# Foundations Failures & Successes

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## "Foundation"

Lowest load bearing part of a building

Base

Core

Starting point

Heart

# Foundation – Basement....

Strong

Dry – managed moisture

Healthy

Comfortable

**Energy Efficient** 

Needed!

#### Basements

Extra living space

Storage for STUFF – down, up, down, up and on and on......

Mechanicals

**Appliances** 

Storm and personal safety

#### Foundations

Concrete block

Poured concrete

All Weather Wood

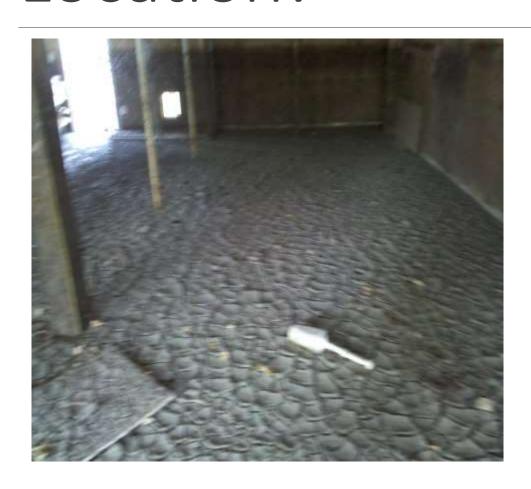
Panelized concrete

**Shallow Frost Free Foundation** 

ICF – Insulated Concrete Forms



# Location, Location, Location!



New home, many adjustments and more work

Remodel, more "Knowns" AND "Unknowns"

Risk management –flood zones?



### Moisture and Area Specific Issues

- Backfill materials Price?
- Water table
- Floods, Drought, Neighbors
- Insulation methods many times do not truly consider moisture
- Soils Testing?











#### What Are Foundations Supposed To Do?

Hold up the house.

Hold down the house.

Provide space for living, storage, and safety.

Be dry, warm, healthy.....

Durable

Others.....



#### Considerations

11 courses – Really?

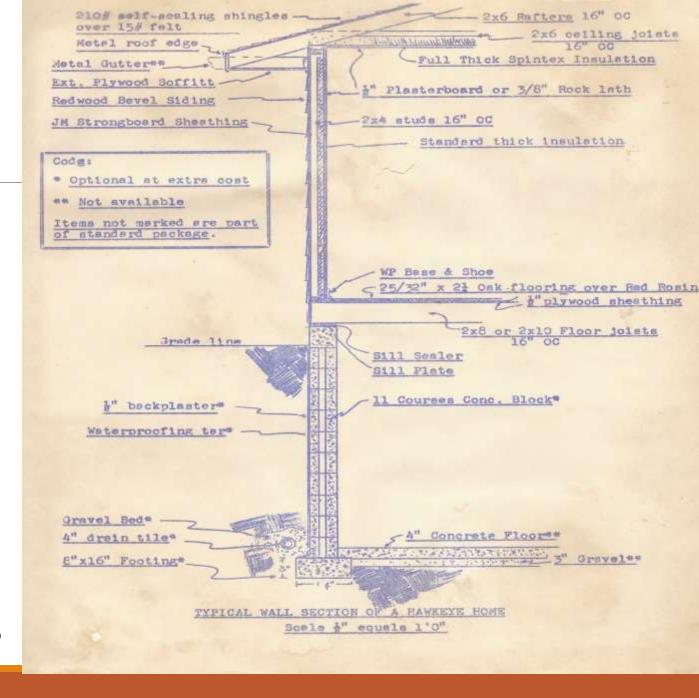
Sump pump....Energy Star?

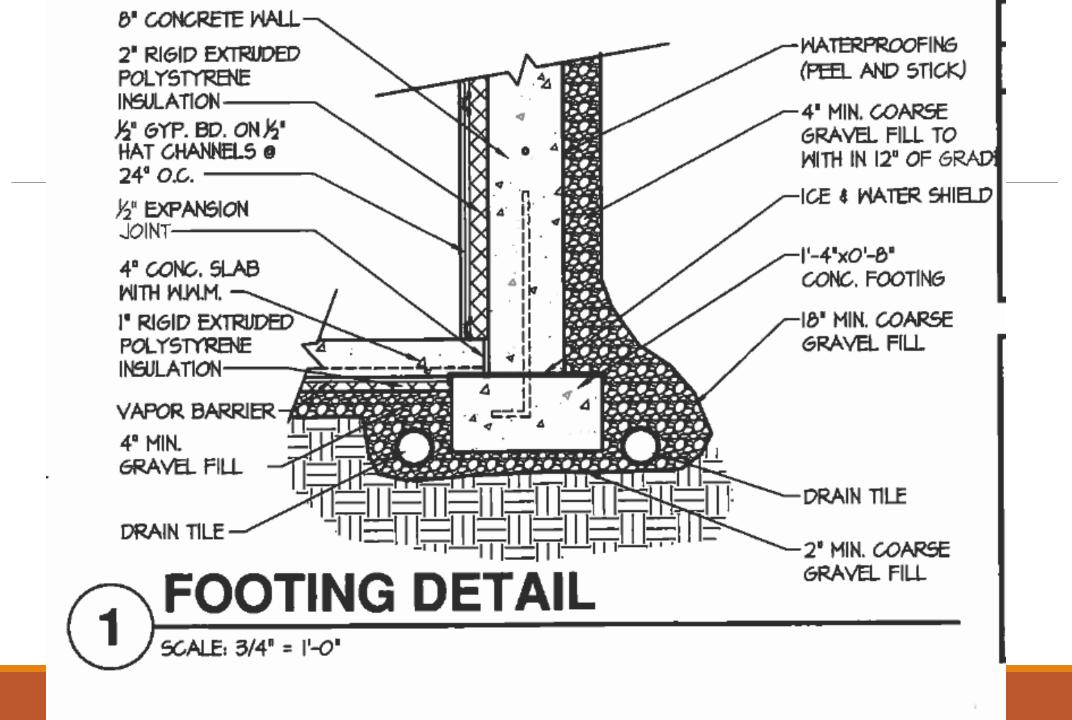
Grade & tile drainage

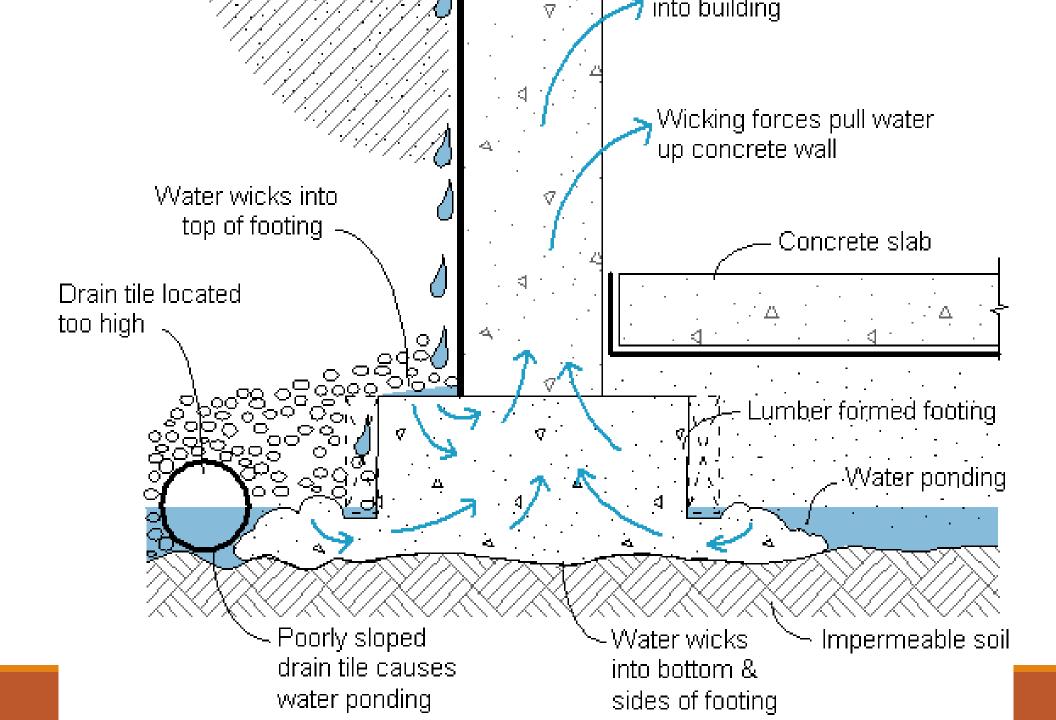
Radon mitigation system

Correct vapor and moisture control

Mold prevention strategies

























































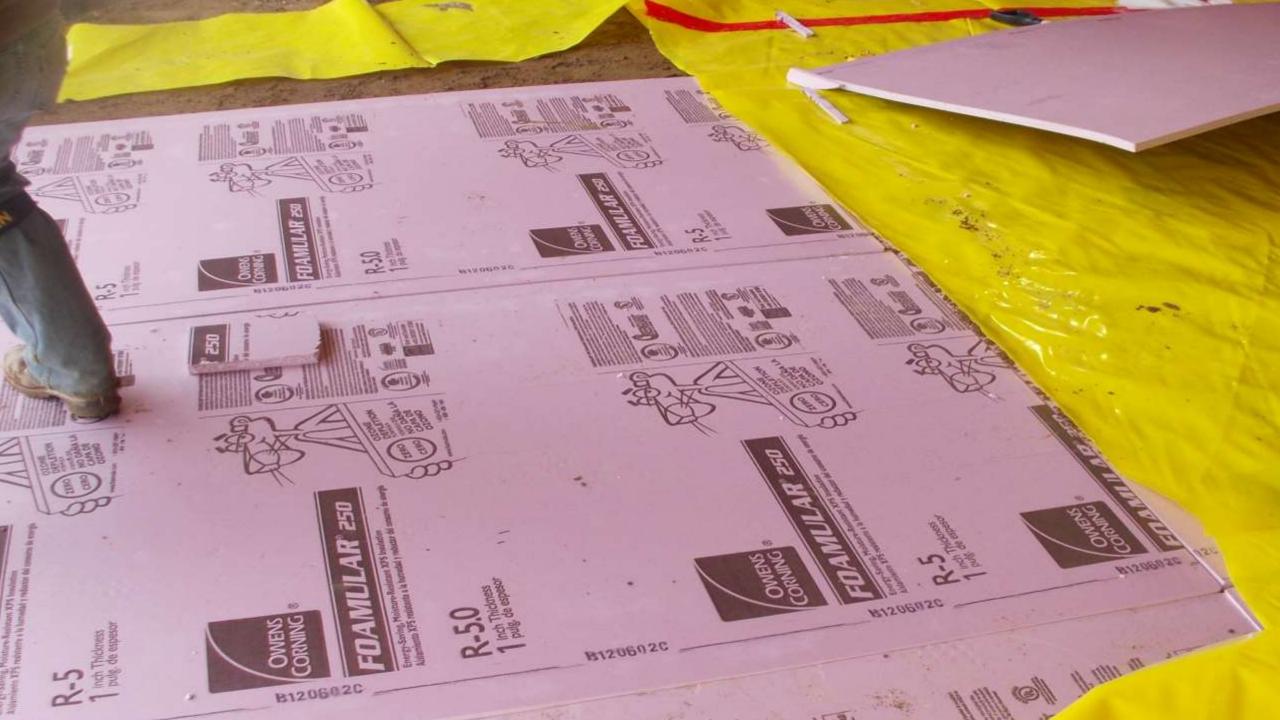
















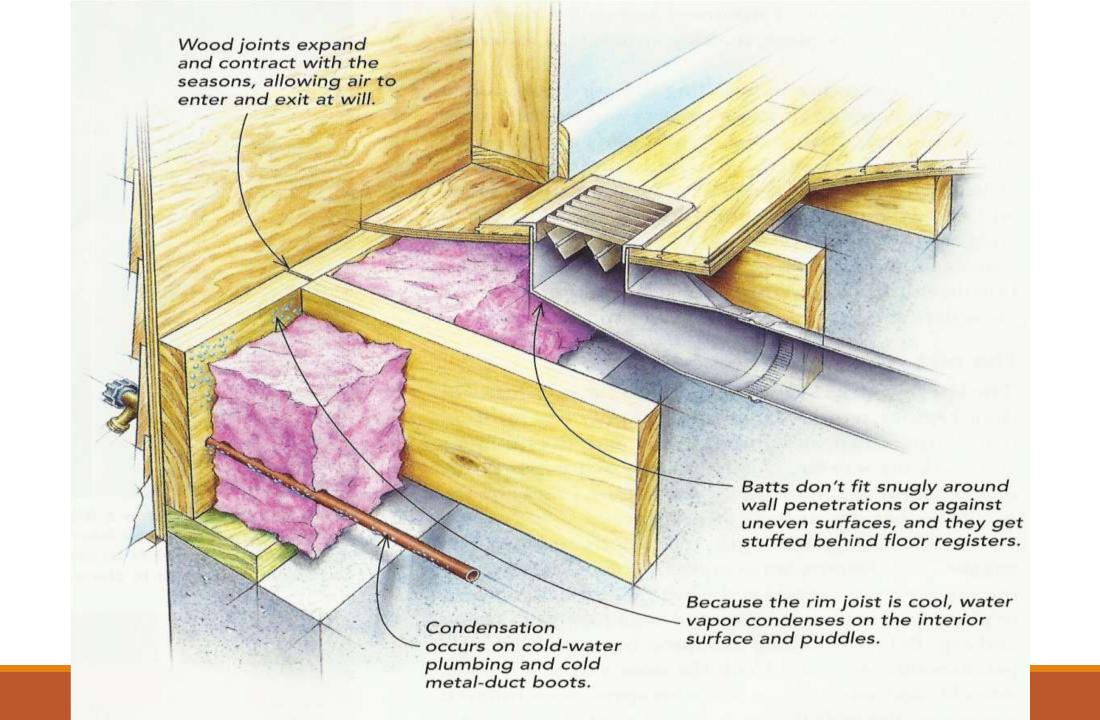












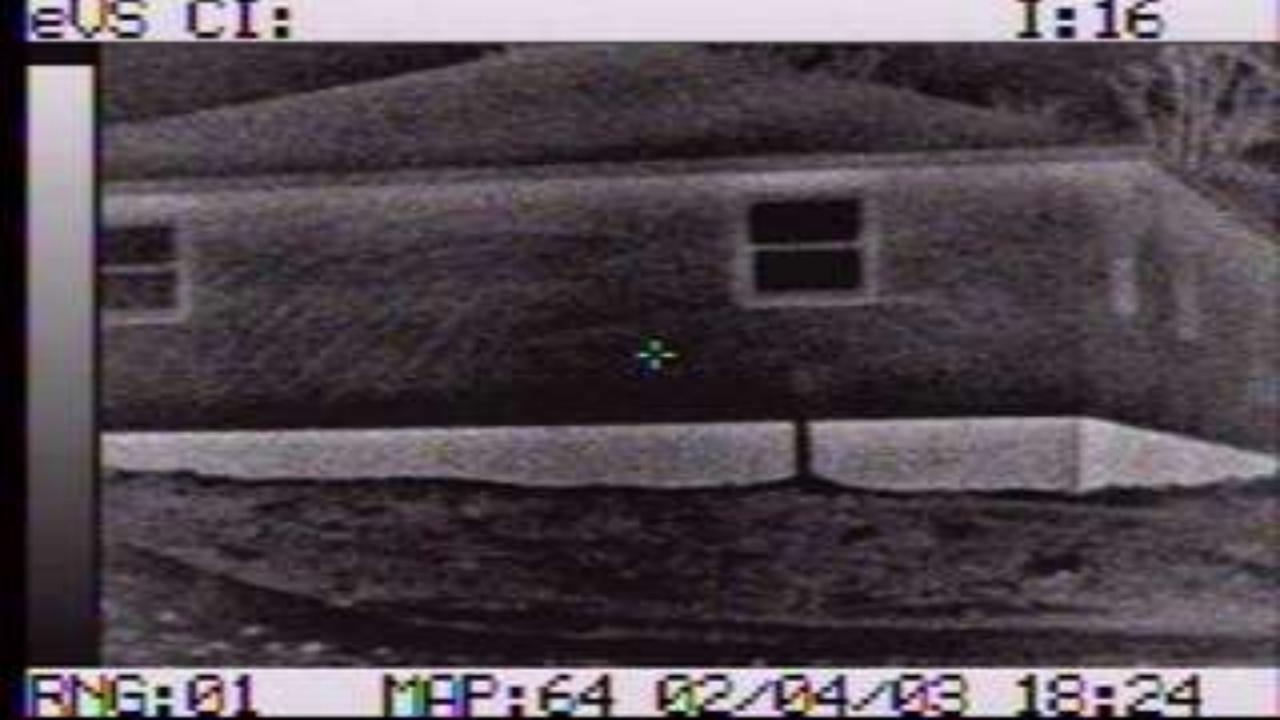








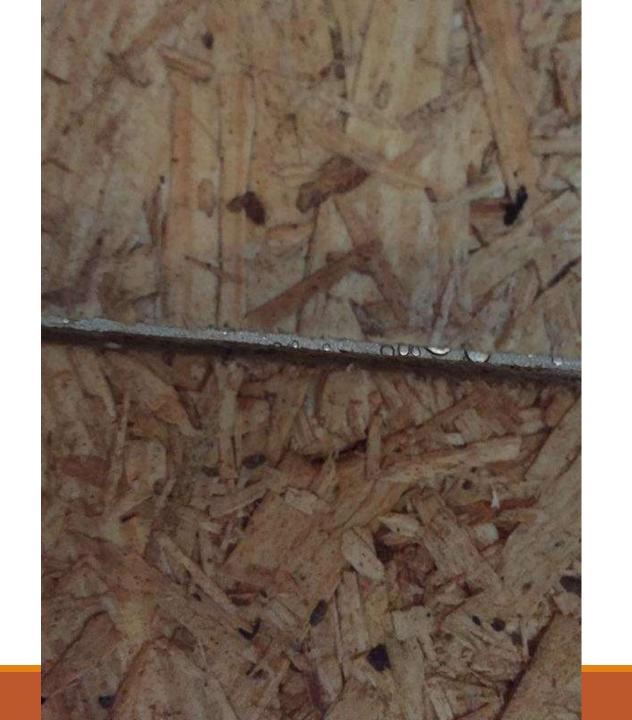


















## Lessons Learned

Soil and load issues

Water and moisture management

Affordable

Healthy

Safe

## QUESTIONS?