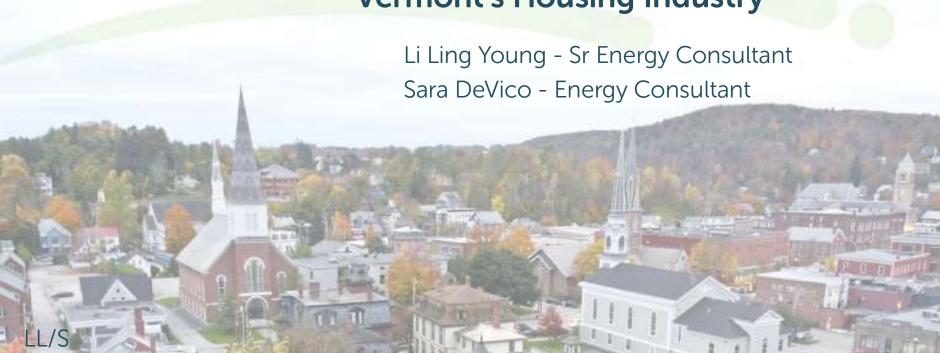




Set the Bar, and They Will Limbo

How Energy Ratings Changed Vermont's Housing Industry



Welcome to Vermont:

Cold **Small** Rural **Modest Ambitious** Unregulated (Beautiful!)





Vermont has a plan

Comprehensive Energy Plan

- 30% of new buildings built to net-zero design standards by 2020
- ...and 100% by 2030

(Not on track, but working on it)



Efficiency Vermont

- Nation's first Efficiency Utility (2000)
- Serve every ratepayer
 - Includes snowmaking, cheese caves, municipal lighting, high performance homes
- No-cost engineering services
- Negative load growth
- Participation in Forward Capacity Market



Introducing Efficiency Vermont's High Performance Home



High Performance Homes





High Performance Home Specifications

Building Component	Specification
Slab	R-30
Below-grade Wall	R-30
Floor	R-40
Ceiling	R-60
Walls	R-40
Windows	U-0.21 or less
Air Leakage	1 ACH50
Ventilation	HRV or ERV (qualifying)

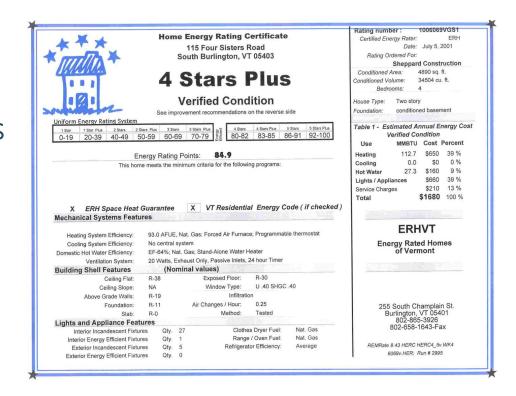


In the beginning...



Energy Rated Homes of Vermont

- Part of Energy Rated Homes of America
 - Introduced Star ratings for homes
- First Energy Rating –
 1987
- Energy Efficient Mortgages (EEMs)
 - HERS became compliance path
- Affordable + efficient





Energy Ratings for DSM

PROGRAI	DESC	Years offe	# of Jobs
ASIS	1997 ASIS	96-00	50
CUTS	CUC TOS	97-98	6
CVP1	TOS CVPS	95-00	45
CVPS	CVPS RNC	95-97	335
EIMS	Energy Mo	98-01	127
FHA	1996 - FHA	1996	1
GMP	GMP RNC	95-96	56
MKT	PRE-1996	95-96	4
PSEG	PSEG RNC	1997	5
RNC	PBL	96-00	95
RNCM	RNC - MEN	1996	2
RNCU	PBC	97-02	1127
VEC	VT Elec. Co	96-99	103
VGRX	VGS Rx	1998	92
VGS1	VGS	96-02	1275
VTS	VEC TOS	1997	3
WEC	New Home	94-02	602
YESS	YESS Progr	96-00	24

- ERH providing service for \$350
- Utility incentive tied to score
 - Higher score = higher incentive
 - Extra incentives for lighting and ventilation
- Required 4 Stars Plus
- Each utility was a little different



1997

- Vermont Star Homes Program
 - 6 utility sponsors
- First State Energy Code adopted

Fast-Track Method The simplest approach. Allows you to incorporate a prescribed

set of features. Minimal calculations. (See Chapter 3.)

Trade-Off Method Almost as simple as the Fast-Track method, but accommo-

dates more designs. You "trade off" various Fast-Track requirements for other features in your design. (See Chapter

4.)

VTcheck Software Method Use your computer with VTcheck software to easily analyze

almost any design and determine whether any modifications

are needed to meet the Code. (See Chapter 5.)

Home Energy Rating Method Achieve a minimum score of 82 (the high end of a 4 Star

rating) to comply. This approach gives full credit for air tight-

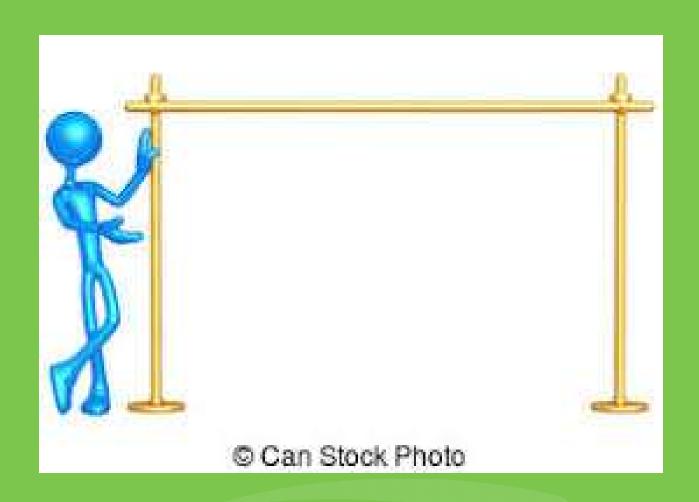
ness and solar orientation. (See Chapter 6.)

Systems Analysis Method Hire an architect or engineer to perform a state-approved systems analysis, which can accommodate any design. (See

Chapter 6.)

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Efficiency Vermont - 2000





Everyone Gets Access

- All services become uniform across the state
 - Moving into areas with little exposure to programs or codes
- Started with programs already in place
 - Including residential new construction

(Subsequently, have built programs for most energy end uses from swimming pools to dairy barns)



First Statewide RNC Program

Required:

Incentives:

- \$250 fee
- 4 Stars Plus
- Ventilation
- Combustion safety

- \$350
- Heating guarantee
- Savings estimates
- Code compliance assistance



^{*} Also had a program that didn't require an Energy Rating, but it did require code compliance







Home Energy Rating Certificate

Orchard Rd. E. Burke, VT 05832

3 Stars Plus

Current Condition

Rating number: 1003745YESS

Certified Energy Rater: Richard Faesy

Date: 9/22/98

Rating Ordered For:

John & Jane Doe

Conditioned Area: 1232 sq. ft.
Conditioned Volume: 8378 cu. ft.

Bedrooms: 3

House Type: One and a half story Cape

Uniform Energy Rating System

1 Star	1 Star Plus	2 Stars	2 St
0-19	20-39	40-49	50

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Mechanical Systems Featur

Heating System Efficiency: Cooling System Efficiency: Domestic Hot Water Efficiency: Ventilation System:

Building Shell Features

Ceiling Flat: Ceiling Slope: Above Grade Walls:

Foundation:

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Lights and Appliance Featur

Interior Incandescent Fixtur
Interior Energy Efficient Fixtur
Exterior Incandescent Fixtur
Exterior Energy Efficient Fixtur

Recommendations for Energy Improvement Upgrade # 1

	of the measures below are implemented, the home will qualify for the gy Rating and the programs shown on the right.	Measure	Annual Energy	Annual Mortgage /Loan	Net Annual Savings
#	Measure Description	Cost	Savings	Increase [1]	
1	Air seal cantilevered 2nd floor area, install Panasonic fan/24-hour timer	\$405	\$30	\$31	\$-1
2	Install an indirect-fired hot water storage tank as a zone off the oil boiler	\$1200	\$350	\$91	\$259
3	Install new 85%+ oil boiler such as System 2000 & additional heating zone	\$3600	\$560	\$274	\$286
4		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
6		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
7		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
8		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
9		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
10		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
11		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
12		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
13		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
14		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
15		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Tota		\$5205	\$940	\$396	\$544

Health, Safety, and Comfort, and House Durability Recommendations

- A Install a carbon monoxide detector near the fireplace
- B Install screw-in compact fluorescent light bulbs in high use locations
- C Insulate basement walls to at least R-10 (doing so will result in 4 Star Energy Rating)
- D Choose a propane dryer when it comes time to purchase one

[1] Interest Rate = 6.45%; Term = 30 years

1003745YESS

Orchard Rd. E. Burke, VT 05832 9/22/98

Upgraded Energy Rating:

rs Points

3 Stars Plus 79.3

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	Before	After	Savings
	\$2,040	\$1496	

After the upgrade, this home meets the minimum criteria for the following programs (if checked):

X YESS Mortgage

All procedures used for this rating are in compliance with national Home Energy Rating standards. All entries made here represent the best professional judgement as to the energy features which were identified during a site inspection or represented from plans and specifications provided to Energy Rated Homes of Vermont (ERHVT). This form nor any entries made on it constitute any warranty without the accompanying document entitled "ERH Space Heat Warranty". Further, ERHVT makes no warranties, expressed or implied, of any kind to anyone with respect to indoor air quality or radon concerns.

The rating is based on the energy efficiency of the building structure itself, and not the occupants. Actual energy usage will vary depending upon the number of occupants and their lifestyles. The rating assumes the average occupancy, weather, an average interior winter thermostat settings, and typical use for domestic hot water, lights and appliances. There has been no attempt to estimate all the electrical loads in the home. Electrical consumption is based on averages for homes of similar size. Energy costs are based on local energy prices.

2001 Snapshot

# Projects	CFA (Avg.)	ACH50 (Avg.)	HERS (Avg.)
46	2636	4.42	Not Available



Refining the Program (2003-2005)

- No-Rating path drops out
- Ratings get folded into a "free" program
- Cash incentive, plus bonus for appliances
- 2005 Code requires ventilation/comb. safety
- Opportunity to introduce building science issues
- ENERGY STAR compliance included
- 2005 Tax Credit



2005 Snapshot

Year	# Projects (Avg.)	CFA (Avg.)	ACH50 (Avg.)	HERS (Avg.)
2001	46	2636	4.42	NA
2005	539	2817	3.28	87



The Big Upheaval - 2006

...and Homes on the Road to Rapid improvement





<u>Score</u>

<u>Index</u>

100 = Net Zero Energy Home

0 = Net Zero Energy Home

90 = 5 Star Plus Home

86 = 5 Star Home & ENERGY STAR®

84 = 4 Star Plus Home

82 = VT Energy Code

Compliance

80 = RESNET

Reference Home based on older Code version

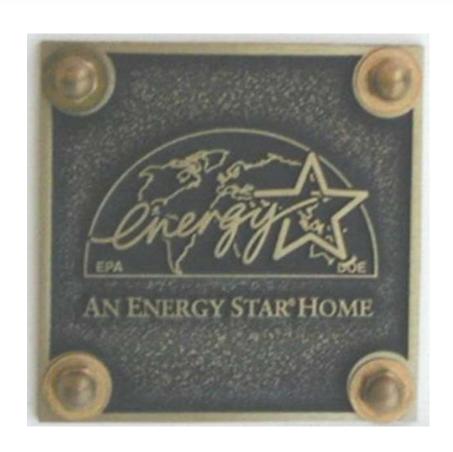
80 = ENERGY STAR®

? = VT Energy Code Compliance score - to be determined.

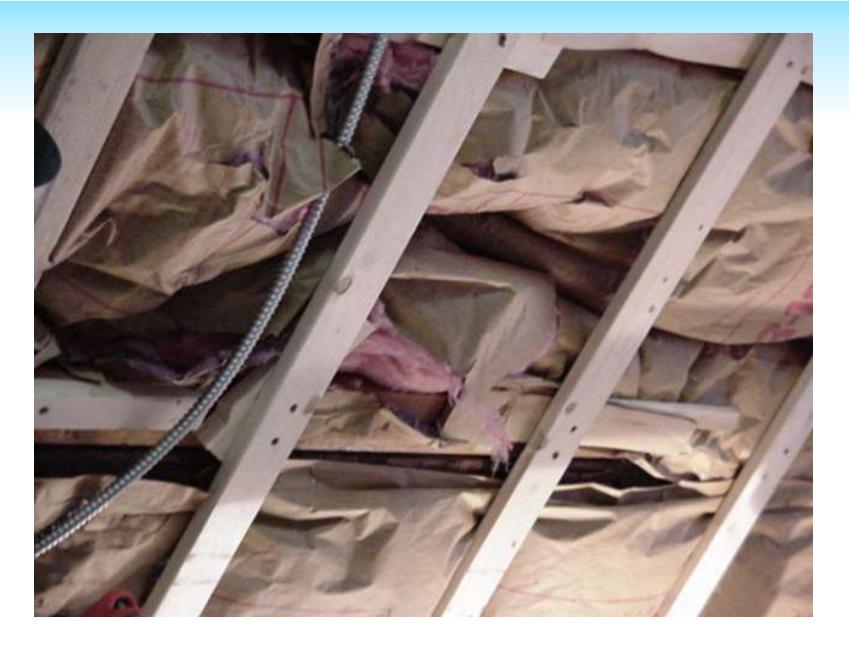
100 = RESNET
Reference Home based
on newer IECC Code

ENERGY STAR v2

- Thermal Bypass Inspection
 Checklist
- Duct Leakage Limit (testing required by RESNET)
- < 80 points (climate zone6)
- ENERGY STAR products









Program Criteria - 2006

Required:

- ENERGY STAR v2
- Four efficient light fixtures
- ENERGY STAR heating
- Mechanical ventilation*
- Combustion safety*

Incentive:

- A la carte
- ENERGY STAR verification
- 2005 EPACT verification
- Heating guarantee
- Code compliance



^{*}Now required by energy code

2008 Snapshot

Year	# Projects (Avg.)	CFA (Avg.)	ACH50 (Avg.)	HERS (Avg.)
2001	46	2636	4.42	NA
2005	539	2817	3.28	87
2006	540	2755	3.73	78
2007	557	2614	4.15	65
2008	411 (38.8% market share)	1318	3.64 (Non-program 5.3)	61



Refining the Program 2008-2011

• 3 ACH50 program requirement

Increased incentive (>\$1000)

Ratings for code compliance take off 2011



2011 Snapshot

Year	# Projects (Avg.)	CFA (Avg.)	ACH50 (Avg.)	HERS (Avg.)
2001	46	2636	4.42	NA
2005	539	2817	3.28	87
2006	540	2755	3.73	78
2007	557	2614	4.15	65
2008	411 (38.8% market share)	1318	3.64 (Non-program 5.3)	61
2011	327 (40.2% market share)	2335	2.46 (Non-program 3.6)	56



ENERGY STAR v3

...everything breaks



Program Criteria - 2012

Required:

- Prescriptive insulation
 \$500 base levels; 3 ACH50
- Option to not meet ESv3 - 4 ACH50
- ENERGY STAR HVAC and appliances
- 50% efficient lighting

Incentive:



2012 Snapshot

Year	# Projects (Avg.)	CFA (Avg.)	ACH50 (Avg.)	HERS (Avg.)
2001	46	2636	4.42	NA
2005	539	2817	3.28	87
2006	540	2755	3.73	78
2007	557	2614	4.15	65
2008	411 (38.8% market share)	1318	3.64 (Non-program 5.3)	61
2011	327 (40.2% market share)	2335	2.46 (Non-program 3.6)	56
2012	284	2175	2.37	54

Program Criteria 2013-2015

Required:

- Tiers
 - Gold: 1 ACH50
 - Silver: 3 ACH50
 - Bronze: 4 ACH50
- Prescriptive insulation (≈IECC 2009)
- 80% efficient lighting

Incentive:

- Based on HERS index
 - \$40+/point-below-60(up to \$1500)
- \$200 Tier II appliance bonus



2013: High Performance Homes "Gold Tier"

- R-30 slab (later relaxed)
- R-30 foundation walls
- R-40 walls
- R-60 ceiling
- U .19 windows (later changed to U .21)
- 1 ACH50
- Balanced ventilation (qualifying: later relaxed)



2013 Snapshot: HPH projects

Year	# Projects (Avg.)	CFA (Avg.)	ACH50 (Avg.)	HERS (Avg.)
2013 overall	327	2010	2.17	53
2013 HPH tier	7	2149	0.57	34



Program Criteria 2016

Requirement:

- Prescriptive insulation
- 80% efficient lighting
- Windows U 0.28
- < 3ACH50

Incentive:

- \$500 base incentive
- \$600 continuous wall insulation incentive
- \$2000 High
 Performance Home
- Free ENERGY STAR verification



2016 Snapshot: HPH projects

Year	# Projects (Avg.)	CFA (Avg.)	ACH50 (Avg.)	HERS (Avg.)
2016 overall	389	2132	1.65	49
2013 HPH	7	2149	0.57	34
2015 HPH	19	1719	0.55	35
2016 HPH	51 10.8% of program	1812	0.57	38



Program Criteria 2017

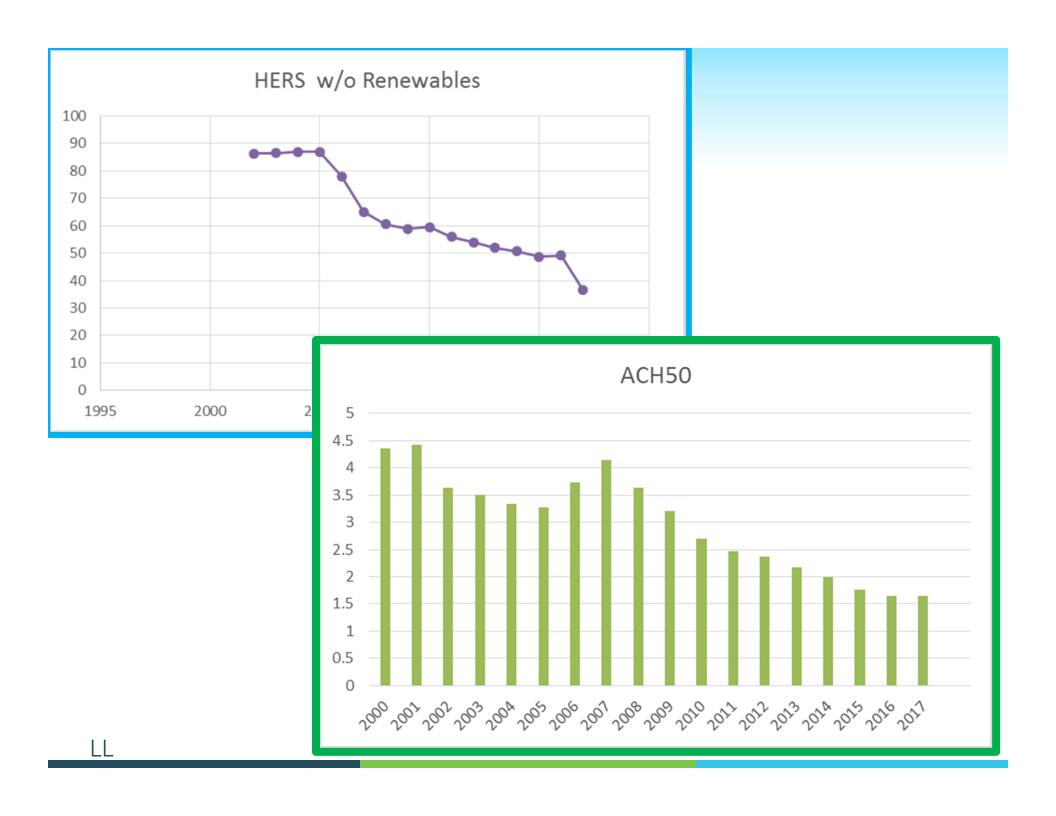
Requirements:

- No-Rating option bigger incentive
- Prescriptive insulation
- 80% efficient lighting
- ENERGY STAR appliances, heating+cooling
- < 3ACH50

Incentive:

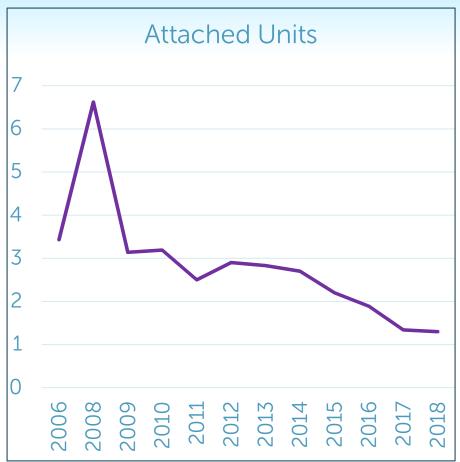
- \$400 incentive (\$800 without Energy Rating)
- \$800 Comfort bonus
 - Continuous wall insulation
 - Qualifying HRV
 - < 2ACH50
- Green Addendum (for HPH)



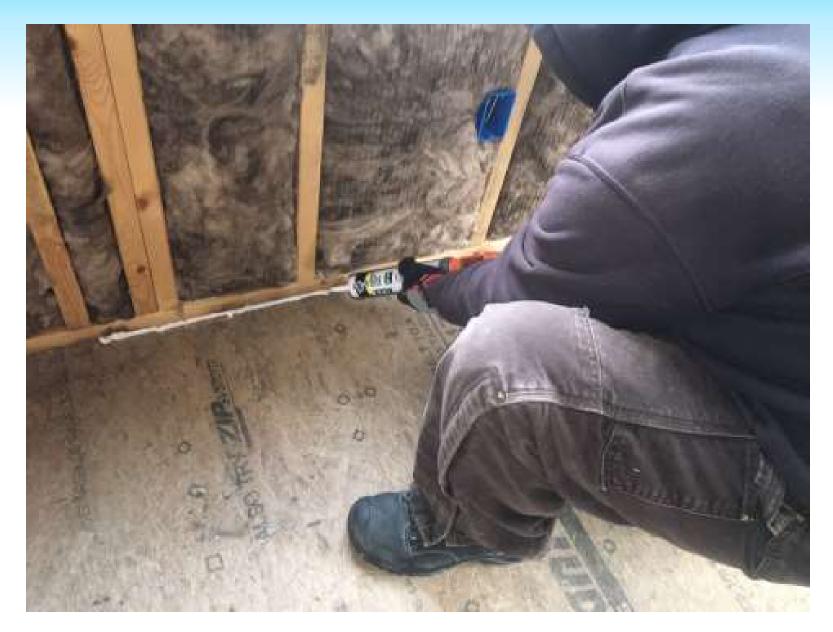


Case Study















Requirements	EVT Certified (2017)	EVT Certified v2 (2018)			
Wall insulation (above- grade and band joist)	R-20	Min R-5 continuous; total min R-26			
Insulation installation	Grade II	Grade I			
Air leakage, max ACH50	3.0	2.0			
Ventilation	Code-compliant	High-efficiency balanced ventilation			
Water heating equipment	Federal minimum	ENERGY STAR or equivalent			
Lighting	80% ENERGY STAR	95% ENERGY STAR			
Bathroom water fixtures	n/a	2/3 of toilets, shower(s) and bath sink faucets are WaterSense <u>or flow</u> <u>equivalent</u>			
INCENTIVE	\$400-800	\$2500			



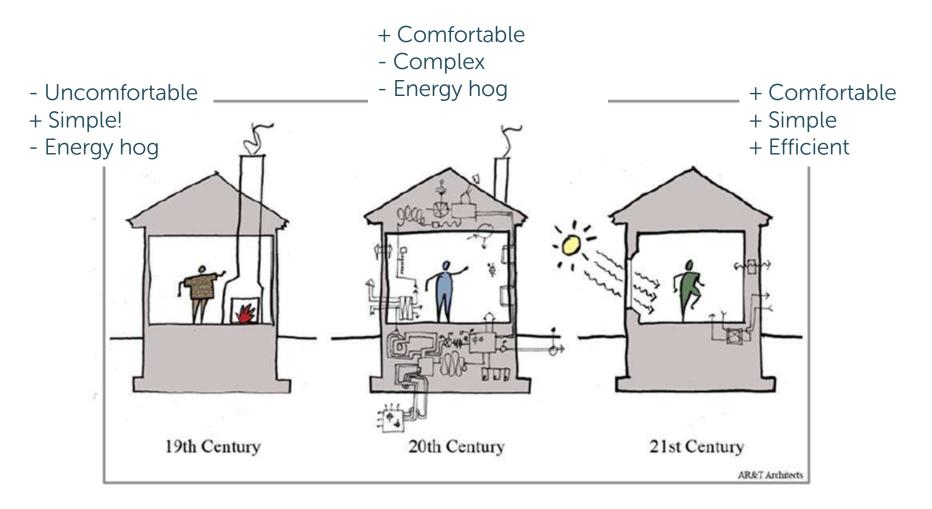
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Foundation wall	R-15 cont. / R-20 cavity	R-30				
Slab edge	R-15	R-30, slab on grade R-20, slab below grade Footing ≥ R-8				
Under slab	R-15 (heated slab only)	R-20, unheated below grade R-30 heated or unheated on grade				
Ceiling	R-49 sloped / R-60 flat	R-60				
Above grade wall	Min R-5 cont / R-26 total	R-40				
Air leakage	Test to ≤ 2 ACH50	Test to ≤ 1 ACH50				
Windows (max)	U-0.28	U-0.21				
Heat/cool/appliances	ENERGY STAR					
Ventilation	High efficiency balanced system					
Water	ENERGY STAR, plus 2/3 of non-filling fixtures are low flow					
Incentive	\$2500 \$3000					



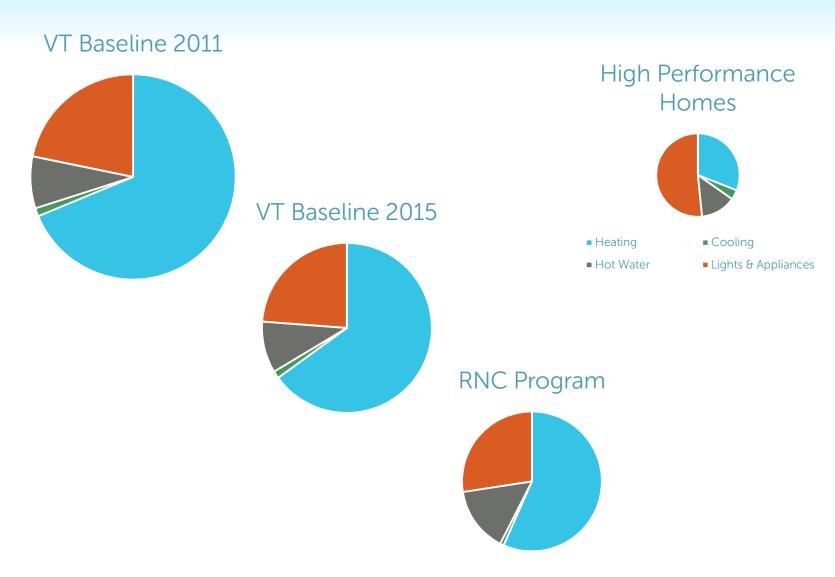
HPH- What is it?



HPH aim: smarter, simpler

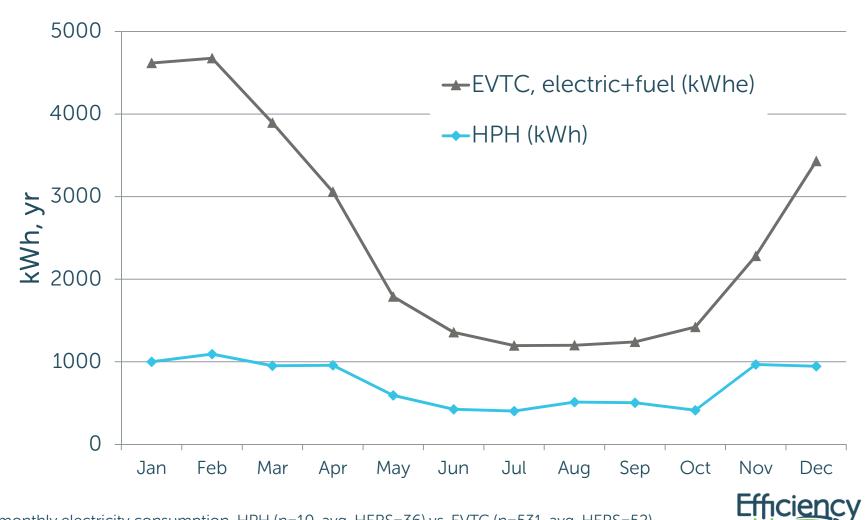








Comparing the High Performance Home



2015 monthly electricity consumption, HPH (n=10, avg. HERS=36) vs. EVTC (n=531, avg. HERS=52). HPH data includes homes with min. 1 year of data; net-metered homes excluded.

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Well-detailed air sealing







Foundation

- R-30 at slab edge
- R-20 under slab and below-grade walls









Windows

U-0.21 or better

Usually triple-pane, insulated frame, casement





Balanced ventilation





Whole house distribution with heat recovery



Efficient appliances and lighting



LEDs
 Heat pump clothes dryer
 Tier III appliances
 Heat pump water heater



Some examples in Vermont











Owners Love their High Performance Homes

"Perfectly comfortable all the time."

Multiple Benefits:

- Energy savings + low maintenance
- Comfort
- Good daylighting
- Resiliency
- Fossil fuel-free





It's not all about building details....



Tools

Advanced Air Sealing

Ensure comfort & moisture protection



New Construction

Why air

As air tightne and goals ha stringent-2. below-build need to inco sealing detail The Vermon Code air sea a great starti

Balanced Ventilation

Improve air quality and health



Continuous Insulation

Eliminate heat loss from wood studs



Residential **New Construction** Guidance

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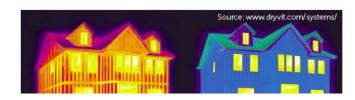
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Why continuous insulation matters

house and Insulation makes a home more through op comfortable and less expensive to building en heat, but most homes in Vermont fresh air ge only have insulation between the as bedroon studs. A typical wall with studs spaced 16" apart ends up being around 25% wood (studs) and 75% insulation. On a cold winter day, a wall without continuous insulation can have an interior surface temperature 15-20 degrees cooler

Wood conducts energy more readily than insulation. A sensitive thermal imaging camera "shows" heat loss due to these studs. In the image at below, yellow areas indicate heat loss (as well as fuel/money loss). There is a way to reduce this!

Applying a layer of insulation on the outside (most typical) or inside of the stud wall essentially forms a continuous blanket (also known as a "thermal break") around the home. This leads to greater comfort, warmer walls, and reduced heat loss and air leakage. Plus, it's a great way to reduce sound transmission through walls.



Efficiency Excellence Network

- Opportunity for qualified builders to differentiate themselves
- Access to marketing materials and upgraded website listings
- Access to networking events and trainings
- Preferred listing on Efficiency Vermont website





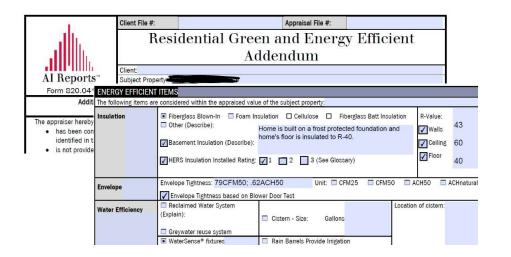
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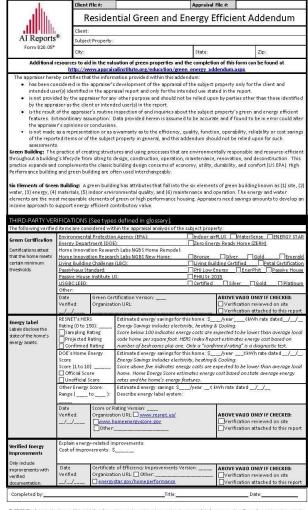
- Better Buildings by Design
 - 1000+ attendance every year
- High Performance Homes summits
 - Design, construction, operation issues
 - Advanced-level topics only
- Speakers Bureau
 - Presentations for towns, businesses, large employers, faith groups, credit unions, etc.
- Technical trainings through EEN



Green Addendum

- 7 pages, provided to appraiser
- Developed by Appraisal Institute
- Energy consultant fills out with projected (or completed) project data





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Energy Label Labels disclose the state of the home's energy assets.	RESNET's HERS	Estimated energy savings for this home: \$\tag{year}\cdot\kappa\kappa\kappa\left_\\						
	Rating (0 to 150):	Energy Savings includes electricity, heating & Cooling.						
	☐ Sampling Rating ☐ Projected Rating ☐ Confirmed Rating	Score below 100 indicates energy costs are expected to be lower than average code- built home. HERS Index Report occupancy estimates energy cost based on number of bedrooms plus one. Only a "confirmed rating" is diagnostically tested.						

Green Certification	Environmen	tal Protection Agency (EPA):	☐ Indoor airPLUS ☐ WaterSense ☐ ENERGY STAR				
	Energy Department (DOE):		☐ Zero Energy Ready Home (ZERH)				
Certifications attest	Home Innov	ration Research Labs NGBS Home Remodel:					
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Building Envelope	Envelope Tightness:Unit:CFM25CFM50ACH50ACH natural Instructions: Insert the rating as a number that could be 0.5 to 7ACH50 or higher. The lower the number, the more air tight the envelope. Building Codes for area show maximum Envelope Tightness allowed based on the climate zone. Not all areas have adopted a building code. http://bcap-energy.org/								
Windows	☐ ENERGY STAR®	□ Low E	☐ High Imp	act	☐ Storm	☐ Doubl		□ Tinted	☐ Solar Shades
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ENERGY STAR® Appliances	ENERGY STAR®: ☐ Dishwasher ☐ Refrigerator ☐ Washer/Dryer ☐ Other:								
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The trifecta

The builders can build it

 The real estate and appraisal markets are starting value it

The homebuyers are starting to expect it*



Unique or universal?

- Legislation and regulation +
- Lousy with environmentalists +
- Cold climate +
- Staying power +
- Quality builders +
- Yankee frugality +



The air hurts my face



Why am I living where the air hurts my face







Thanks!

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