



# Passive House & Code, Ashrae and Other Green Standards

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The Passive House Network



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To understand how Passive House interacts with other building standards, it is imperative to first understand what it is:

*“A rigorous, voluntary building energy standard focusing on highest energy efficiency and quality of life at low operating cost.”*

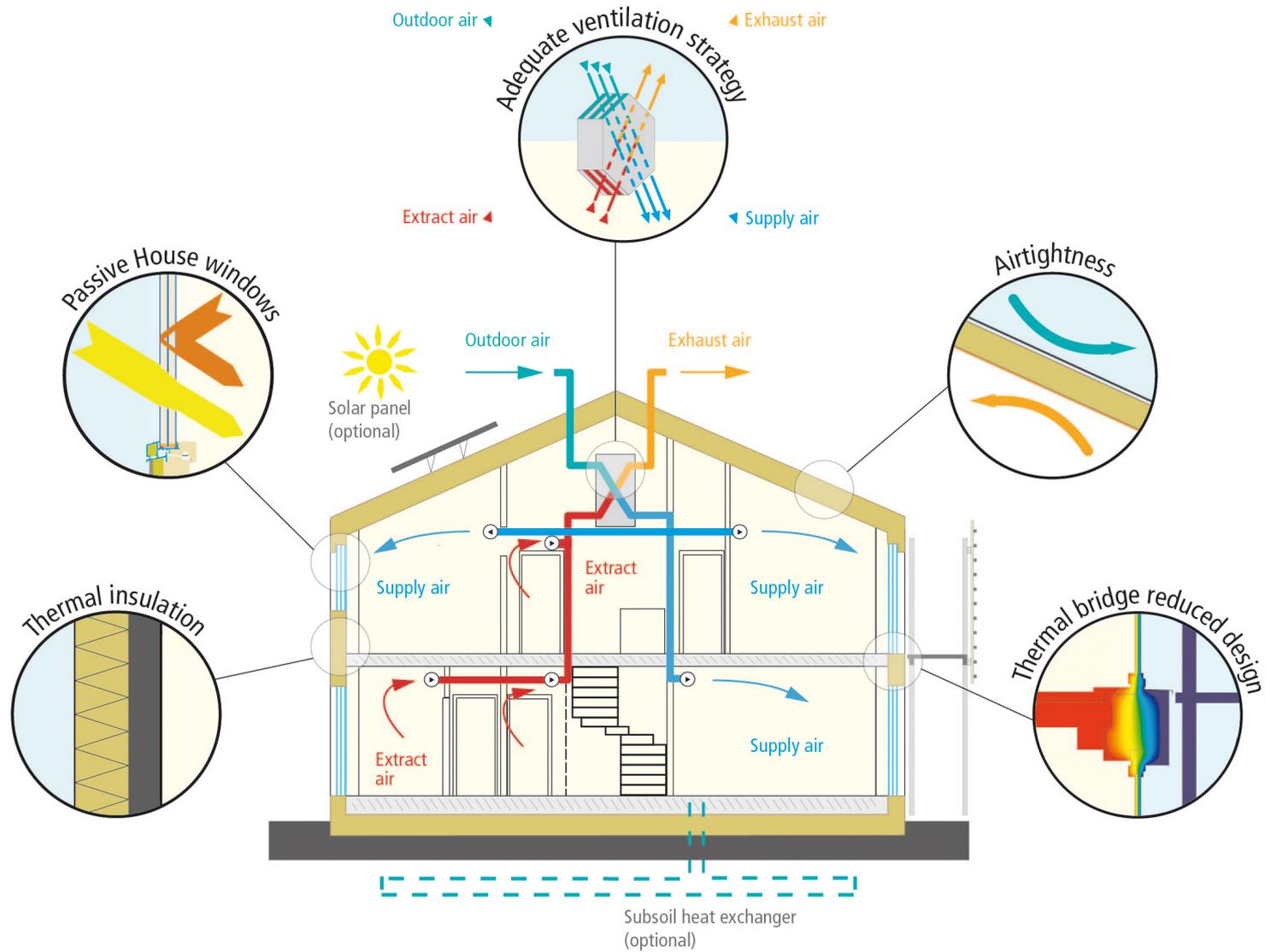
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# 5 Basic Principles



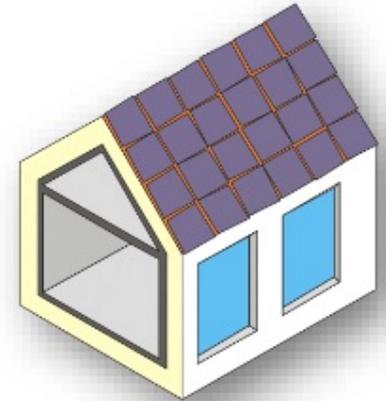
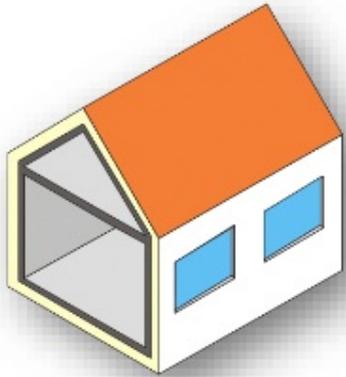
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# New Project Certification



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| classic | plus | premium |



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# Retrofit Certification: EnerPHit



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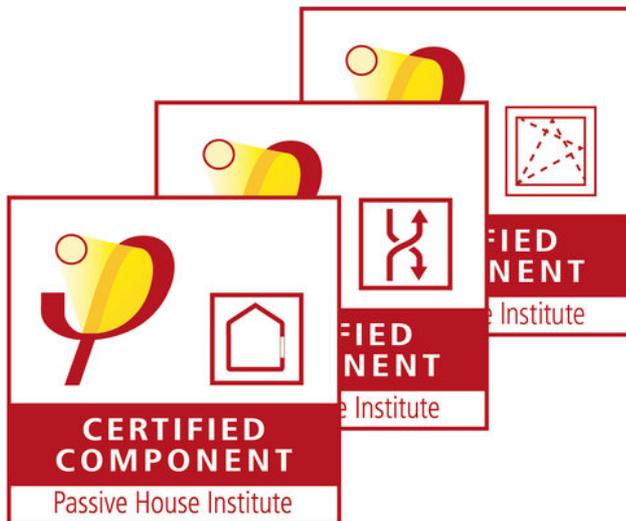
Credit: Ryall Sheridan Architects



# People and Product Certifications



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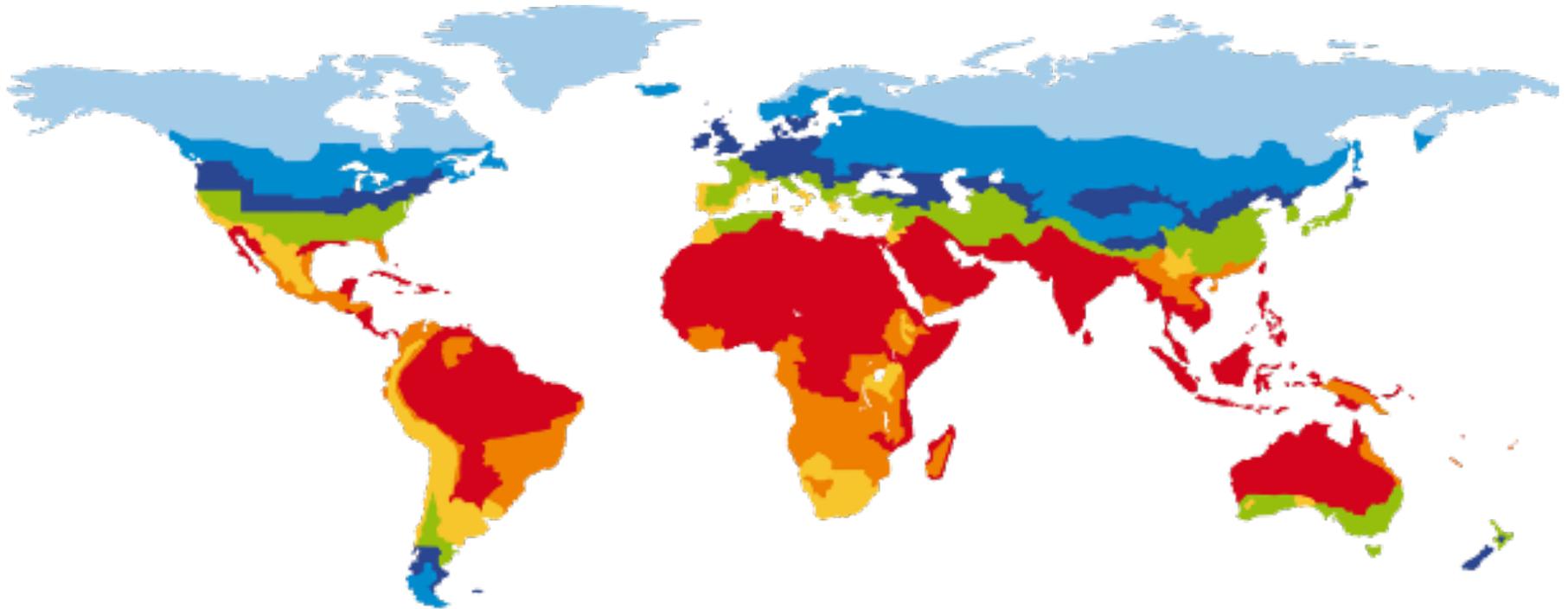
# Eco System



# Global, Climate Zone Specific Application



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# Support at Every Level



[passivehouseminnesota.org](http://passivehouseminnesota.org)



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[passivehouse.com](http://passivehouse.com)



[passivehouse-international.org](http://passivehouse-international.org)

# Training and Certification are...

- available for
  - Architects and Engineers
  - Contractors (Tradespersons)
  - Manufacturers/ suppliers, and components and assemblies
- beneficial and **foundational** for all in the building industry
- instrumental for delivering standards such as Architecture 2030, B3/ SB2030, LEED, Living Building Challenge and many others (as illustrated in this lecture)

Professional certification can be obtained not only by passing an exam but also by documentation of a completed certified Passive House project.

Resource: <https://naphnetwork.org/education/overview/>



Passive House offers universal metrics and absolute targets based on building science.

Passive House provides powerful tools for practitioners.

Passive House is a global ecosystem for sustainable, energy efficient buildings, practitioners and suppliers.

# Universal Metrics and Absolute Targets





$\leq 4.75 \text{ kBtu}/(\text{sf yr})$

$\leq 15 \text{ kWh}/(\text{m}^2 \text{ a})$



$\leq 7.9 \text{ kBtu}/(\text{sf yr})$

$\leq 25 \text{ kWh}/(\text{m}^2 \text{ a})$

Total energy used to heat or cool a building.



$\leq 38 \text{ kBtu}/(\text{sf yr})$

$\leq 120 \text{ kWh}/(\text{m}^2 \text{ a})$



varies

Total energy used to heat or cool a building.



$\leq 3.17 \text{ Btu}/(\text{h sf})$

$\leq 10\text{W}/\text{m}^2$

Heating energy can be supplied through ventilation system.

# Airtightness



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$\leq 0.6$  ACH<sub>50</sub>



$\leq 1.0$  ACH<sub>50</sub>



Measured with a blower door in the field.

# Component Targets



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- Maximum U-values
- Minimum R-values
- SHGC requirements
- Minimum heat-recovery rates

**EnerPHit offers a Component Track.**



Powerful Tool



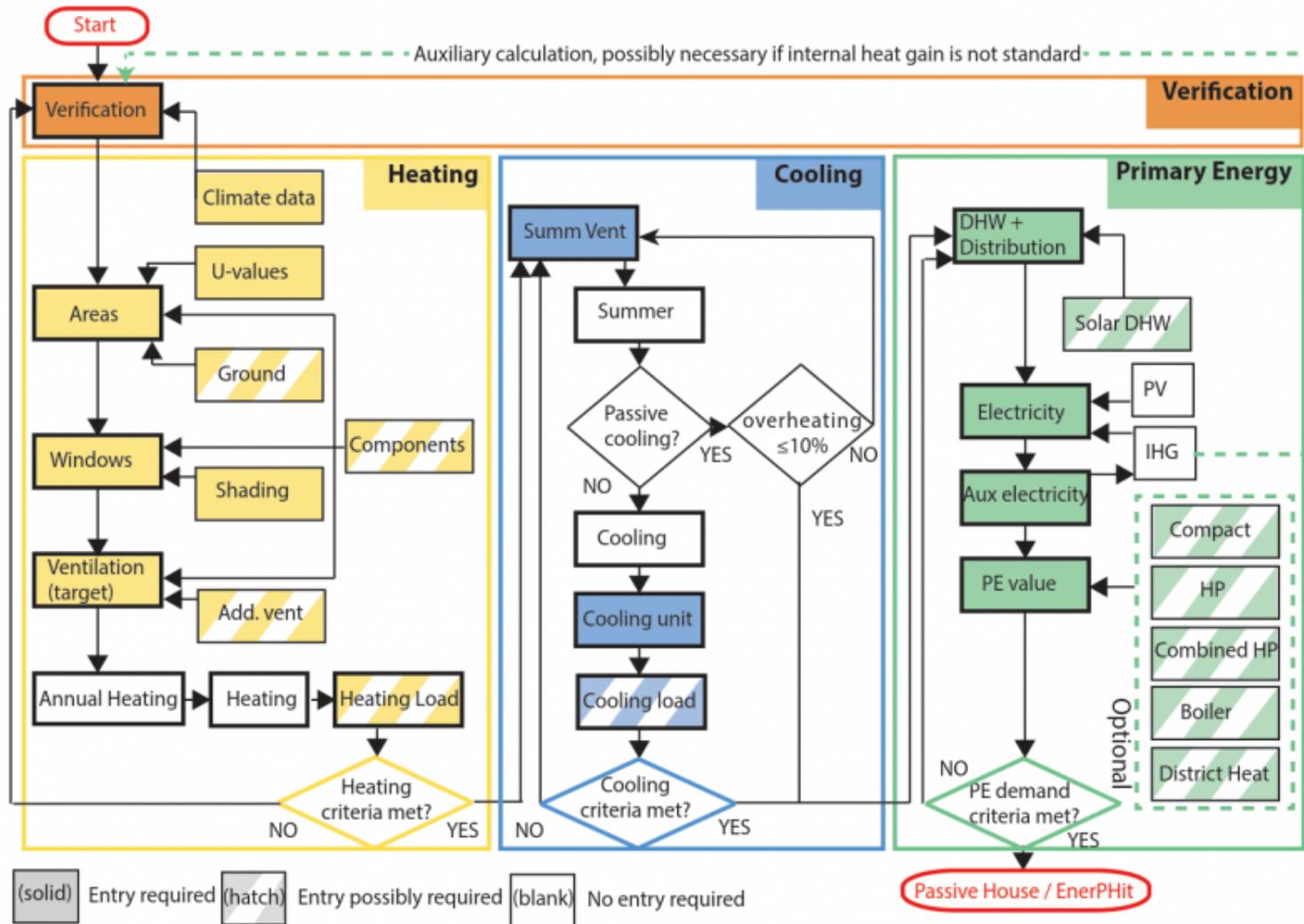
# Passive House Planning Package



# Comprehensive Modeling



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# PHPP Variants



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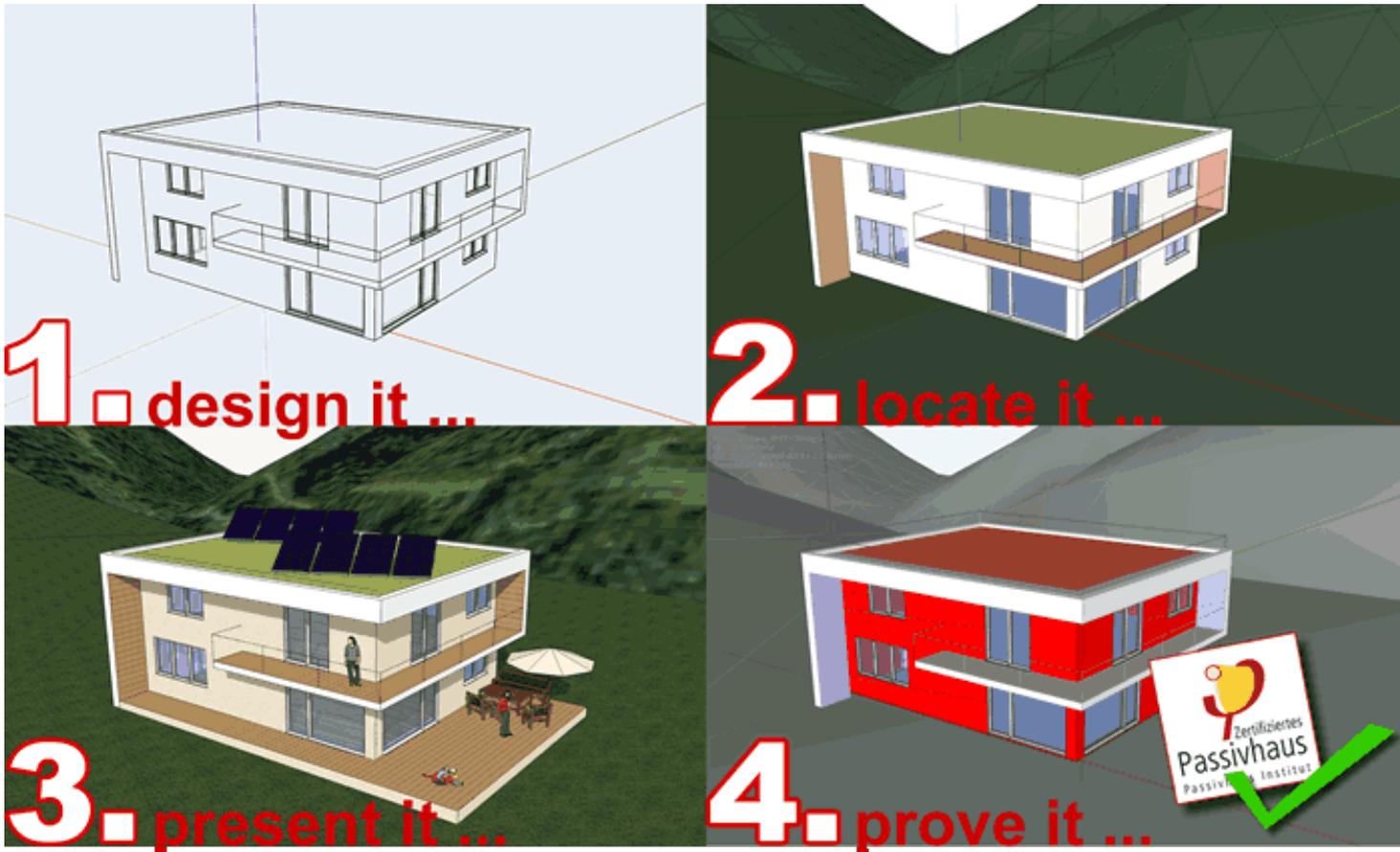
Column for Comparison worksheet

## Variant calculation

Semi Detached Example / Climate: Fairfield / TFA: 80 m<sup>2</sup> / Heating: 29.4 kWh/(m<sup>2</sup>a) / Freq. overheating: 0 % / PER: kWh/(m<sup>2</sup>a)

		Active					
		Select the active variant here >>>>>>	6-Deep EWI (CO2 priority)	Base Case	Light	Deep IWI (Cost priority)	
Results	Units	6	1	2	3		
Heating demand	kWh/(m <sup>2</sup> a)	29.4	151.9	146.0	96.5		
Heating load	W/m <sup>2</sup>	14.6	67.2	52.0	33.8		
Cooling & dehum. demand	kWh/(m <sup>2</sup> a)						
Cooling load	W/m <sup>2</sup>						
Frequency of overheating (> 25 °C)	%	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
PER demand	kWh/(m <sup>2</sup> a)						
Passive House Classic?	yes / no						
Final energy		-	-	-	-		
User determined results		-	-	-	-		
% solar and internal heat gains	%	0.4	14%	16%	20%		
total solar and internal heat gains	kWh/a	1743.3	1956.9	1956.8	1682.2		
solar heat gains	kWh/a	688.5	888.9	888.9	646.5		
internal heat gains	kWh/a	1068.1	1068.1	1068.1	1036.2		
U value Wall		0.087	1.351	0.471	0.318		
Input variables	Units	Value	1	2	3		
Building assembly layers	U-Value						
a Internal Wall Ins	W/(mK)	0.043	0.043	0.043	0.043		
	mm	0	0	0	100		
b Cavity Wall Ins, PU	W/(mK)	0.032	0.281	0.032	0.281	Red is	
	mm	50	50	50	50	recently	
c External Wall Ins	W/(mK)	0.032	0.032	0.032	0.032	updated	
	mm	300	0	0	0	for Cost	
d Loft Ins over joists	W/(mK)	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	priority	
	mm	250	100	150	150		
- Suspended Floor Ins	W/(mK)	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04		

## VE and Alternates



## SketchUp to PHPP



### Embodied CO<sub>2</sub> EC3 database

44,000 records

Product Name: DM0115CA  
Date of Issue: 2019-01-28  
Valid Until: 2024-01-28

**EMBODIED CARBON IMPACT**

Declared Unit: 1 m<sup>3</sup>  
Max. per 1 m<sup>3</sup>: 2400 kg  
Embodied GWP per 1 m<sup>3</sup>: 339 kgCO<sub>2</sub>e  
Estimated Uncertainty: ± 12%

**PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS for "DM0115CA"**

Product Description: DOT MINOR 3/4" 15A, 3-55L AIR

Product Size: Global

Industry standards: Compressive Strength 28D: 20.7 MPa

Reference Service Life: Compressive Strength Other Days: 0.75 in

Aggregate Size Max: AC208 Exposure Class: EN206 Exposure Class: Max Slump

### EPA CO<sub>2</sub> factors

Electricity and other fuels

### EPA End-of-Life Emissions

Material Type	Material
Construction Materials	Copper Wire
	Mixed Metals
	Glass
	Asphalt Concrete
	Asphalt Shingles
	Carpet
	Clay Bricks
	Concrete
	Dimensional Lumber
	Drywall
Fiberglass Insulation	
Fly Ash	
Medium-density Fiberboard	
Structural Steel	
Vinyl Flooring	

entries → **PHPP** ← End of Life pathway

Specific building characteristics with reference to the treated floor

Space heating	Treated floor area R <sup>2</sup>	9058
	Heating demand kBTLU/(ft <sup>2</sup> yr)	1.70
	Heating load BTU/(hr.ft <sup>2</sup> )	2.81
Space cooling	Cooling & dehum. demand kBTLU/(ft <sup>2</sup> yr)	3.47
	Cooling load BTU/(hr.ft <sup>2</sup> )	2.49
	Frequency of overheating (> 77 °F) %	-
	Frequency of excessively high humidity (> 0.012 lb/lb) %	0.0
Airtightness	Pressurization test result n <sub>50</sub> 1/hr	0.3
Non-renewable Primary Energy (PE)	PE demand kBTLU/(ft <sup>2</sup> yr)	16.51
Primary Energy Renewable (PER)	PER demand kBTLU/(ft <sup>2</sup> yr)	7.97
	Generation of renewable energy (in relation to pro-jected kBTLU/(ft <sup>2</sup> yr) building footprint area)	19.43

End of Life pathway

- % Recycling
- % Combustion
- % Landfill

# Embodied Energy Calculation inside PHPP

# Delivery



# Principles and Metrics...



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- Apply to all building types, anywhere in the world
- Are based on universal building science principles to deliver
  - optimized energy efficiency and a sustainable carbon footprint
  - superior human well-being and comfort
  - optimized life cycle cost
- Do not constitute an arbitrary, or proprietary approach and metrics
- Set absolute targets and provide measurable results with over 30 years of a proven track record, a vetted set of tools, countless case studies and field studies all over the world, and an engaged Institute stakeholder with practitioner organizations in many places in the world including the U.S.
- Are the foundation for Climate-neutrality in the built environment
- Are endorsed by the UN as a solution for the sustainable future of buildings

Resource: <https://passivehouse.com>, <https://passivehouse-database.org/index.php?lang=en>, <https://theclimatecenter.org/north-americas-global-centres-excellence-building/>

# Delivery and Certification...



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- Are most cost-effective when implemented right from the outset and executed with the help of trained and experienced professionals
- Do not rely on outside consultants and raters and can be integrated into the architectural practice
- Do not require certified practitioners, or building certification (project certification is not compulsory but advised and has proven to deliver better project outcomes when compared to non-certified projects)
- Are not prescriptive in regards to the design, engineering, construction and materialities of buildings, e.g. it provides a lot of flexibility to developers, architects and engineers
- Include modeling with the PHPP, which maximizes investment value through transparent accounting and reporting of meaningful results, as well as variant analysis
- Provide the best life-cycle cost in the industry

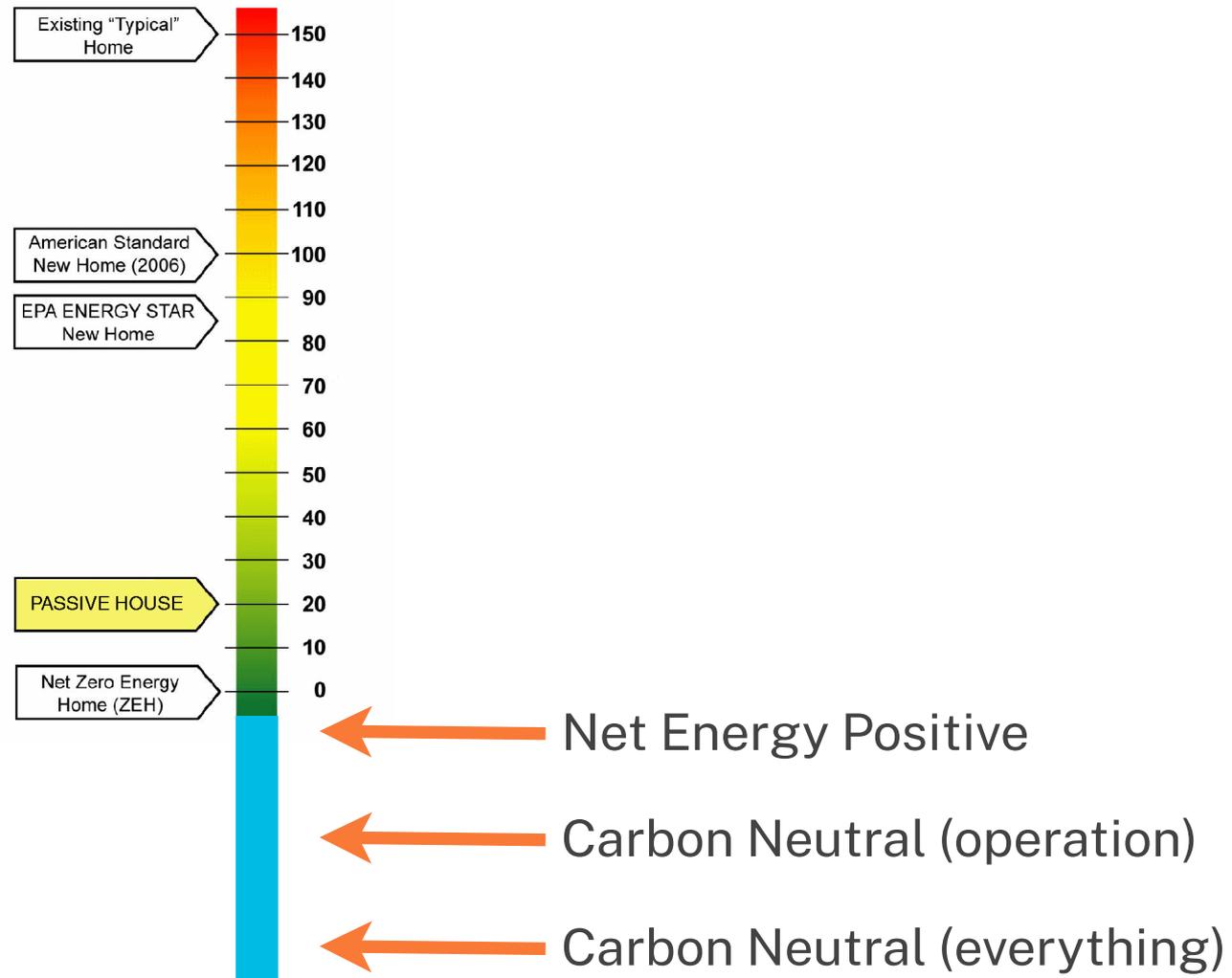
# Key Benefits



# Up to 80% of Energy Savings (Before Renewables)



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# Comfort



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**Steady Temperatures**

**Peace and Quiet**



# Controlled and Filtered Indoor Air



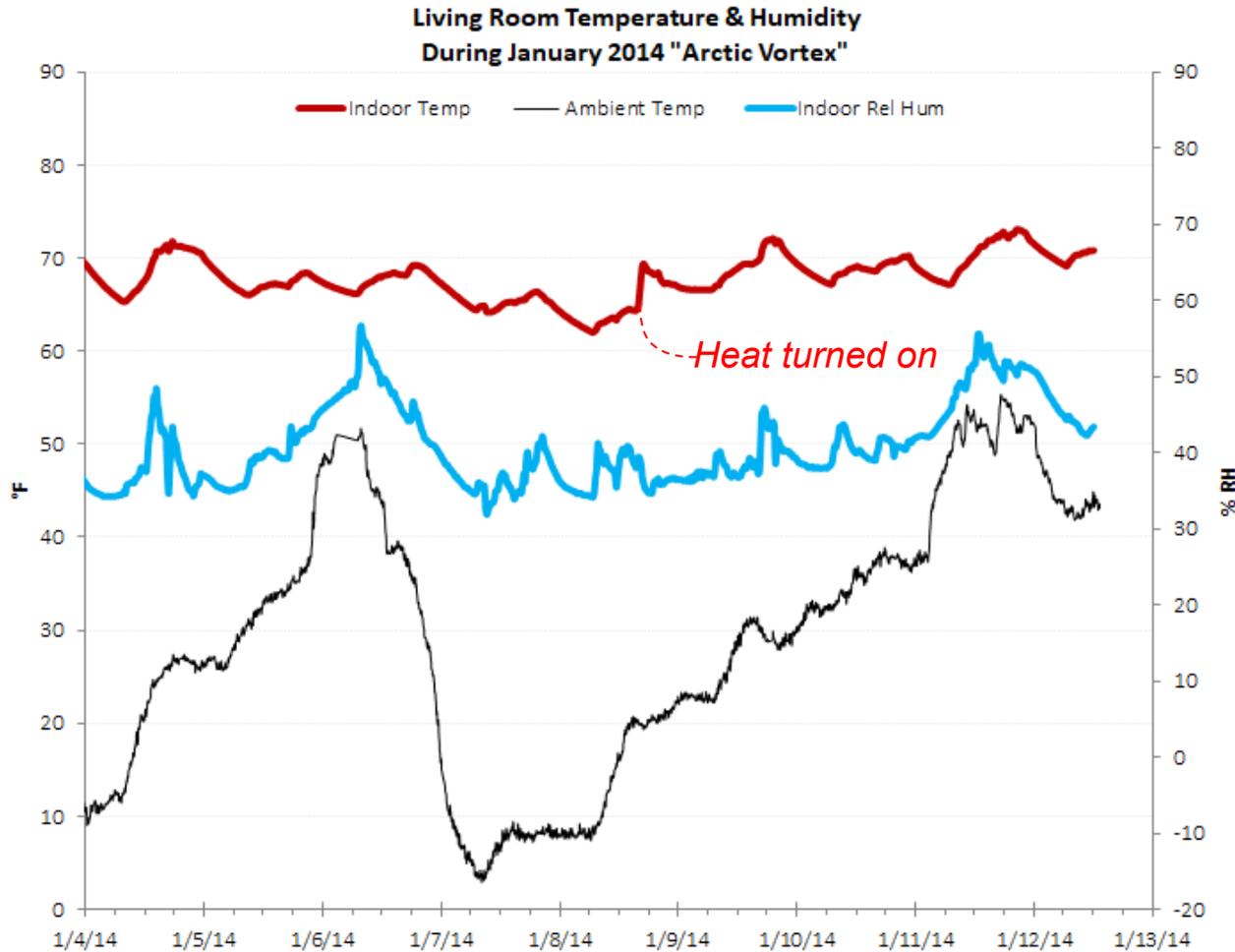
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# Resilience



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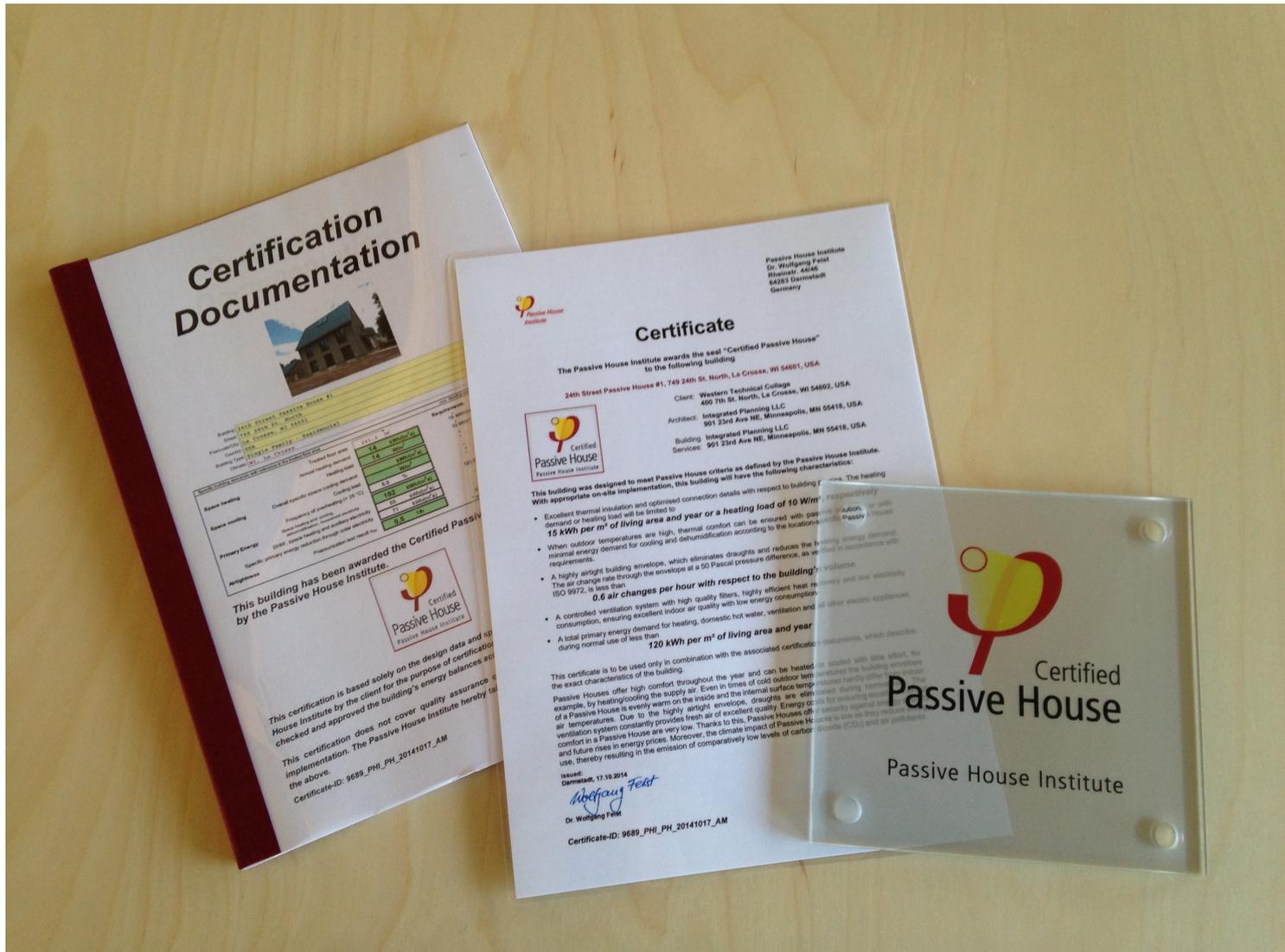
Cramer Silkworth, Baukraft Engineering, Brooklyn, NY



# Third Party Verification



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# Building Quality



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# Smart Use of Resources



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# Environmental Justice



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# Meaningful Climate Action



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# Passive House and Code



# Passive House Targets and Practices...



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- Generally exceed energy code minimums
- Do not compete with energy codes
- Create more energy efficient, comfortable, economical, resilient, climate-appropriate and sustainable buildings than code minimums
- Have inspired Energy Codes and Reach Codes
- Have effectively become code in some markets



# Passive House In Action: 4 Examples



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Tools	Key Element	Brussels	New York	Vancouver	Pennsylvania
Policy	Top-down alignment of goals and policies	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Bold policies and plans	✓	✓	✓	
Codes	Step codes with time-dependent performance targets	✓	✓	✓	
	Passive House code compliance path	✓	✓	✓	
	Compliance targets based on performance metrics	✓	✓	✓	
	Energy modeling alignment	✓	✓	✓	
Catalysts	Leading by example	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Financial incentives	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Nonfinancial incentives	✓	✓	✓	
	Competitions for cash and other awards	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Early examples of success	✓	✓	✓	✓
Capacity	Outreach and awareness	✓	✓	✓	
	Workforce education and training	✓	✓	✓	
	Expert advisors	✓	✓	✓	
	Supply chain development	✓	✓	✓	

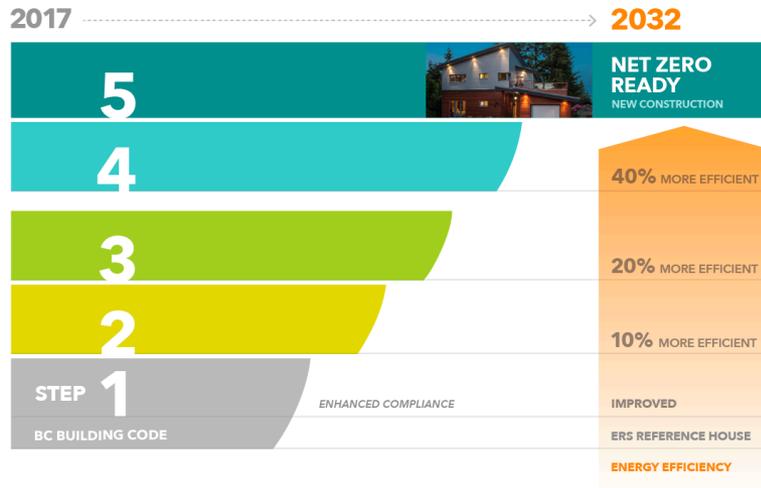
- Aligned state and local goals, policy directives, and strategic plans
- Performance-based step codes – AND – alternative, compliance path for PH
- Time-dependent targets with penalties for noncompliance
- Outreach and stakeholder engagement
- Training and education funding
- Knowledgeable advisors
- Commitment to passive house strategies for all new and retrofit buildings
- Financial and non-financial incentives
- Requirement to provide performance and cost data
- Supply chain / market transformation support

# British Columbia: Step Codes 2017-2032



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## PATHWAY TO 2032: PART 9 (HOMES)



## PATHWAY TO 2032: PART 3 (WOOD-FRAME RESIDENTIAL)

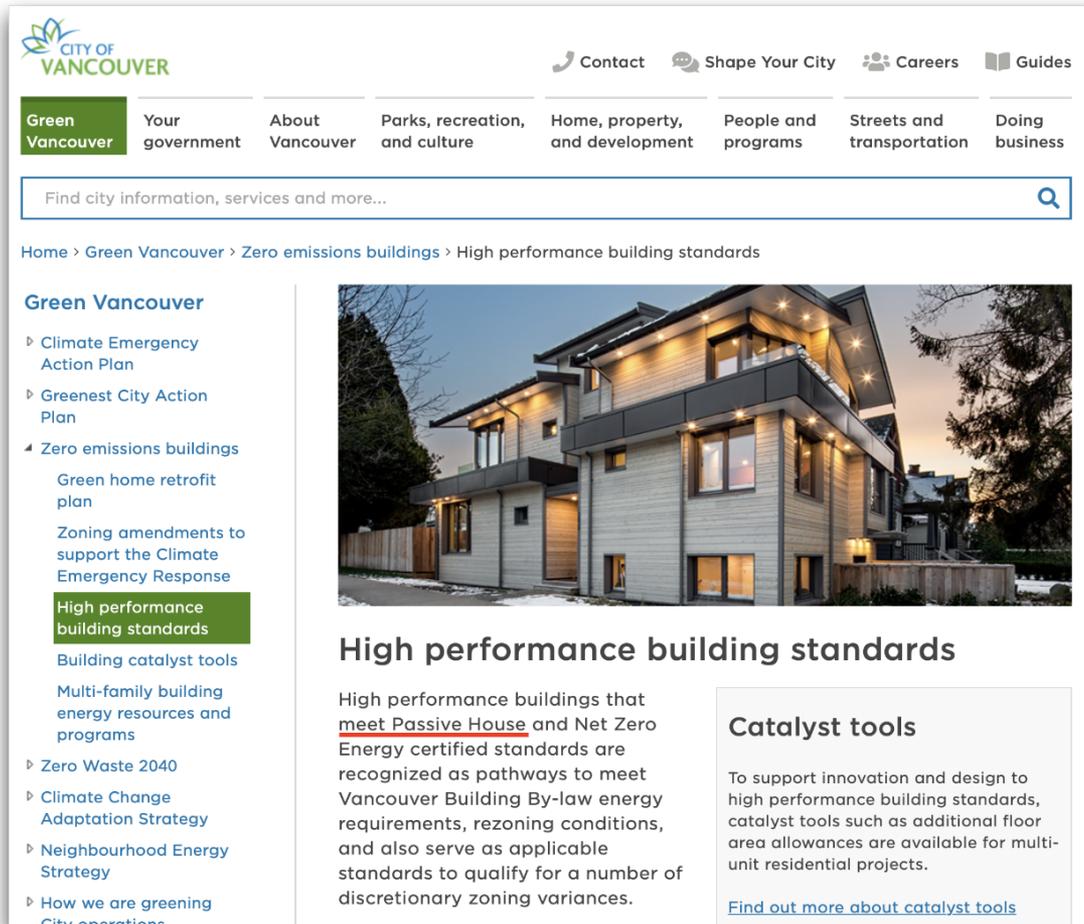


To comply with the BC Energy Step Code, builders must use **energy software modeling** and **on-site testing** to demonstrate that both their design and the constructed building meet the requirements of the standard. They may use any materials or construction methods to do so.

This approach echoes that taken by many green-building certification programs, including Natural Resources Canada's Energy Star for New Homes™ and R-2000™ programs, and **Passive House Institute (in Darmstadt) certification**, as well as the Canadian Home Building Association's Net Zero Home™ and Net Zero Ready Home™ programs.

Resource: <http://www.energystepcode.ca/how-it-works/>

# With Passive House



The screenshot shows the City of Vancouver website navigation and content. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Contact, Shape Your City, Careers, and Guides. Below this is a menu with categories like Green Vancouver, Your government, About Vancouver, Parks, recreation, and culture, Home, property, and development, People and programs, Streets and transportation, and Doing business. A search bar is present below the menu. The main content area shows a breadcrumb trail: Home > Green Vancouver > Zero emissions buildings > High performance building standards. On the left, a sidebar lists various topics under 'Green Vancouver', with 'High performance building standards' highlighted. The main content features a photograph of a modern, multi-story residential building at dusk. Below the photo, the title 'High performance building standards' is followed by a paragraph explaining that these buildings meet Passive House and Net Zero Energy certified standards. A 'Catalyst tools' section provides information on how these tools support innovation and design to high performance building standards.

**Green Vancouver**

- Climate Emergency Action Plan
- Greenest City Action Plan
- Zero emissions buildings
  - Green home retrofit plan
  - Zoning amendments to support the Climate Emergency Response
  - High performance building standards**
    - Building catalyst tools
    - Multi-family building energy resources and programs
- Zero Waste 2040
- Climate Change Adaptation Strategy
- Neighbourhood Energy Strategy
- How we are greening City operations

**High performance building standards**

High performance buildings that meet Passive House and Net Zero Energy certified standards are recognized as pathways to meet Vancouver Building By-law energy requirements, rezoning conditions, and also serve as applicable standards to qualify for a number of discretionary zoning variances.

**Catalyst tools**

To support innovation and design to high performance building standards, catalyst tools such as additional floor area allowances are available for multi-unit residential projects.

[Find out more about catalyst tools](#)

# Passive House and ASHRAE



# BSR/ ASHRAE 227P: Passive Building Standard



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This standard provides requirements for the design of buildings that have exceptionally low energy usage and that are durable, resilient, comfortable, and healthy. 227P can become reference and code-enforceable.

> 227P is based on, informed and inspired by the Passive House building energy standard (as well as PHIUS+ in the US).

Resource: <https://www.ashrae.org/news/esociety/new-ashrae-passive-building-standard-to-boost-use-of-strategy>

ASHRAE



# ANSI/ASHRAE 140-2017



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In January 2019, the Passive House Planning Package (PHPP) version 9.6 was successfully evaluated in accordance with ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 140, a comparative testing method for building energy programs.

> The results for the Passive House Planning Package energy modeling tool agreed very well with those of the reference software.

Resource: [https://passiv.de/downloads/04\\_PHPP9\\_ASHRAE140\\_Summary.pdf](https://passiv.de/downloads/04_PHPP9_ASHRAE140_Summary.pdf)

ASHRAE



# Passive House and Other Building Standards

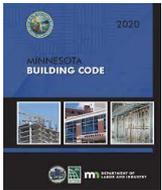


# Passive House...



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- Is focused on
  - energy efficiency and carbon footprint
  - human comfort and well being
  - optimized life cycle cost and value
- Offers crosswalks and is synergetic with other sustainable building standards



- Offers third-party certification (but does not require it)

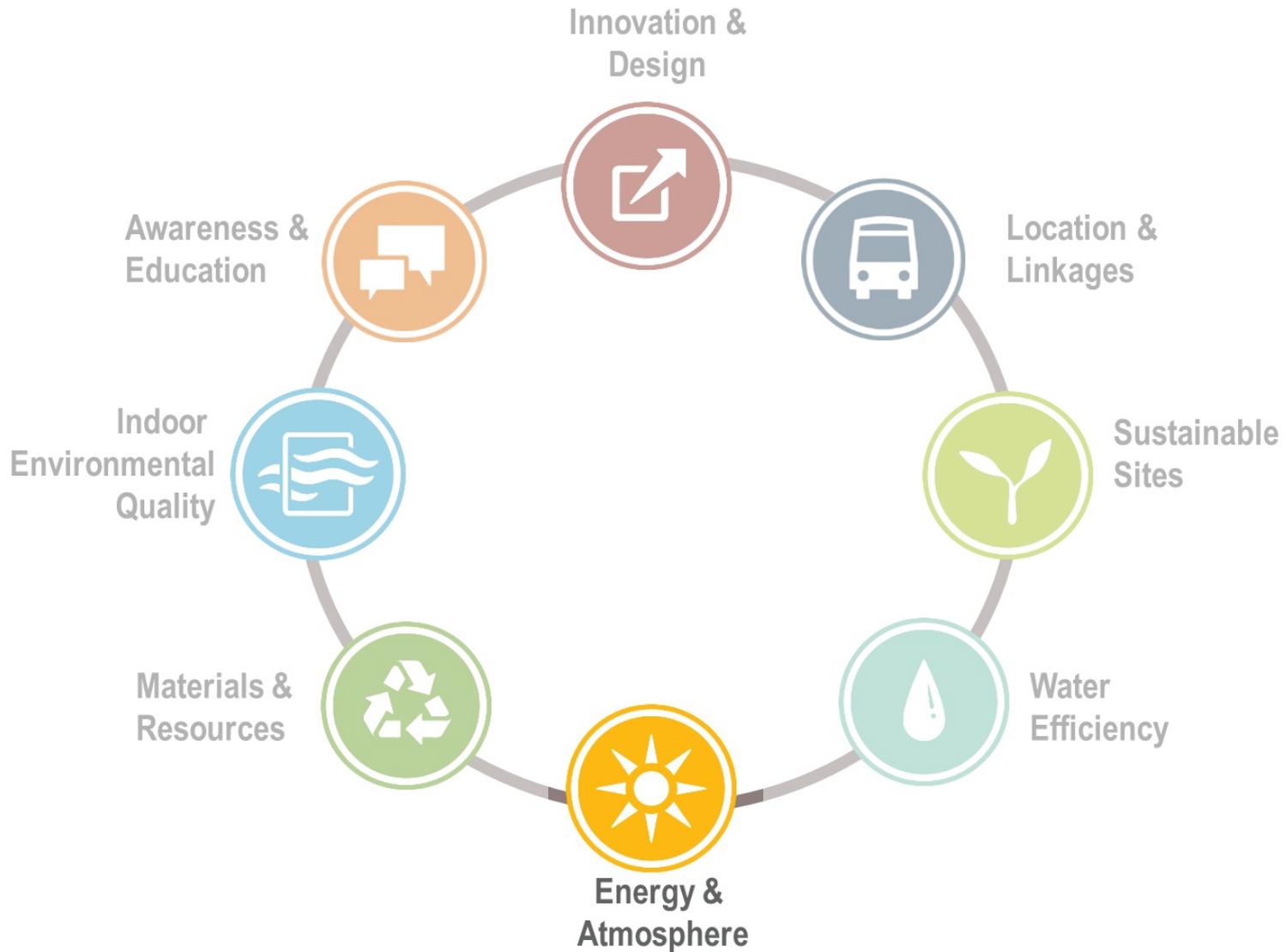


# Crosswalks

# LEED - USGBC v4



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# LEED BD+C: New Construction



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Percent Above ASHRAE 90.1-2010

Climate Zones 1A, 2A: 24%

Climate Zones 2B, 3B: 27%

Climate Zones 3A, 4: 31%

Climate Zones 4C, 5: 30%

Climate Zones 6, 7, 8: 38%

Created on Jan 11, 2019 · [LEED Interpretation](#)

**ID#10486 - Passive House Cert for v4**

## Applicable Credits

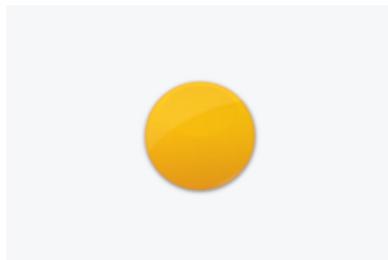


### Annual energy use

Energy & atmosphere

Up to 30 points

LEED BD+C: Multifamily Midrise · V4 - LEED V4



### Optimize energy performance

Energy & atmosphere

Up to 18 points

LEED BD+C: New Construction, LEED BD+C: Core And Shell, LEED BD+C: Warehouses And Distribution Centers, LEED BD+C: Hospitality · V4 - LEED V4



## Zero Energy & Passive House Certifications

Charting the path for projects seeking a dual rating



Brown Stone Row House, Baxt Ingui Architects, photo © John Muggenborg



> This crosswalk between the International Living Future Institute (ILFI) and the PHI offers guidance for buildings seeking to benefit from both certification schemes by choosing the high energy efficiency of a Passive House complemented with renewables as a compliance pathway to reach Zero Energy.

## Crosswalk:

- **Zero Energy (ZE) Certification:** “The annual site energy generation reported in PHPP can be used to predict potential achievement of ZE when compared to estimates of annual energy demand.  
(PHPP v9.6, PER worksheet, cell S85)
- Actual Performance: Validated after 12-month

Resource: [https://living-future.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/ZeroEnergyPHI\\_Crosswalk.pdf](https://living-future.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/ZeroEnergyPHI_Crosswalk.pdf)

> Passive House takes building performance further and delivers it with confidence; it enables strong control of the indoor environment (air quality, temperature and humidity comfort).

- **MN Overlay Criteria 5.2b: Moving to Zero Energy:**  
Near Zero Certification with PH certification (18 points)

Other Synergies:

- Healthy Living Environment via airtightness and ventilation with absolute performance targets
- Energy Efficiency via energy modeling and absolute performance targets
- Third party certification

Resource: <https://www.enterprisecommunity.org/solutions-and-innovation/green-communities> and [http://mnhousing.gov/get/MHFA\\_247757](http://mnhousing.gov/get/MHFA_247757)

- Financial support of affordable single family certified Passive House homes in Minneapolis
- Ratified in 2020
- Total of \$5M
- Up to 20% of cost, or max. \$90k per unit



# Synergies

> Passive House enables superior and effective control of the indoor environment (air quality, temperature and humidity comfort) and energy efficiency of the building, which supports key parameters of the RESET standard.

- **Materials** via implied best practices for airtight building envelope
- **Air** via infiltration, airtightness and ventilation with absolute performance targets
- **Water** in regards to the energy efficiency of the water system
- **Energy** via the enhanced building envelope with energy efficiency targets
- **Circularity** (not directly)
- Third party certification

Resource: <https://www.reset.build>

> Passive House enables superior and effective control of the indoor environment.

- **Infiltration management and air quality** via airtightness and ventilation with absolute performance targets
- **Thermal comfort, humidity and moisture management** via enhanced building envelope with energy efficiency targets
- **Combustion minimization** (Passive House buildings are more often than not all-electric)
- **Daylighting, operable windows and glare control** via passive solar and shading approach
- **External and internal noise** via building envelope and internal equipment noise requirements
- Third party certification

Resource: <https://www.wellcertified.com>

> Passive House takes building performance further and delivers it with confidence; it enables strong control of the indoor environment (air quality, temperature and humidity comfort).

- Airtightness and ventilation with absolute performance targets
- Energy modeling and absolute performance targets with similar metrics
- Integration and accounting of renewables via Passive House Plus and Premium
- Third party certification

Resources:

Homes <https://www.energystar.gov/newhomes?s=mega>

Commercial Buildings <https://www.energystar.gov/buildings?s=mega>

# B3, SB2030 and Architecture 2030

> A Passive House approach enables the design team to reach building performance targets sooner, with confidence, and **without the requirement for on-site renewable systems.**

**Efficiency** via energy modeling with absolute performance targets

- **Carbon-neutrality** via carbon-accounting with absolute targets (PER metric)
- **Embodied energy/ Carbon accounting** via phRibbon plugin
- Third party certification

Resources: <https://www.b3mn.org/2030energystandard/> and <https://architecture2030.org>

*“Yes, Passive House certification can definitely be dovetailed into B3/SB2030 projects and we encourage that approach because PH certification typically results in very high performance projects. We estimate that PH projects will often meet or even exceed SB 2030 required levels of on-site energy efficiency.*

*CSBR and CEE are working together currently to find a way to minimize redundancy between the two programs, for example by accepting standard PH energy models (PHPP or WUFI Passive) as a compliance path. “*

Rolf Jacobson, U of M CSBR October 2021

# 2030 Challenge



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## ☐ Can I just buy renewable energy for my project and meet the 2030 Challenge?

No, Architecture 2030 advocates that the 2030 Challenge energy reductions be met firstly through energy-efficient design strategies. These are low-cost and/or no-cost options, which include proper orientation, daylighting and passive heating and cooling strategies, etc. Secondly, Architecture 2030 recommends applying energy-efficient technologies and systems, which include high-efficiency mechanical equipment and on-site renewable energy generation. Once all energy-efficient design strategies and technologies are exhausted, Architecture 2030 recommends purchasing off-site renewable energy and/or renewable energy credits for the project's remaining energy needs.



# Examples and Key Benefits



# Proof of Concept 2006: Waldsee BioHaus



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# Environmental Living Center



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## 10 Years of Data

### Calculated Site Energy

- PHPP: 30.6 kWh/ (m<sup>2</sup> a), **9.7 kBTU/ sf year**

### Meter Readings

- 2006-07: 47.3 (issue: storage tank removal)
- 2007-08: 36.8 kWh/ (m<sup>2</sup> a), **11.7 kBTU/ sf year**
- 2008-09: 36.0 kWh/ (m<sup>2</sup> a), **11.4 kBTU/ sf year**
- 2009-10: 32.9 kWh/ (m<sup>2</sup> a), **10.4 kBTU/ sf year**
- 2010-11: 31.9 kWh/ (m<sup>2</sup> a), **10.1 kBTU/ sf year**
- 2011-12: 32.3 kWh/ (m<sup>2</sup> a), **10.2 kBTU/ sf year**
- 2012-13: 31.5 kWh/ (m<sup>2</sup> a), **10.0 kBTU/ sf year**
- 2013-14: 33.3 kWh/ (m<sup>2</sup> a), **10.6 kBTU/ sf year**
- 2014-15: 33.8 kWh/ (m<sup>2</sup> a), **10.7 kBTU/ sf year**
- 2015-16: 31.3 kWh/ (m<sup>2</sup> a), **9.9 kBTU/ sf year**



# Passive House Works in Cold Climates



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- Trailblazing project
- Built and operational for over 15 years, now
- Demonstrates that the Passive House energy efficiency strategy delivers 90% reduction of heat load in very cold climates

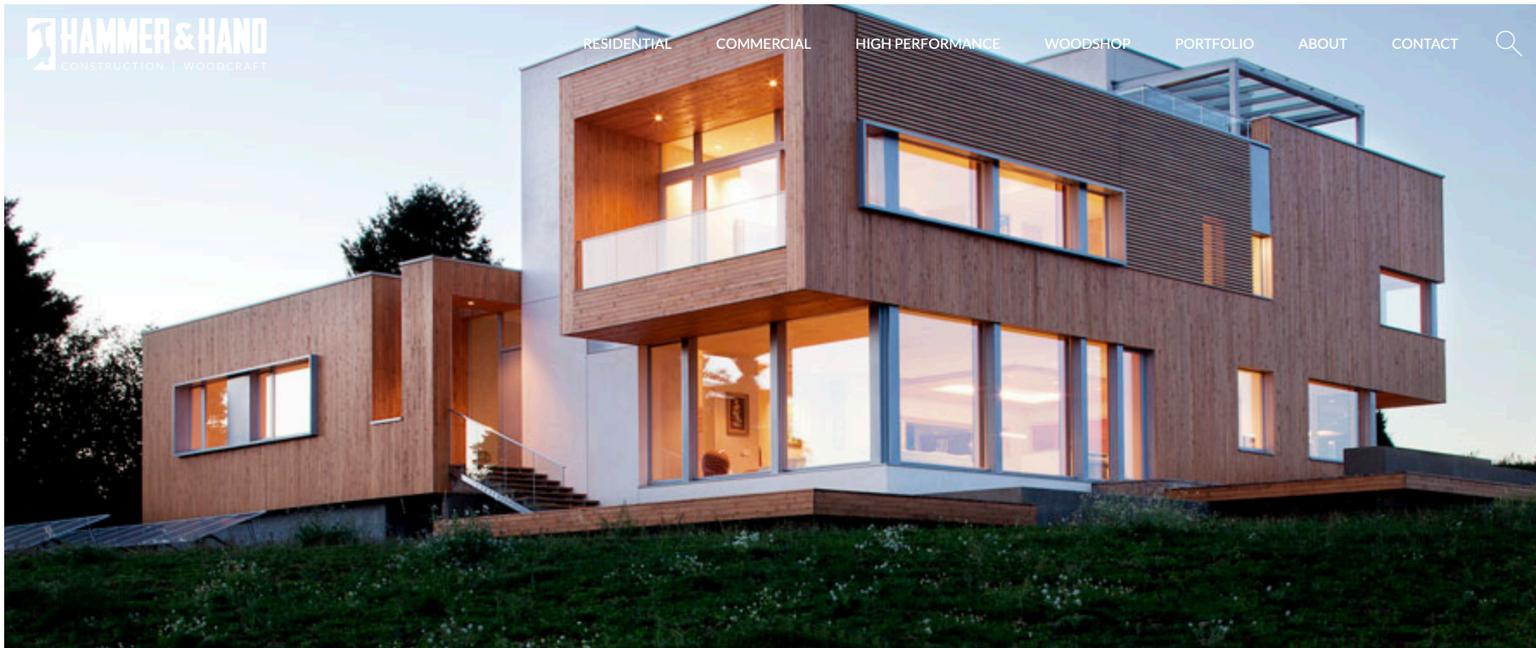
## Passive House works (even) in US climate zone 7!



# Synergy with Multiple Certifications



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## KARUNA HOUSE



### AWARDS:

2015 First Place, Single Family, PHIUS Passive Projects Competition  
2014 Beyond Green Award, National Institute of Building Sciences,  
2014 Green Home of the Year Award, Green Builder Magazine, "Best Building Science,"  
2013 AIA Portland Design Award, 2030 Challenge, Excellence in Residential Net-Zero

Designed by Holst Architecture, Built by Hammer & Hand



## PASSIVE HOUSE RETREAT - NEW ENGLAND

**This private retreat and vacation residence located in a beautiful community on the New England coast features high performance and efficient use of space in a small package.**

The client sought a two bedroom, two bath home that was right sized for their family - nothing more, nothing less. They also had a goal of minimizing the home's energy use.

**PASSIVE HOUSE.** A sleek, simple, gable roofed structure was designed and proposed with the Passive House standard, which is a building performance standard that yields an extremely low-energy home. A combination of exceptional insulation, air sealing, high performance windows, and solar gain reduces the space conditioning requirements to a mere fraction of a typical home, and uses only a very small heating system. The clients, whose extended families

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# PH + Enterprise Green Communities



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Organization Name: Curtis + Ginsberg Architects  
Project Title: Beach Green Dunes II  
Project Location: Far Rockaway, Queens



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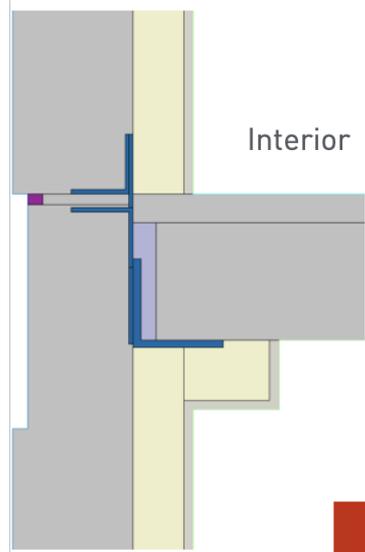


# Thermal Bridges are a Big Problem

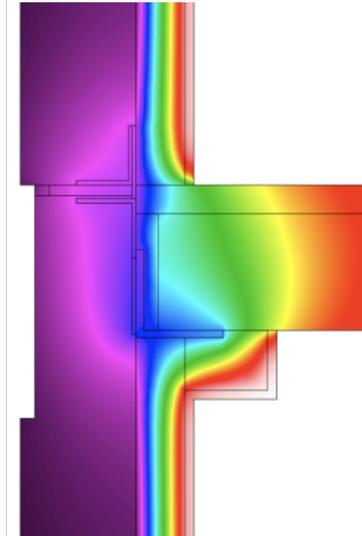


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Exterior

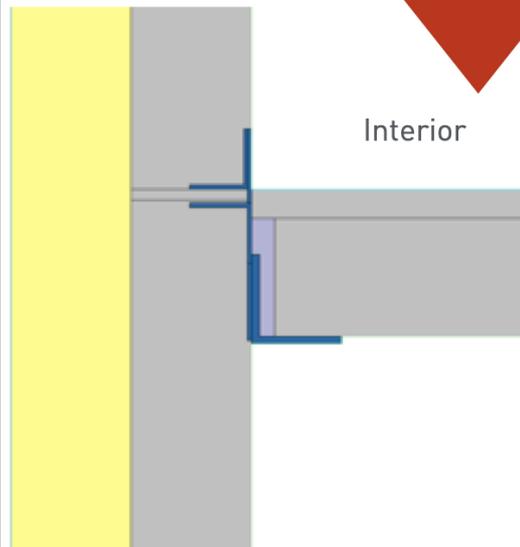


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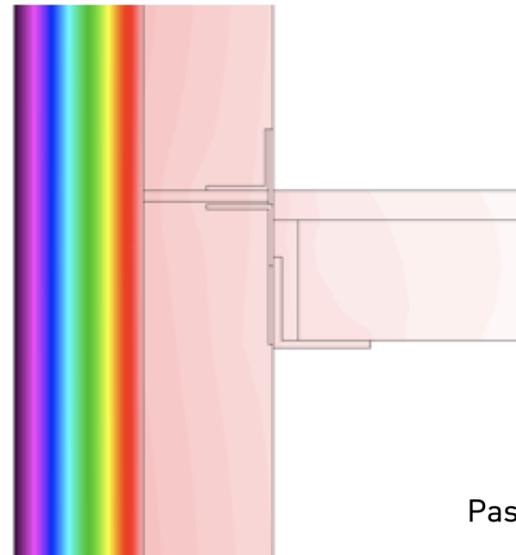


Base Building

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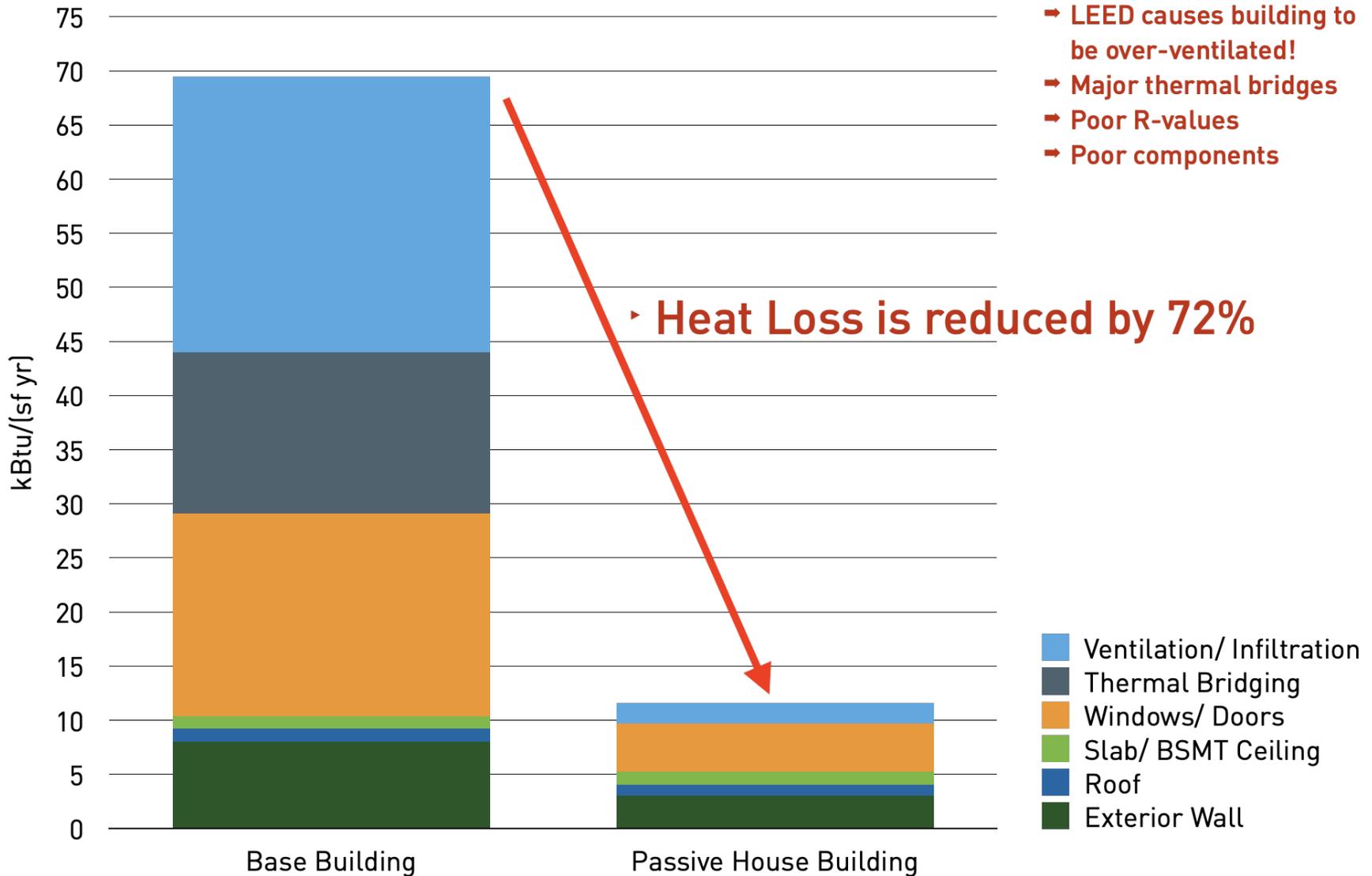


Interior



Passive House Building

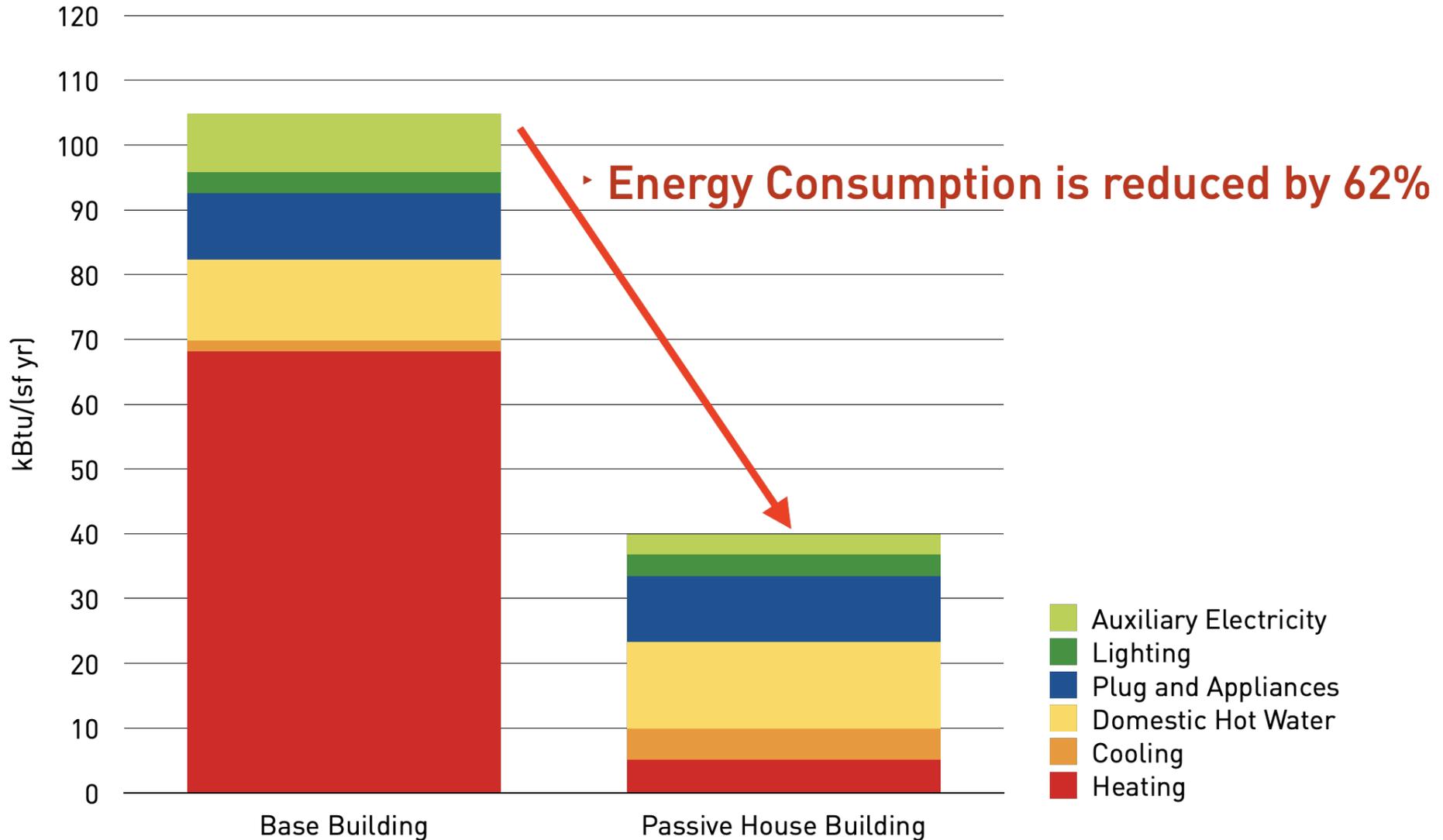
# Lower Heat Loss



# Lower Energy Consumption



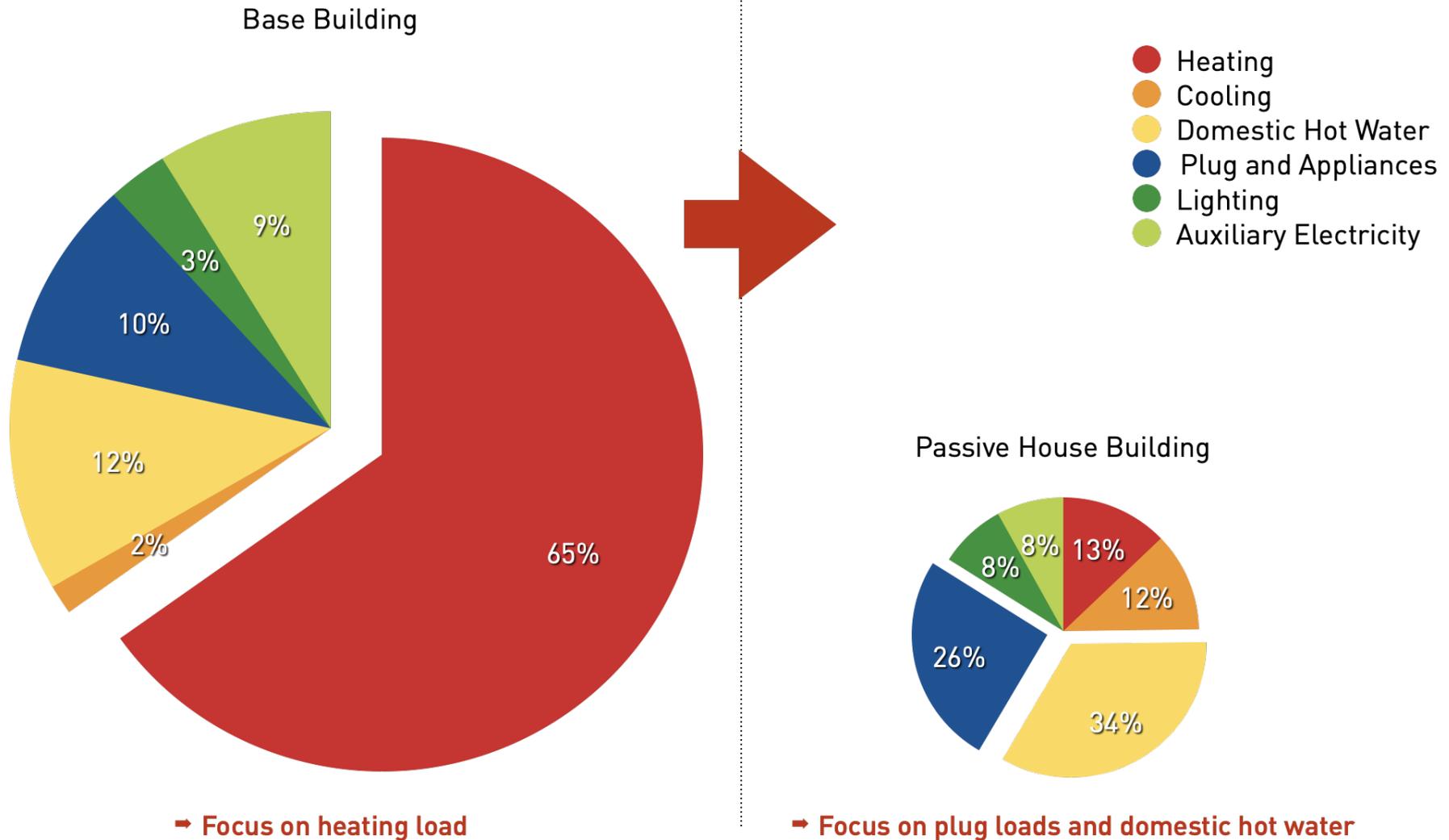
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# Sustainable Energy Loads and Flow



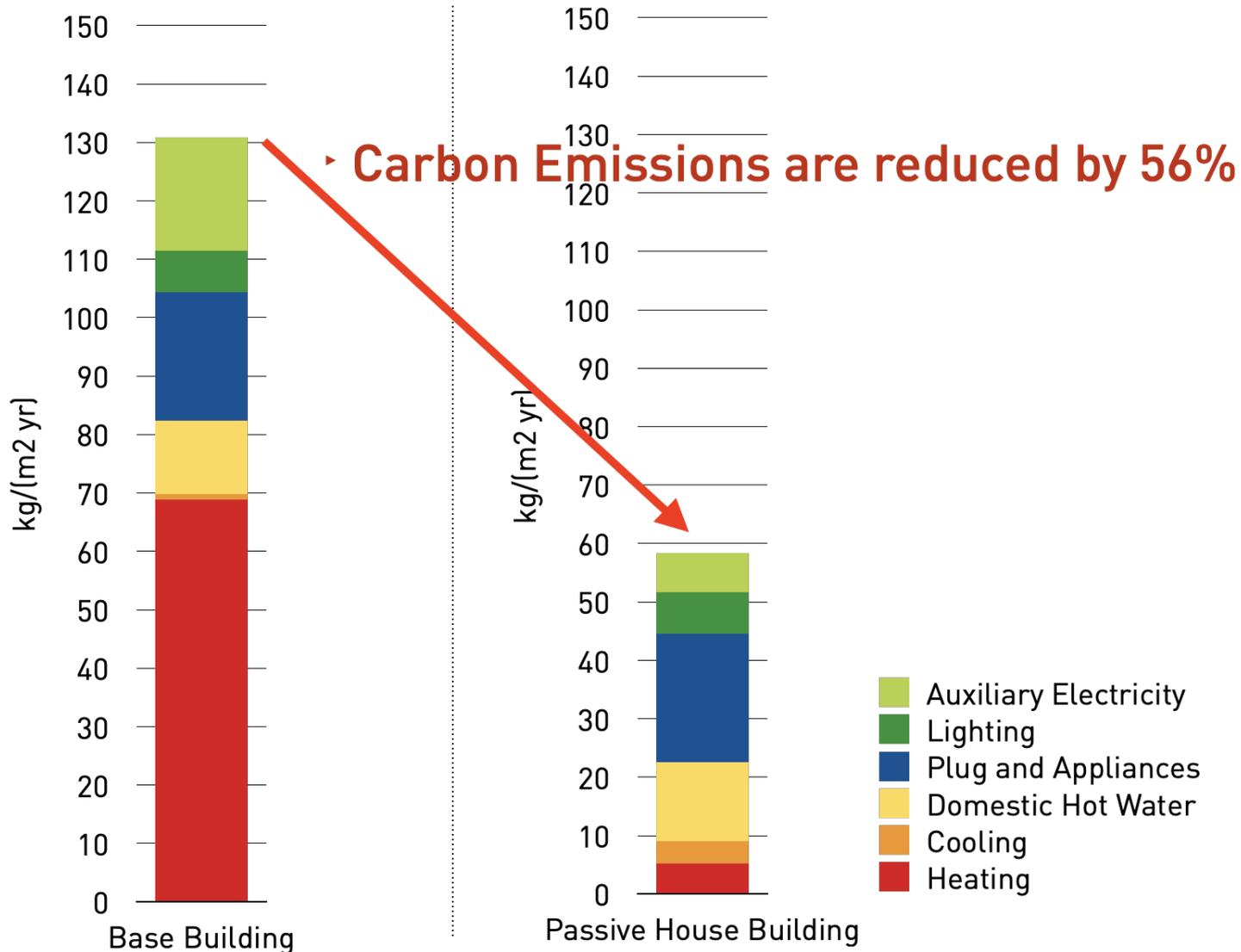
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# Lower Carbon Emissions



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## South Dakota Passive House Initiative

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SDSU DoArch has been awarded a Future Funds grant by the Governor's Office of Economic Development to integrate curriculum using relevant technologies specified by U.S. Passive House Standards. The initiative is an ongoing, self-sustaining and collaborative effort led by student design teams. The grant provides for training, research and monitoring of new and existing Passive Houses and most visibly, **the design, development and construction of PH01:BRK, the first passive house in Brookings.** A fall 2016 graduate design studio designed and built PH01:BRK. Further research has been done by a fall 2018 graduate studio resulting in PH02:BRK, a house design for an infill site adjacent to PH01. The most recent Passive House Initiative research was by a 2020 undergraduate studio. This studio focused on the retrofit of an existing home into a Passive House.

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# Good Energy Haus: Passive House Plus



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# Negative HERS with Passive House



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**Generic (Generic)**  
3406 Benjamin St NE  
Minneapolis, MN 55418

HouseRater ID: #143659  
Builder: Tanner Construction LLC  
Building Code: ICF MN Baseline  
Gas Utility: Not Installed  
Electric Utility: Xcel Energy  
Site Walk Date: 2/10/2020  
Inspected By: Matt Dries



**HERS INDEX: -8**



Zero Energy Building (0)

American Standard Building (100)

RESNET Ratings provide a relative energy use index called the HERS Index, which represents the home's energy usage as a percentage of the energy usage of the "American Standard Building."

**PERCENT BETTER THAN CODE**

Total Energy usage **65.55%**  
Natural Gas usage **NaN%**  
Electric usage **65.55%**

## Rebate Programs

Xcel MN Electric

**\$115** Electric

**\$115** Est. Total Rebate

## Certificate

Certified Passive House Plus



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Die Planer für energieeffizientes Bauen  
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Authorised by:



Dr. Wolfgang Feist  
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**Good Energy Haus**  
**3406 Benjamin St. NE, 55418 Minneapolis, USA**



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Architect	TE Studio, Ltd. 901 23rd Ave. NE 55418 Minneapolis, United States of America
Building Services	TE Studio, Ltd. 901 23rd Ave. NE 55418 Minneapolis, United States of America
Energy Consultant	TE Studio, Ltd. 901 23rd Ave. NE 55418 Minneapolis, United States of America

Passive House buildings offer excellent thermal comfort and very good air quality all year round. Due to their high energy efficiency, energy costs as well as greenhouse gas emissions are extremely low.

The design of the above-mentioned building meets the criteria defined by the Passive House Institute for the 'Passive House Plus' standard:

Building quality		This building	Criteria	Alternative criteria
<b>Heating</b>	Heating demand [kWh/(m <sup>2</sup> a)]	14	≤ 15	-
	Heating load [W/m <sup>2</sup> ]	19	≤ -	10
<b>Cooling</b>	Cooling + dehumidification demand [kWh/(m <sup>2</sup> a)]	6	≤ 15	15
	Cooling load [W/m <sup>2</sup> ]	9	≤ -	10
	Frequency of overheating (> 25 °C) [%]	-	≤ -	-
	Frequency of excessively high humidity [%]	0	≤ 10	-
<b>Airtightness</b>	Pressurization test result (n <sub>50</sub> ) [1/h]	0.2	≤ 0.6	-
<b>Non-renewable primary energy (PE)</b>	PE demand [kWh/(m <sup>2</sup> a)]	80	≤ -	-
<b>Renewable primary energy (PER)</b>	PER-demand [kWh/(m <sup>2</sup> a)]	37	≤ 45	37
	Generation (reference to ground area) [kWh/(m <sup>2</sup> a)]	104	≥ 60	48

The associated certification booklet contains more characteristic values for this building.

Weitnau, 30. October 2020  
Certifier: Florian Lang - Raphaël Vibert, Herz & Lang GmbH

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# Bright Haus: Affordable Housing



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# Hook and Ladder Apartments, MPLS



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# More Resilient Building Envelope



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Building Envelope	Base	Passive House
Exterior Walls	R-22 (h sf °F)/Btu	R-45 (h sf °F)/Btu
Roof	R-40 (h sf °F)/Btu	R-65 (h sf °F)/Btu
Slab	R-10 (h sf °F)/Btu	R-25 (h sf °F)/Btu
Windows	U-Factor: 0.30 Btu/(h sf °F) SHGC: 30%	U-Factor: 0.14 Btu/(h sf °F) SHGC: 26%
Thermal Bridges	No consideration	Thermal bridge free design
Airtightness	No consideration	ACH <sub>50</sub> : 0.2 1/h (Preset and field-measured)

# Lower Site Energy



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	Heating Energy (kBTU/ yr)	Total Energy (kWh/ yr)	Total Energy (kBTU/ yr)	Energy Use Index (kWh/ gsf)	Energy Use Index (kBTU/ gsf)
US existing					78.8
Base	116,360	581,254	1,983,795	9.5	32.6
Passive House	3,792	196,024	669,021	3.2	6.6
Passive House Savings Potential	-112,568 (-97%)	-385,230	-1,314,774	-66%	-66% (-92% vs. existing)

▸ **Site Energy Demand is reduced by 66%, or more**

# Lower Source Energy

	Total source energy (kWh/ yr)	Source Energy Use Index (kWh/ gsf)	Source Energy Use Index (kBTU/ gsf)
US existing			127.9
Base	1,106,432	18.2	62.0
Passive House	401,686	6.6	22.5
Passive House Savings Potential	<b>-704,746</b>	<b>-64%</b>	<b>-64%</b> <b>(-82% versus existing)</b>

▸ **Source Energy Demand is reduced by 64%, or more**

# Lower Carbon Emissions



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	Total CO <sub>2</sub> Impact (tons CO <sub>2</sub> equ.)	CO <sub>2</sub> Impact Index (kg CO <sub>2</sub> equ./ gsf)
Base	184	3.03
Passive House	109	1.79
Passive House Savings Potential	-75	-41%

▸ Carbon Emissions are reduced by 41%, or more

# Lower Energy Cost



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	Cost Index (\$/ gsf)
Base	0.482
Passive House	0.328
Passive House Savings	-32%

▸ Energy Cost are reduced by 32%, or more

# Lower Life Cycle Cost



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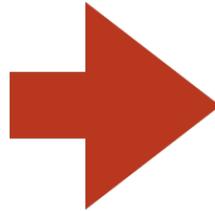
	60 years	50 years	40 years	30 years	20 years	10 years
Passive House savings potential (high)	6.36%	7.03%	3.95%	3.13%	1.31%	-5.40%
Passive House savings potential (low)	11.95%	12.87%	9.00%	8.63%	6.05%	-0.08%

▸ Life Cycle Cost are cheaper than conventional building.

# Elliot Tower, MPLS (EnerPHit)



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# Ultra-Efficiency Paradigm Shift



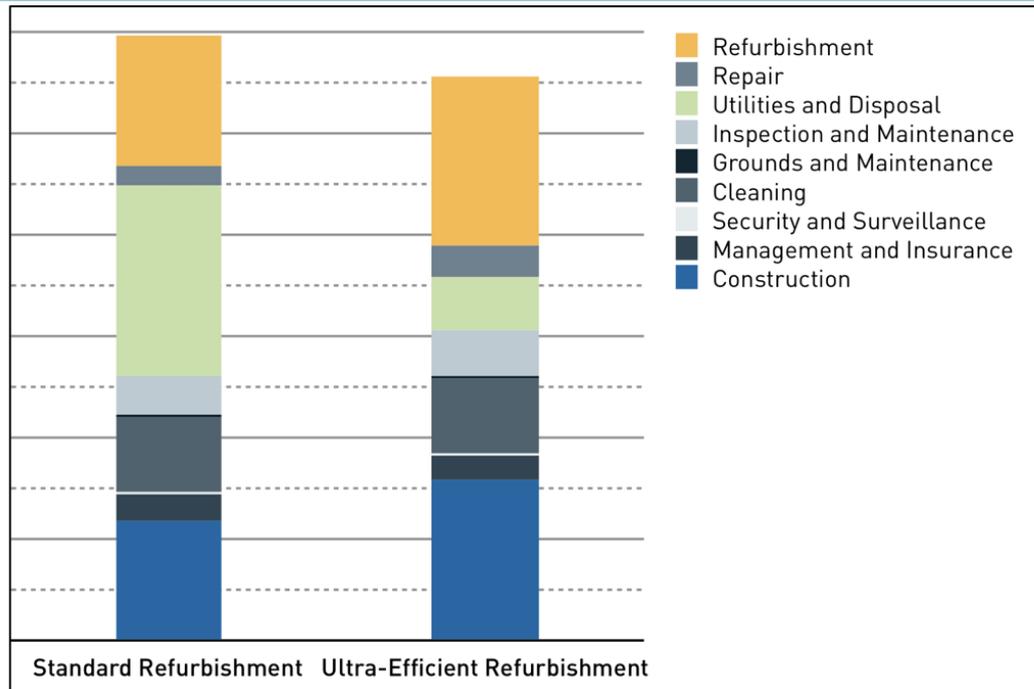
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# Cheaper Than a Conventional Fix



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	60 years	50 years	40 years	30 years	20 years	10 years
Savings Potential	7.8%	<b>6.9%</b>	3.8%	4.9%	2.5%	<b>-9.5%</b>

► Life Cycle Cost are cheaper than “just fixing” the building.

# Passive House and Climate Neutrality



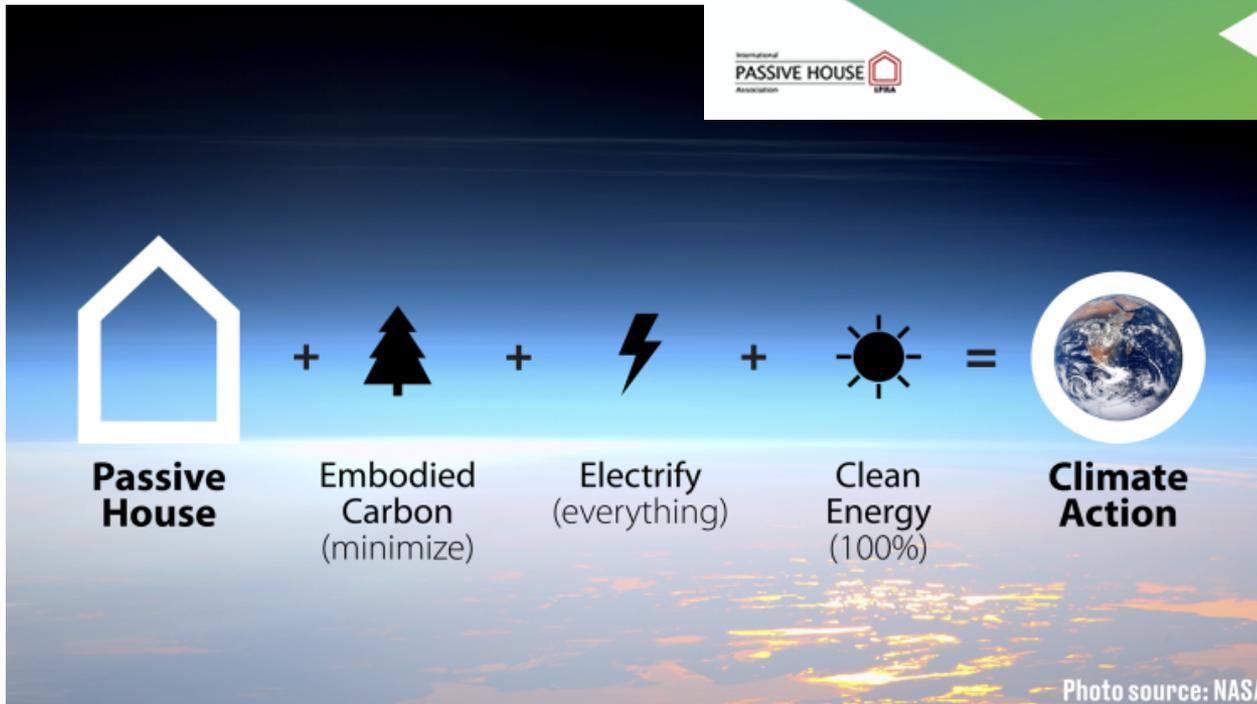
# Passive House = Foundation for Climate Action Plans



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Efficiency is the First  
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# Resources



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local news + education + training + advocacy + network + first stop for national and international community connection  
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