>;
  - A. Solar = 250KW or greater ground mounted solar PV
  - B. Discreet parcel(s) that can support a solar facility of that capacity = approximately one (1) acre for 250KW
- 2. Renewable or Alternative Energy Research and Development (R&D) Facilities <u>or;</u>
- 3. Renewable or Alternative Energy Manufacturing Facilities in designated locations.





## **Criteria 2 – Expedited Permitting**



# 12 months: date of initial application to date of final approval

- Applies only to the proposed facilities subject to the As-of-Right Siting provision.
- Can apply the MGL c 43D permitting process to these zoning districts





#### Criteria 3 – Energy Baseline & 20% Energy Reduction Plan





Calculate a Municipal Energy Use Baseline that includes:

- 1. Municipal Buildings & Schools
- 2. All Vehicles
- 3. Municipally Owned Street & Traffic Lights





## **Criteria 4 – Fuel Efficient Vehicles**

- 1. Purchase only fuel-efficient vehicles for municipal use whenever such vehicles are commercially available and practicable.
- 2. Police cruisers are exempt until commercially available.



3. Heavy-duty vehicles > 8,500 pounds are exempt.









## Criteria 5 – Minimize Life Cycle Costs

Require all new residential construction and all new commercial and industrial real estate construction to minimize, to the extent feasible, the lifecycle cost of the facility by utilizing energy efficiency, water conservation and other renewable or alternative energy technologies.

The DOER recommended way for cities and towns to meet this requirement is by adopting the BBRS Stretch Code (780 CMR 115.AA) an appendix to the MA State Building Code.

- In a town, the Stretch Code must be adopted as a general bylaw by its Town Meeting.
- <u>https://www.mass.gov/files/documents/2018/08/10/guidance-5-</u> criterion.pdf







## **Stretch Code Communities**







Massachusetts DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY RESOURCES Creating a Clean, Affordable and Resilient Energy Future for the Commonwealth

## **Stretch Code**

- The Stretch Code **ONLY** applies to:
  - NEW residential construction and
  - NEW commercial construction > 100,000 sq. ft. or > 40,000 sq. ft. for conditioned spaces = Labs & Supermarkets
- Additions, Renovations & Repairs are <u>EXEMPT</u> from the Stretch Code





## The Stretch Code is No Longer Much of a Stretch

- Base Energy Code (IECC 2015) and Stretch Code adopted by Massachusetts on 1/1/2017
- Current Base Code allows builders two options for residential and commercial new construction:

#### **Prescriptive**

- Checklist of Compliance
   Measures
- Inspections During and Post Construction

#### **Performance**

- Pre & Post Construction Energy Modeling
- Inspections During and Post Construction





## The Stretch Code is No Longer Much of a Stretch

- Major differences between the Base & Stretch Code are:
  - Removal of the prescriptive path option
  - HERS Rater needs to provide an Energy Model.
    - The cost to perform the modelling required by the Stretch Code can be covered by utility incentive.



#### Performance

- Pre & Post construction
   energy modeling
- Inspections during and post construction





## **Why Test Performance?**

 Prescriptive codes don't guarantee good installation,

air and water tightness, or that thermal insulation is effective.

- Small air gaps can reduce insulation Rvalues by 50% or more.
- HERS Raters provide third party verification







## What is the HERS Process?

- 1. Review Building Plans via Computer Energy Modeling
- 2. In-process inspections
  - First inspection
    - Duct tightness test (if applicable)\*
  - Second Inspection (usually combined with 1st)
    - Insulation
  - Final Inspection
    - Blower door test\*
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\*Required by Base Energy Code 2015 IECC







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## What is a HERS Rating?

## (Home Energy Rating System)

#### Annualized energy analysis

Heating, Cooling, Water Heating, Lighting and Appliances....

On site power generation-renewable energy

#### **Reference Home**

- Based on IECC 2006 Code (International Energy Conservation Code) Defined as 100 Points
- 1 percent change in consumption = 1 point

HERS 55 means about 45% more efficient than reference home









## Mass Save Residential New Construction Program







Columbia Gas of Massachusetts







## **About Mass Save**



Mass Save is an initiative sponsored by the Massachusetts Gas and Electric utilities and energy efficiency service providers, including Berkshire Gas, Blackstone Gas, Cape Light Compact, Columbia Gas of Massachusetts, Eversource, Liberty Utilities, National Grid, and Unitil. The sponsors of Mass Save work closely with the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources to provide a wide range of services, incentives, trainings, and information promoting energy efficiency that help residents and businesses manage energy use and related costs. Visit http://www.masssave.com/ for more information.



















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- Single point of contact that covers projects with multiple fuel types, multiple utilities, and both commercial and residential meters
- All incentives are **performance-based**, with some exceptions
- A portion of utility bills paid in Massachusetts is allocated to a fund for energy efficiency programs in the state. This fund is then used to support Mass Save Programs
- Program requirements and performance targets align with MA Base and Stretch Energy Codes
- ICF is the Program Administrators' lead vendor for the program

#### **Residential New Construction Program:** *Three Paths*

#### Low-Rise

- Single Family Homes
- Multi-Family ≤ 3 Stories <u>and</u> residential-metered heat
- New construction

#### Renovations & Additions (R&A)

- Single Family Homes
- Multi-Family ≤ 3 Stories <u>and</u> residential-metered heat

#### High-Rise

- All multi-family with master-metered heat
- $\geq$  4 stories <u>and</u>  $\geq$  5 units with residential-metered heat
- New construction and ≥ 50% rehab projects











#### **Residential New Construction Program, Three Paths**



#### Low-Rise / R&A Paths

#### **High-Rise Path**

- Single Family and Low-Rise
   Multifamily
- Residential Energy Code
- Residential HVAC and DHW
   Systems only
- Development time (0.5-2 years)
- On-site testing and verification completed by program-approved HERS Raters or 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Verifiers
- Incentives for commercially
   metered systems are not available

- Mid and High-Rise Multifamily
- Commercial Energy Code
- Commercial and residential HVAC & DHW configurations
- Development time (2-5 years)
- Verification completed utilizing architect and/or engineer approved submittals



## Low-Rise and R&A Performance Paths

3 Stories or less with residentially metered heat

















#### **Pay for Savings Calculation:**

A \* kWh + B \* MMBtu + C \* %Savings

- Participant Incentive:
  - A = \$0.35/kWh
  - B = \$35.00/MMBtu
  - C = \$3,000 single family (1-4 units)
  - C = \$2,000 multifamily (5+ units)
  - No Cost LED lighting
  - Average incentive = \$1,500-\$1,800
  - Max incentive = \$10,000
- Rater/Verifier Incentive:
  - \$350/unit: Single Family (1-4 units)
  - \$100/unit: Multifamily (5+ units)



#### **Overview & Requirements**



- Additional ENERGY STAR incentive
  - \$100 per single family, \$25 per multifamily unit
- General Rule of Thumb:
  - Tight envelope & mechanical ventilation
    - > All homes are required to met 3 ACH50
  - Tight ducts
    - > 6 CFM to outdoors per 100 sq. ft. of conditioned floor area
  - A/C system sizing
    - All cooling equipment must be sized according to the latest editions of ACCA Manuals J and S
  - Insulation and air sealing inspection
    - Compliance with the Air Sealing and Insulation Section of the EPA Thermal Enclosure Checklist required
  - High-efficacy lighting (90%)



- Participants include builders, developers, & homeowners
- Program approved HERS Rating companies
- Current Stretch Code requires a HERS 55
- Process includes:
  - Hire a HERS Rater
  - Plans Analysis/Energy Savings Assessment
  - Mid-Point Inspection
  - Final Inspection
  - Savings/Incentive Processing



- Since 2018, 114 Low-Rise projects have completed the Program
- A total of 67,372 KWh saved!
  - On average, 632 kWh per project saved
- Average project incentive ~\$1,900
- Highest incentive awarded ~\$5,500



#### Equivalency Results of 67,372 kWh saved



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47.6 Metric Tons 🗸

#### Greenhouse gas emissions from



#### CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from


#### Equivalency Results of 67,372 kWh saved



#### Greenhouse gas emissions avoided by





# **R&A Deep Dive**















#### **The Problem**



- High volume of inbound R&A projects
- R&A projects fell through the gap between New Homes and Retrofits
- No incentive available and no savings influenced by program for large number of projects



#### **The Problem**



- Determining savings for R&A projects is typically very time consuming:
  - 2+ site visits required
  - Multiple energy models to calculate savings for existing footprint and addition footprint
  - Competing EE incentives/rebates for HVAC and LI/Affordable programs



#### **The Solution**



- 1<sup>st</sup> of its kind Renovations and Additions Program
- Custom software to generate hybrid baseline and reduce modeling time
- Savings claimed for previously lost projects
- Incentives for both raters and homeowners





# Single family and multifamily projects

- Dwellings 3 stories or less are eligible to participate
- Renovation or addition of at least 500 S.F. total enclosure area
  - This includes floors, walls, and ceilings
- Projects must achieve at least 5% savings above the baseline to qualify for incentives
- Partner HERS Rating Companies
  - Verification services



Project	Average	Average	Average
Completions	Incentive	kWh	MMBTu
46	\$2,946.52	2062.57	78.84

- Program incentives cap out at \$10,000 per unit
- No-cost LEDs available
  - Evaluating inclusion of instant savings measures (low-flow fixtures, smart strips, thermostats) for late 2019
- 2019 unit goal of 1,500
  - Currently working with 375+ active leads
- DIY projects are not allowed
  - Projects must have a valid building permit to enroll



# **Massachusetts Clean Energy Center**







Columbia Gas of Massachusetts







#### **Overview of Mass CEC Programs**



- Clean Heating and Cooling
  - Ground-Source Heat Pumps
  - Solar Hot Water
- Solar Electricity
  - Solar Access Affordable Home Heating
  - Mass Solar Loan
  - Solarize Massachusetts
- Commonwealth Wood Stove Change-Out
  - Modern Wood Heating

#### Geothermal



- Ground Source Heat Pumps
  - Uses earths constant underground temperature
    - > Wells can be drilled for vertical loops
    - > Loops can also be horizontal





#### **Solar Hot Water**



- Solar Hot Water
  - Use small panels
    - > Can be used on most roofs
    - Potentially reduce electricity consumption, running costs and environmental impact by 2/3rds





#### **Wood Heating**



- Modern Wood Heating
  - Wood & Pellet Stoves
    - Several new systems are Automated PM8





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#### PM8 How so? Pignatelli, Mark, 4/25/2019

#### **Overview of Incentives**



- Ground-Source Heat Pumps
  - Rebates of up to \$10,000 are available, with higher incentive for low and moderate income customers
- Solar Hot Water
  - Rebates of up to \$3,500 are available, with higher incentive for low and moderate income customers
- Modern Wood Heating
  - Rebates of up to \$12,000 are available, with higher incentives for low and moderate income customers and those removing cord wood heaters

Visit <u>www.masscec.com</u> for more info

#### **Massachusetts Offers Rebates for Electric Vehicles**







#### **Mass Save Case Studies**





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- **Project Team**
- Designer and Architect: Piatt Associates
- HERS Rater: Advanced Building Analysis

#### Equipment

- Panasonic U-26PE1U6 air source heat pump 2.87 COP
- Rheem PROPH5050 T2 RH350 D hybrid water heater
- Panasonic U-26PE1U6 air source heat pump 16.2 SEER
- Roof mounted 45 kW PV system







# **R&A Case Studies**

Cape Cod

















- Customer wanted to spray foam the attic to accommodate a new high efficiency furnace as part of their renovation/addition
- When they learned they could not participate through a Home Energy Assessment, they were referred to the R&A Program
- What options are there for a new system?

#### **Cape Cod**



## Are you going up or down there to change the filter?





### Cape Cod



How about here?





#### Yarmouth, MA



## How about crawling behind that wall?



## You might do it here?



#### **Provincetown**, **MA**



## Better Solution?





### Yarmouthport, MA









#### Yarmouth, MA



## Easy way to surpass code?







#### Hyannis, MA





Savings

- 42.98 Mbtu
- **70.3 kWh**

Incentives

- Free LED lighting
- **\$**2,139.04

# Bigger Picture.....

#### Massachusetts Average Savings from R&A 2018 PM12



#### Greenhouse gas emissions from



#### CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from



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# Nantucket Case Studies Low Rise Path



















- Single Family project eligible for a \$3,920 performance incentive
- 7,099 square feet
- Primary Heat: Propane
- 32% more efficient than the Baseline Home



- 1.28 ACH50 Total Leakage
- Received 180 Program LED's at no cost













#### Heating and Cooling

 95% Propane Hydro-Air System w/ 13 SEER Condenser

#### Hot Water

 Propane Storage Water Heater w/ .87 Energy Factor Provided by Boiler

#### Envelope

- R-21 Walls
- R-38 Spray Foam Roof
- R-10 Under Slab
- Conditioned Basement
- .31 U-Value Windows



#### 34 Brewster Rd, Nantucket



#### **Builder: Bessey Construction**

- Project is eligible for a \$3,984 incentive
- 6,984 square feet
- 31.2% more efficient than the Baseline Home
- 1.45 ACH50 Total Leakage
- Received 180
  Program LED's at no cost



#### 34 Brewster Rd, Nantucket



#### Heating and Cooling

 95% Propane Hydro Air System w/ 13 SEER Condenser

#### Hot Water

 Propane Storage Water Heater w/ .87 Energy Factor Provided by Boiler

### Envelope

- R-21 Walls (fiberglass)
- R-38 Spray Foam Roof
- Conditioned Basement w/ Insulated Slab
- Avg .30 U-Value Windows



#### 10 Monomoy Creek, Nantucket



Builder: Will Gorman

- Project is eligible for a \$3,155 performance incentive
- 5,783 square feet
- 28% more efficient than the Baseline Home
- 1.74 ACH50 Total Leakage
- Received 235 Program LED's at no cost



#### 10 Monomoy Creek, Nantucket






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## Heating and Cooling

- 94% Propane Boiler w/ 13 SEER Condenser
- ERV

#### Hot Water

 Propane Storage Water Heater w/ .86 Energy Factor Provided by Boiler

#### Envelope

- R-20 Walls
- Conditioned Basement
- Foam used throughout for air sealing + tight shell





#### **19 Wapossett Circle**



**Builder: Housing Assistance Corporation** 

- Project is eligible for a \$624 performance incentive
- 1,221 square feet
- 12.4% more efficient than the Baseline Home
- 2.38 ACH50 Total Leakage
- Received 68 Program LED's at no cost



## **19 Wapossett Circle**



## Heating and Cooling

 9 HSPF (Heating Season Performance Factor) 17 SEER Cooling

## Hot Water

 Heat Pump Water Heater with Energy Factor of 3.24

## Envelope

- R-43 Ceilings with low density foam
- Conditioned Basement
- .30 U-Value Windows





#### Adam Ross, Ross Builders





- Project is eligible for a \$7,323 performance incentive
- 7,970 square feet
- 52.3% more efficient than the Baseline Home
- .51 ACH50 Total Leakage
- Received 129 Program LED's at no cost







Total Rooms: 16	Lot Size: 3.24 acres
Beds: 7 Baths: 6	Year Built: 2017



## Heating and Cooling

- Avg. 4.4 COP Geothermal Heating Avg. 29.5 EER Geothermal Cooling
- 8 vertical wells @ 125'
- 900' piping used
- ERV's @ main air handling units
- Hot Water
  - Geothermal Pre-Heat with Energy Factor of 3.0
  - 119 Gallon Storage





## Envelope and Advanced Framing

- R-29 Walls w/ 24" on center framing
- R-48 Ceilings w/ 24" on center framing
- Insulated Slab
- 2" Offset Framing and Foam for Tight, Dry, Conditioned Basement
- .27 U-Value Windows









#### 10 Eat Fire Springs Rd Solar Electric Summary

















- Mass Save has a wide range of Program offerings for existing homes and businesses such as:
  - Home Energy Assessments
  - Heating and Cooling Equipment Incentives
  - Technical Assistance
  - And much more!

To learn more about Mass Save offerings visit: www.MassSave.com



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