



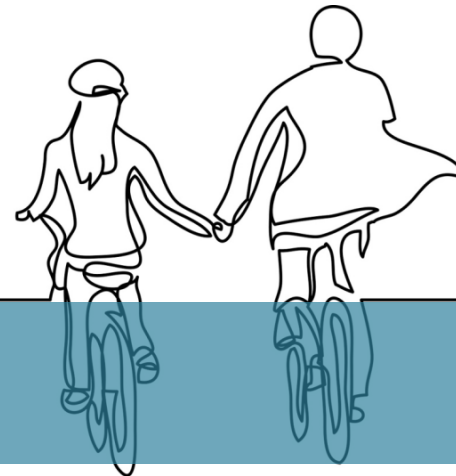
# PASSIVE HOUSE IN NORTH AMERICA THROUGH THE NAPHN LENS

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# Passive House Progress in North America Through the NAPHN Lens

Projects  
Policies  
& Products

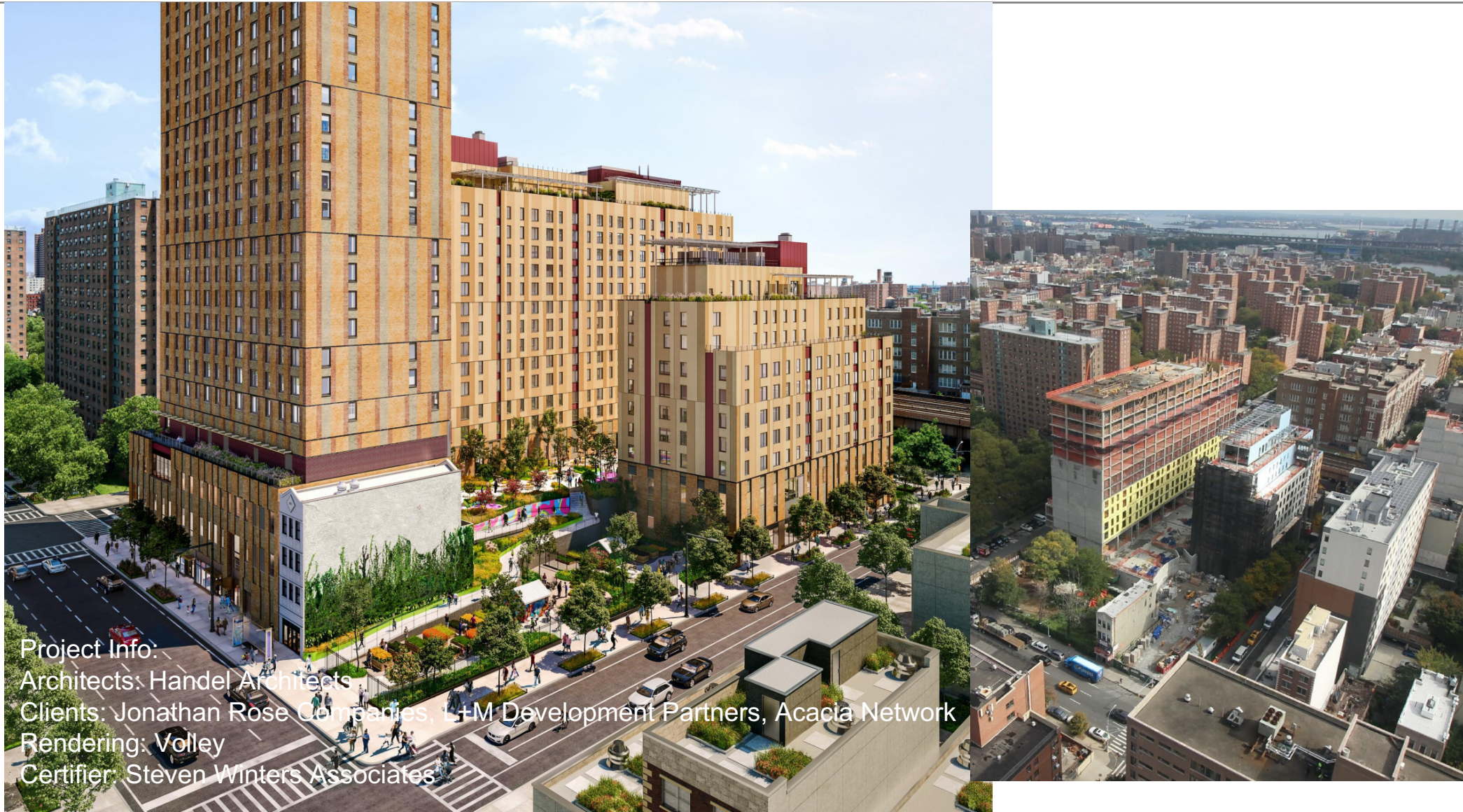


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Nov, 2020

# IN NEW YORK PASSIVE IS MASSIVE!



# SUPER-SIZED PH! (UNDER CONSTRUCTION)



Project Info:  
Architects: Handel Architects  
Clients: Jonathan Rose Companies, L+M Development Partners, Acacia Network  
Rendering: Volley  
Certifier: Steven Winters Associates

# WINTHROP CENTER - BOSTON RISING



Project Info:  
Architects: Handel Architects  
Clients: MP Boston  
Renderings: Steep Blue  
Certifier: Steven Winters Associates



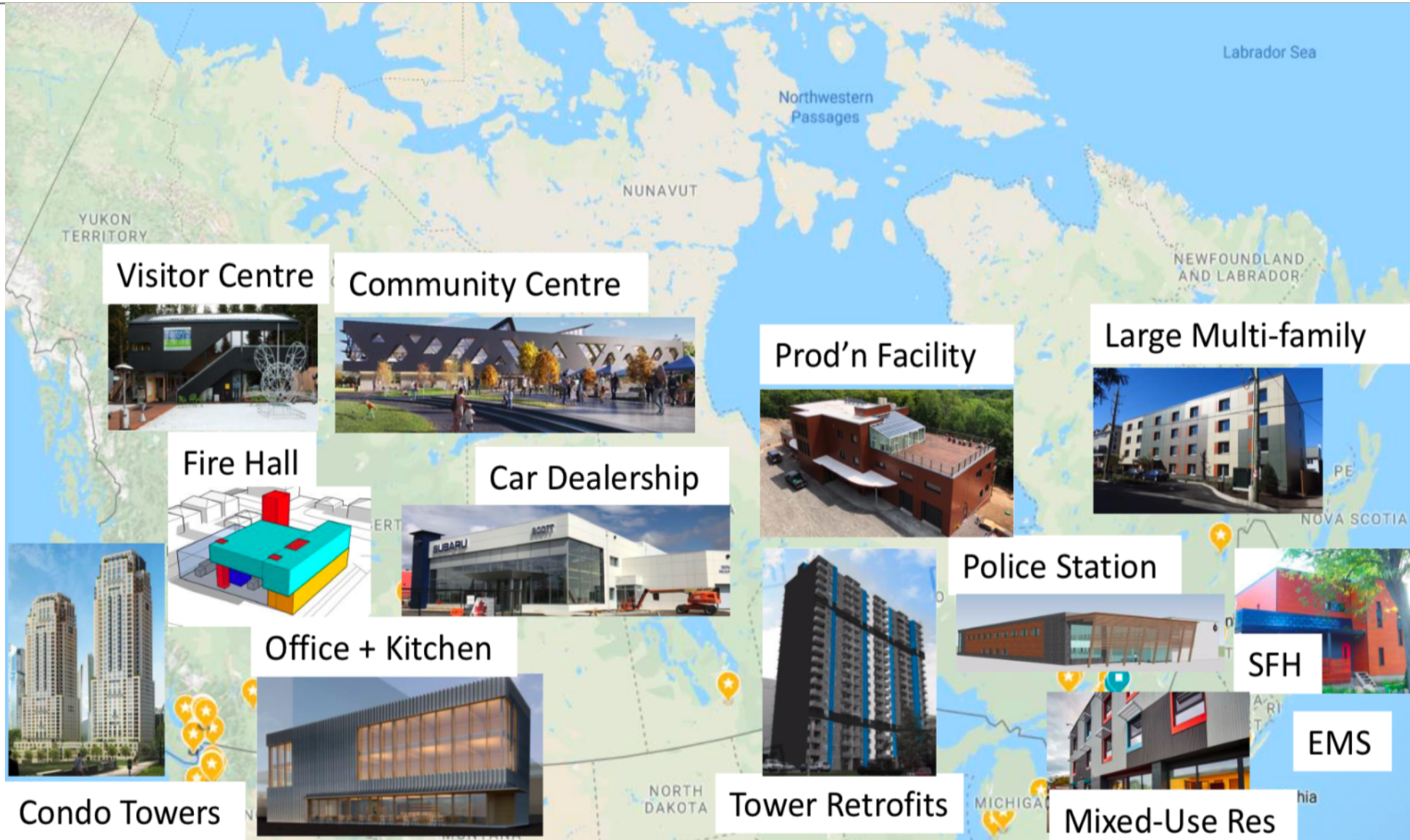
# PITTSBURGH RISING



Passive House Certification  
RESET Air Certification  
Fitwel Certification



# OH CANADA! (THE QUIET CHAMPION of PH)



# NAPHN CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

If you still think #Passivhaus is a niche program here in North America, think again. ONE firm alone - SWA - is consulting on over 9 MILLION SF of projects that cover a wide spectrum of building types. #PH2020



> 9 Million SF! (836K m<sup>2</sup>)

Reactions

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### Owners Roundtable #1 Deciding to Do It: How Owners Choose Passive House

Beth Eckenrode, Nikole Sheaffer, Derrick Tillman, Fran Coen, Kathleen MacNeil, Ben Ohebshalom

### Owners Roundtable #3 Owners' Feedback Loop: Occupancy, Measurement, and Management

Beth Eckenrode, Emma Osmundsen, Alex Kaplan, Ryan Cassidy, Tom Shircliff, Tim McDonald

### Owners Roundtable #2 How Owners Do it: Making Passive House Good Business

Beth Eckenrode, Alex Bernstein, Ed Kolic, Grant Ervin, Garret Scott, Emma Osmundsen

## Stats – Project Characteristics & Costs

+ Costs: 1-8%

Sample Set – 16 Projects

Project	Size [# of units]	Floors	Ave Increase	Notes
Bld 6	Large	25	1%	Two or more team members experienced w/PH
Bld 1	Medium	6	2%	Two or more team members experienced w/PH
Bld 2	Large	9	2%	Two or more team members experienced w/PH
Bld 8	Large	11	2%	Two or more team members experienced w/PH
Bld 13	xt Large	9	3%	High base cost/ft2 already
Bld 4	Large	20	3%	Two or more team members experienced w/PH
Bld 11	xt Large	26	3%	Two or more team members experienced w/PH
Bld 10	Large	12	4%	Two or more team members experienced w/PH
Bld 9	xt Large	13	4%	Two or more team members experienced w/PH
Bld 12	xt Large	18	4%	Two or more team members experienced w/PH
Bld 15	xt Large	8	5%	High base cost/ft2 already
Bld 16	Large	21	5%	Two or more team members experienced w/PH
Bld 7	Large	8	5%	Two or more team members experienced w/PH
Bld 14	xt Large	37	7%	Inexp Builder wrt PH
Bld 5	xt Large	13	8%	Complex façade & volume to surface
Bld 3	Large	7	8%	Inexp team wrt PH

Passive Assets: Certified perform Better!



Jennifer Leone



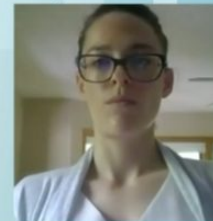
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Danielle Donnelly



Joanna Grab



Jamie Bemis



Atalia Howe

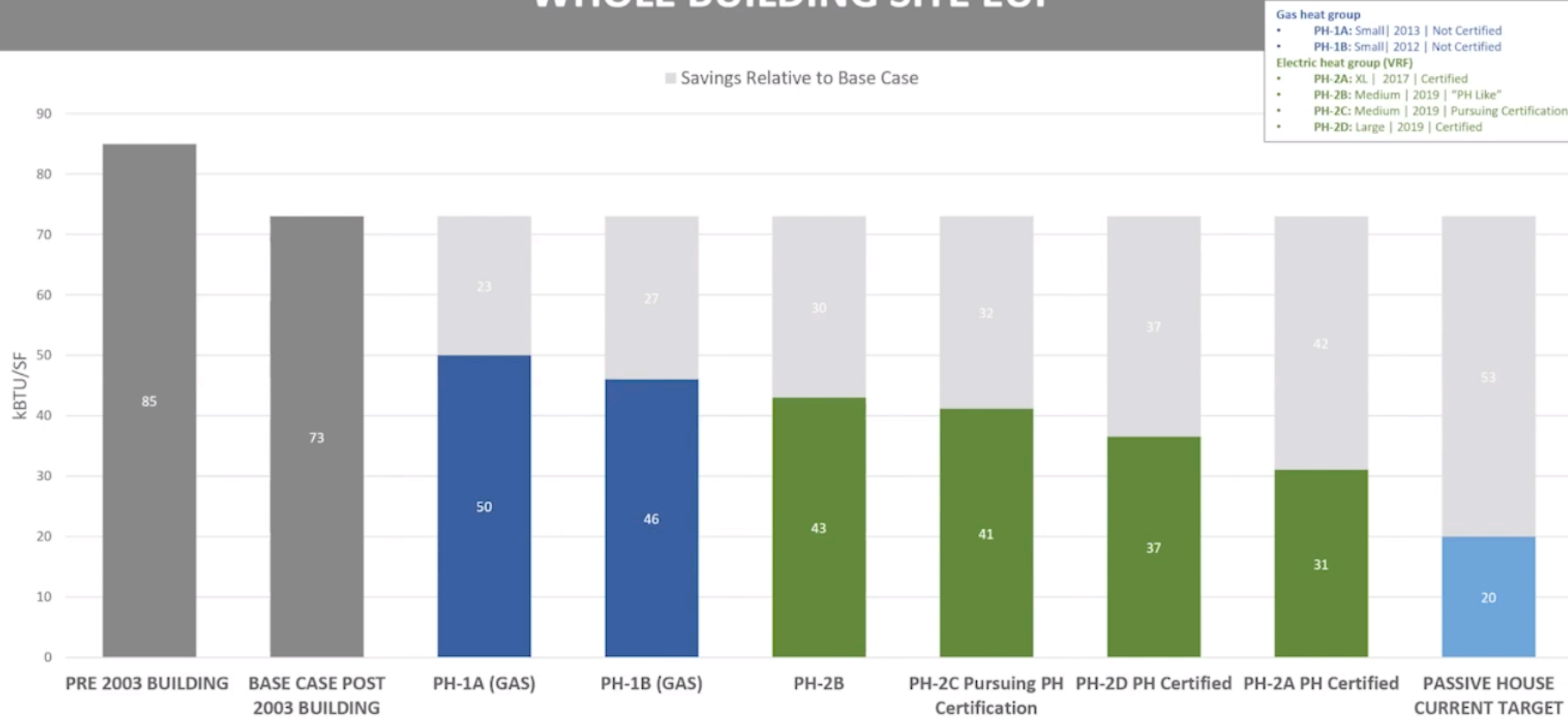
KEEN FOCUS ON:

- Embodied Carbon
- Ventilation (COVID Context)
- 750 attendees!



# VERIFYING AFFORDABLE MULTIFAMILY PERFORMANCE

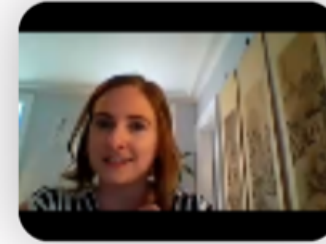
## WHOLE BUILDING SITE EUI



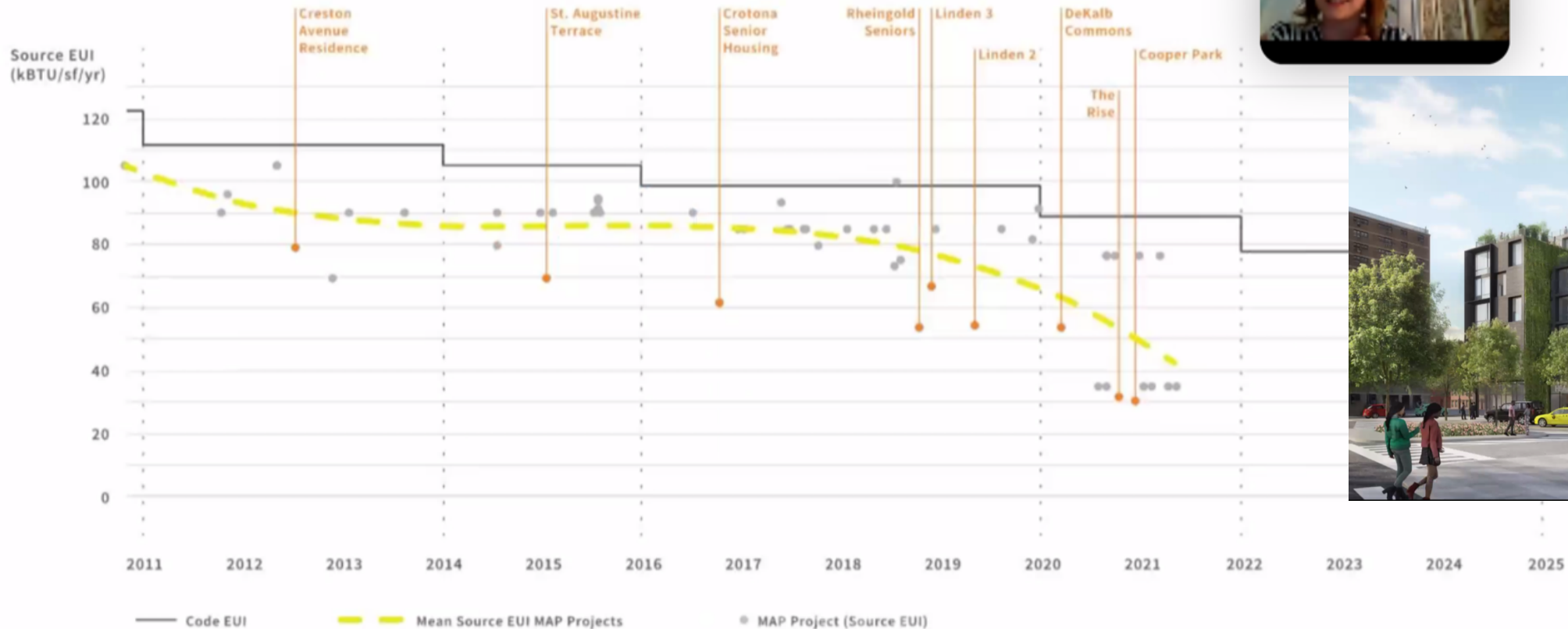
1. Post 2003 Building sample is made up of NYC buildings with at least one full year of consumption data and includes approximately 94% buildings with gas heating, 6% with electric heating.
2. PH-1A & PH-1B have gas heating and hot water. The remaining projects have electric heating (VRF)
3. PH current target based on PHI standard 38 kBTU/sf/yr. Ranges from 20 (model) upper 20's-low 30s (25% gas + 75% electric fuel mix – typ. of gas DHW + elec heat) when building commissioned.

# PASSIVE HOUSE MULTIFAMILY INSIGHTS

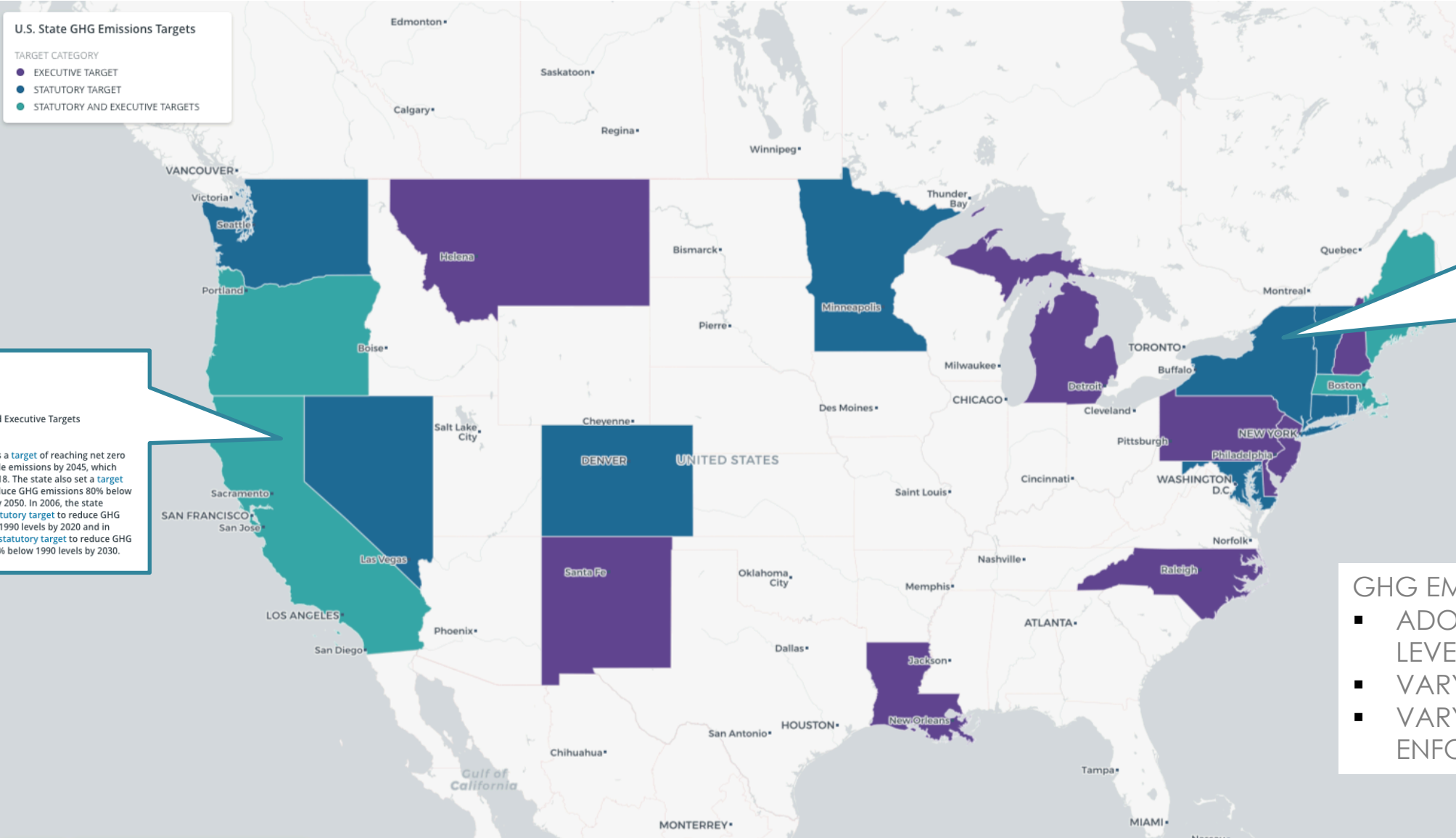
## THE RISE OF THE AFFORDABLE PASSIVE HOUSE



MAP Project EUI Compared to Code EUI



# POLICY & THE SHIFTING OF U.S. CODE TARGETS



**U.S. State GHG Emissions Targets**

TARGET CATEGORY

- EXECUTIVE TARGET
- STATUTORY TARGET
- STATUTORY AND EXECUTIVE TARGETS

**State:** New York

**Category:** Statutory Target

**Description:** New York has **statutory targets** to reduce GHG emissions 40% below 1990 levels by 2030 and no less than 85% below 1990 levels by 2050, which were enacted in 2019. The targets also aim for net-zero GHG emissions by 2050.

**State:** California

**Category:** Statutory and Executive Targets

**Description:** California has a **target** of reaching net zero carbon dioxide emissions by 2045, which was set in 2018. The state also set a **target** in 2005 to reduce GHG emissions 80% below 1990 levels by 2050. In 2006, the state enacted a **statutory target** to reduce GHG emissions to 1990 levels by 2020 and in 2016, it set a **statutory target** to reduce GHG emissions 40% below 1990 levels by 2030.

- GHG EMISSIONS TARGETS:**
- ADOPTED AT THE STATE LEVEL
  - VARY BY DATE
  - VARY BY LEVEL OF ENFORCEMENT

# DOING THE 'DANNY ZUCO!'

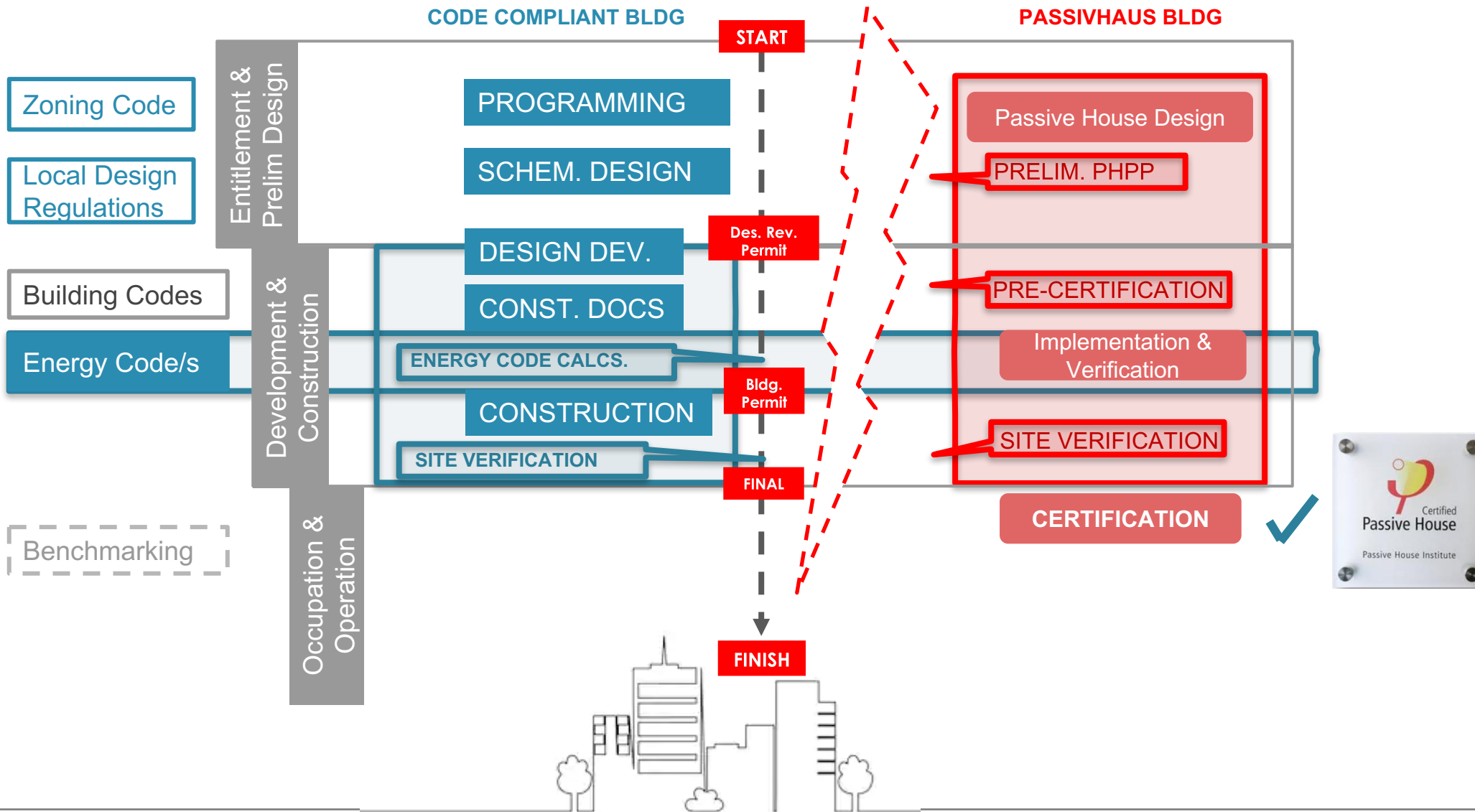


## U.S. STATES CLEAN ELECTRICITY COMMITMENTS

- Enacted Legislation
- Executive Order

2009	2012	2015	2016	2018	2019	2020	2021
The IECC 2009 removes several loopholes, raising energy efficiency standards by more than 15% compared to the 2006 edition of the code	The 2012 IECC raises energy efficiency standards by approximately 15% over the 2009 edition of the code	IECC approves gains in energy efficiency of only 1% from the 2012 edition; however, it established a new Energy Rating Index (ERI) compliance pathway giving building professionals more flexibility to achieve energy efficiency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>California (50% by 2030)</li> <li>Vermont (75% by 2032)</li> <li>Hawaii (100% by 2045)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>District of Columbia (50% by 2032)</li> <li>New York (50% by 2030)</li> <li>Oregon (50% by 2040)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>California (100% by 2045)</li> <li>New Jersey (50% by 2030)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Colorado (100% by 2050*)</li> <li>New York (100% by 2040)</li> <li>Maine (100% by 2050)</li> <li>Nevada (100% by 2050)</li> <li>Puerto Rico (100% by 2050)</li> <li>Maryland (50% by 2030)</li> <li>Washington (100% by 2045)</li> <li>New Mexico (100% by 2045)</li> <li>District of Columbia (100% by 2032)</li> <li>New Jersey (100% by 2050)</li> <li>Connecticut (100% by 2040)</li> <li>Virginia (100% by 2050)</li> <li>Wisconsin (100% by 2050)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Carbon Neutral Buildings Roadmap</b></p> <p>The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) is playing a key role in the transition to economy-wide carbon neutrality with the development of a Carbon Neutral Buildings Roadmap (Roadmap) that will be released in 2021. The Roadmap will assist the State in achieving its goal of a carbon neutral economy by mid-century. The Roadmap will provide direction to advance low-carbon buildings that are highly replicable, achieve superior energy performance, and are cost effective. One of the critical steps to a carbon neutral future is to achieve deep energy efficiency in buildings, with flexible and grid-responsive loads supplied by renewable electricity. The clearest path today is built on full electrification of building systems, though renewable fuels may also play a role.</p> <p>The first iteration of the Roadmap will include a high-level review of the State's entire building stock, while focusing a deeper analysis on four building sectors: single-family homes, low- and mid-rise multifamily residential, low- and mid-rise commercial office, and higher education.</p>

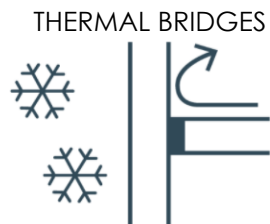
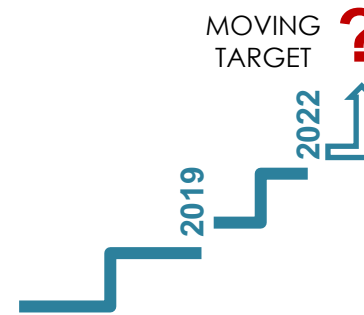
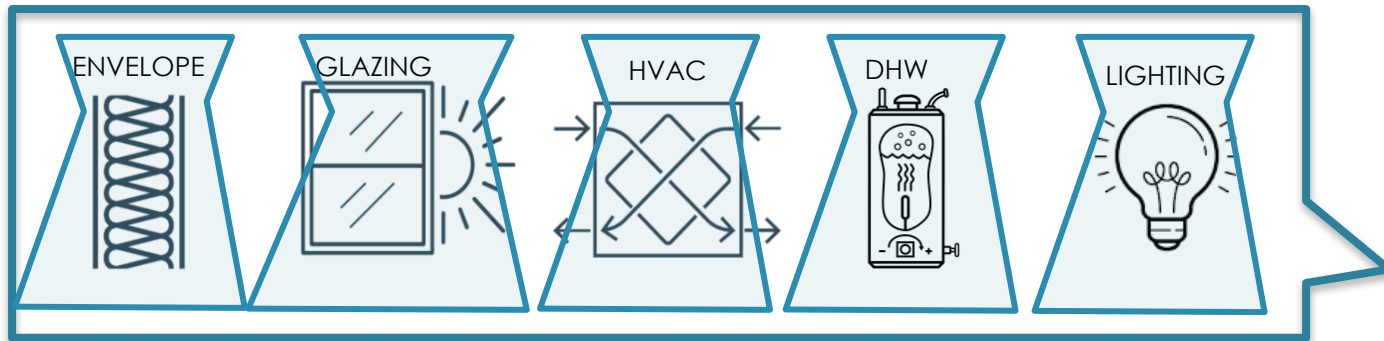
# POLICY & THE SHIFTING SANDS OF CODE TARGETS



# ENERGY CODE DEVELOPMENT STRUCTURE



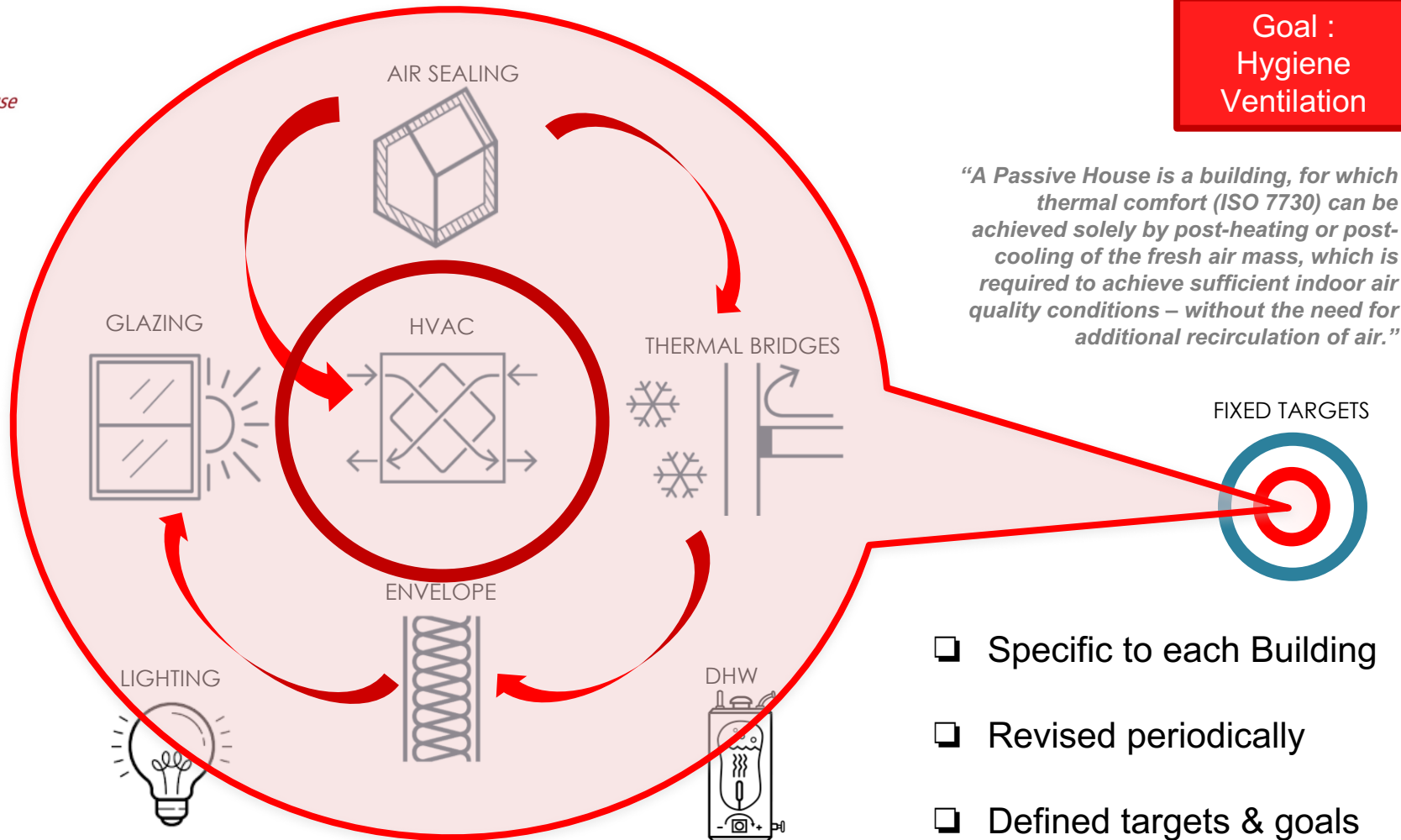
Goal : Cost Effective Energy Efficiency



- ❑ % > Benchmark Building
- ❑ 3-year update cycle
- ❑ No finite end goal

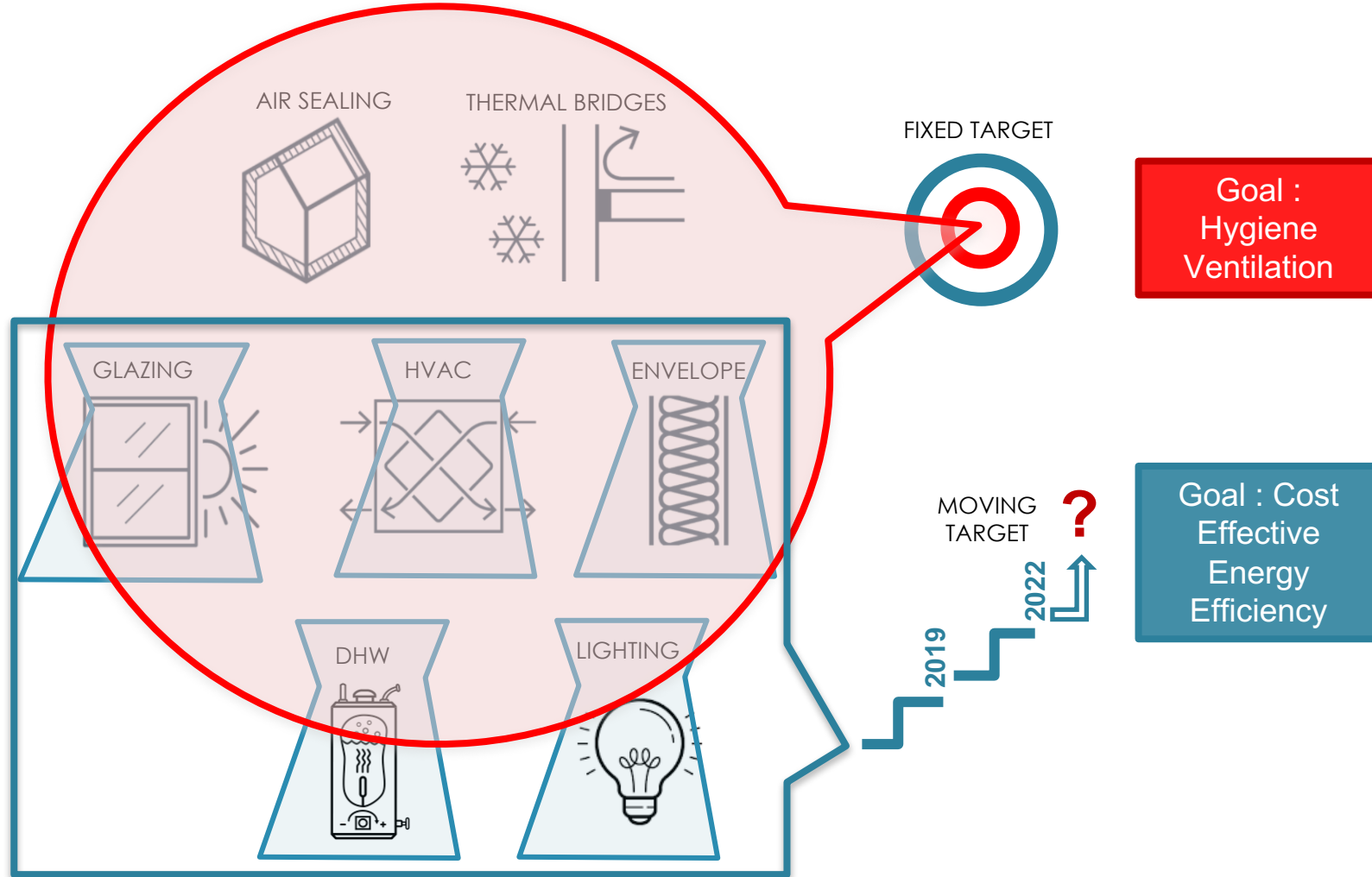
# PASSIVE HOUSE STANDARD STRUCTURE

Passive House Structure:



# CAN THESE FRAMEWORKS BE MERGED?

Passive House and Typical Benchmark Energy code overlay:

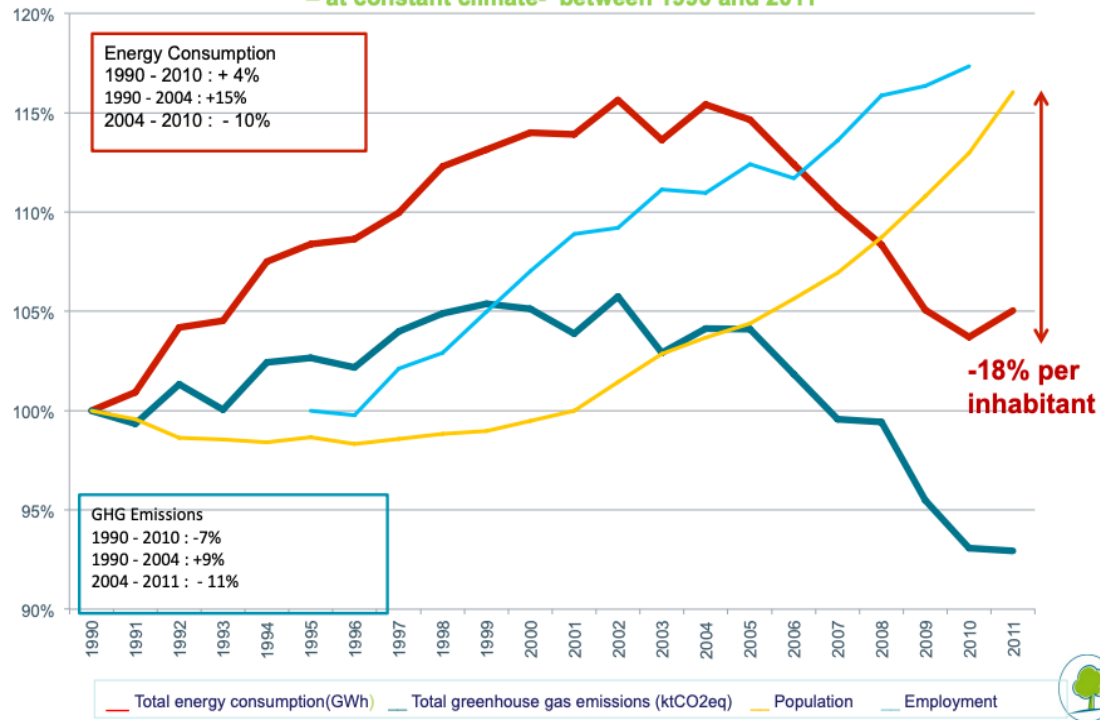




# POLICY PATTERNS: FOLLOW THE LEADERS!

Near Zero Energy Building strategy:  
a success story started from scratch in 2004

Evolution of energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions in Brussels  
- at constant climate- between 1990 and 2011



1. Identified a clear end goal
2. Provided training & support to industry to aim for that goal
3. Promoted the front runners
4. Changed the code (once the market was ready.)

# IS THERE PASSIVE-CENTRIC POLICY IN NORTH AMERICA?

**City of Vancouver General Info:**  
<https://vancouver.ca/green-vancouver/build-a-passive-house.aspx>

British Columbia,  
CANADA

**NYC General Info:**  
<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/hpd/development/passive-house.page>

NEW YORK STATE

**MassSave Program:**  
<http://ma-eeac.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/Exh.-1-Final-Plan-10-31-18-With-Appendices-no-bulk.pdf>

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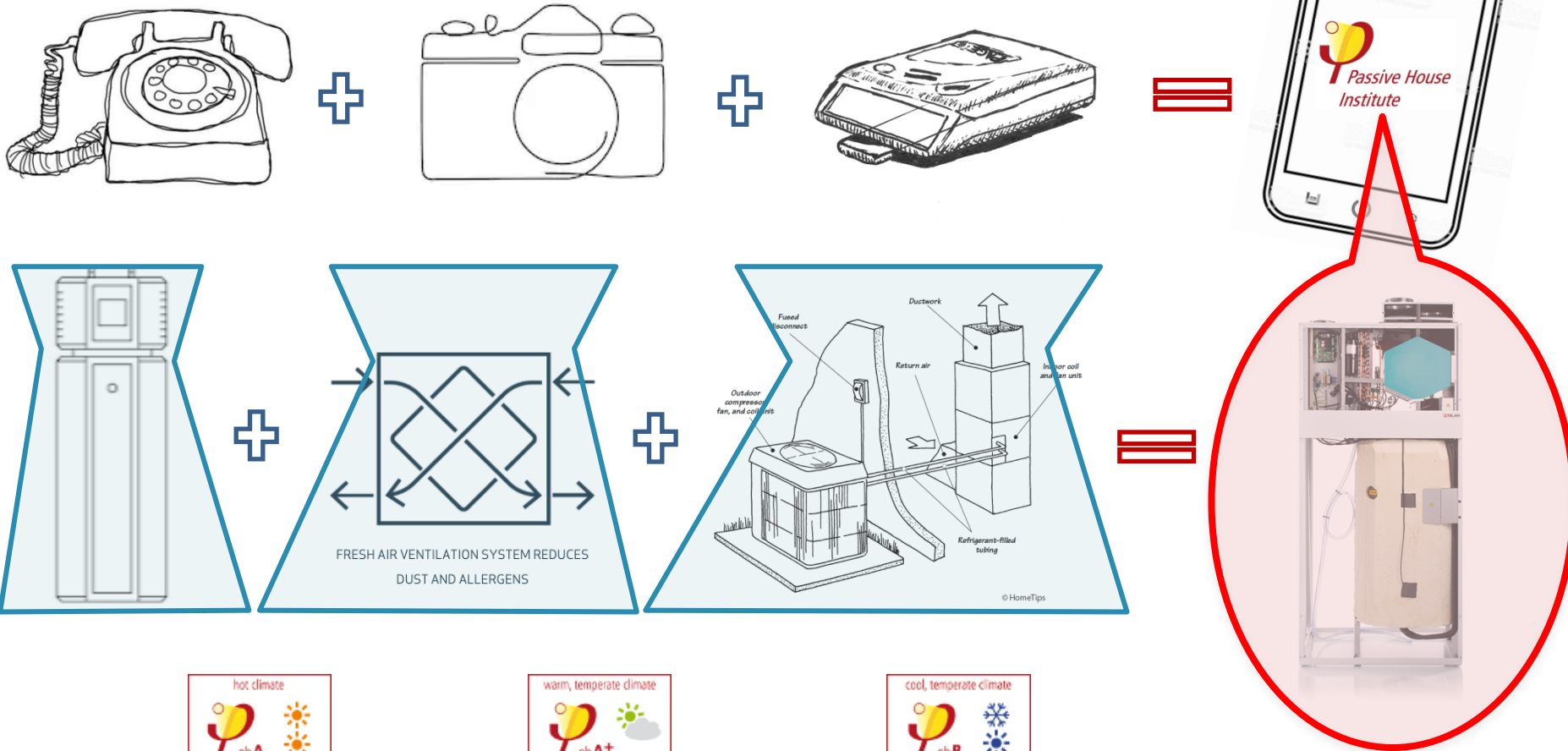
- Washington State – accepts PHPP

## CITIES:

- NYC includes Passive House city-owned affordable housing
- Minneapolis, MN dabbling...
- Monterey, CA dabbling...

# HARNESS THE POWER OF PASSIVE HOUSE!

WHY NOT UTILIZE PH TO DRIVE HIGH PERFORMANCE BUILDING PRODUCTS...?  
AND WHY NOT DO THE SAME FOR POLICY?!



# NEW PASSIVHAUS PRODUCTS FROM NORTH AMERICA

  
**VENTACITYSYSTEMS**  
Making Buildings Healthy - Efficient - Smarter



Everything else we  
IMPORT!

# NEW CONNECTOR SOFTWARE TOOLS

**PHPP + RHINO**  
A Dynamic Energy Model  
WEBINAR BY ED MAY

**NEW SOFTWARE INTRODUCTION**

**NYPH**  
TRAINING



**IDF2PH | Piece 1: Rhino PHP Objects**

Select Frame: Schuco AWS 90.SI - T&T  
Select Glazing: SGG Climatop ONE (4/16AR/4/16AR/4)  
Set the Installed Edges: SGG Climatop XN (4/16AR/4/16AR/4)

LIB Windows Surfaces TFA Rooms Thermal Bridges DHW

**IDF2PH | Piece 2: HB PHP Objects**

Model PHPP Objects such as Windows, Surfaces, HRV, DHW  
Convert IDF to PHPP and Write to Excel

The IDF2PH toolkit is made of three main pieces:



**Rhino**

New PHPP Tools for Rhino



New PHPP Tools for Honeybee



A New IDF->PHPP Exporter

**IDF2PH | Piece 3: IDF->PHPP Exporter**

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33	Projected building footp		otpr
34	Treated floor area		
40	Exterior door	7	Exterior door
	<b>Floor</b>	<b>11</b>	Floor slab / Basement ce
41			



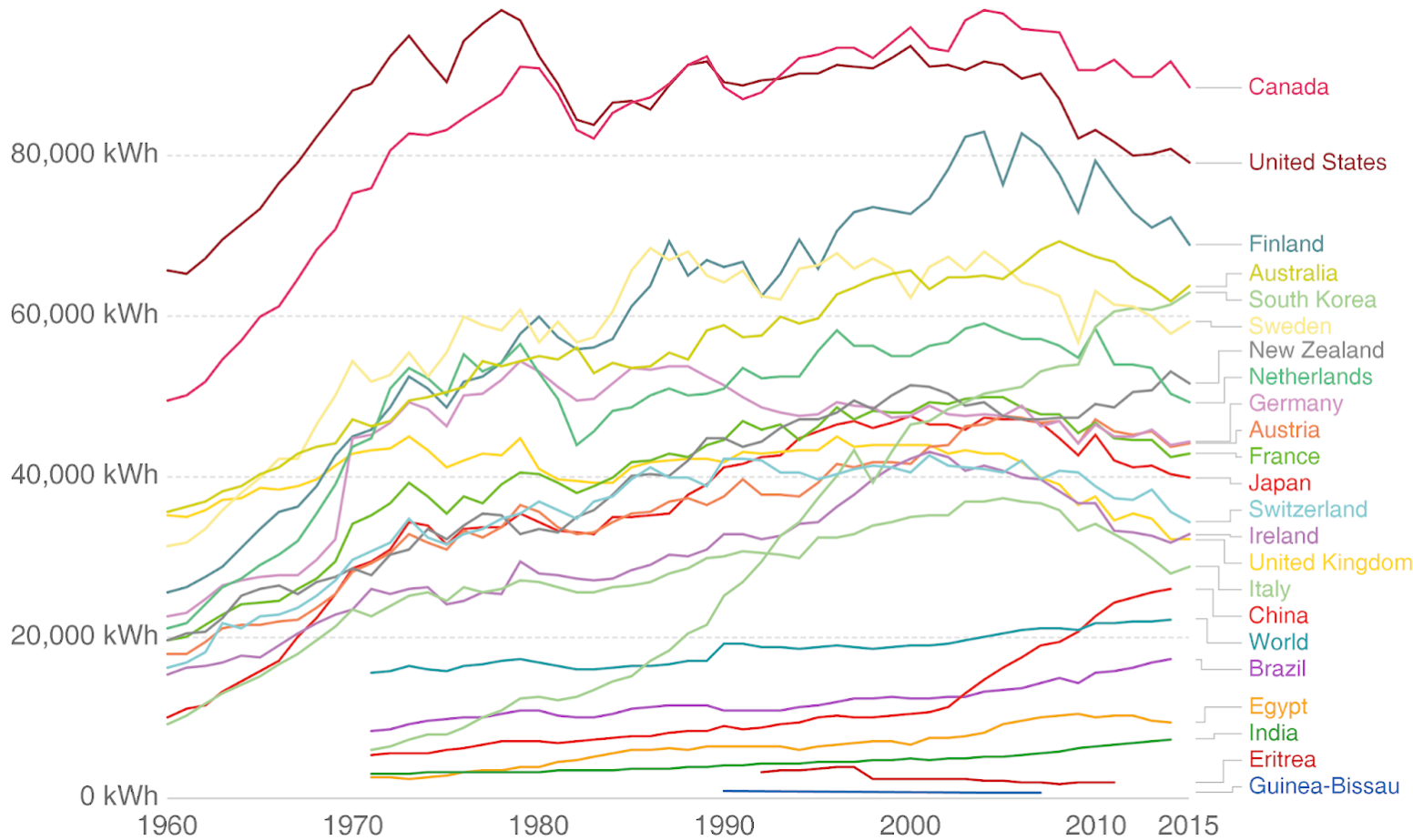
Developer: Ed May, Bldgtyp, Inc.  
Download at: <http://www.idf2ph.com/>

# SUMMARY

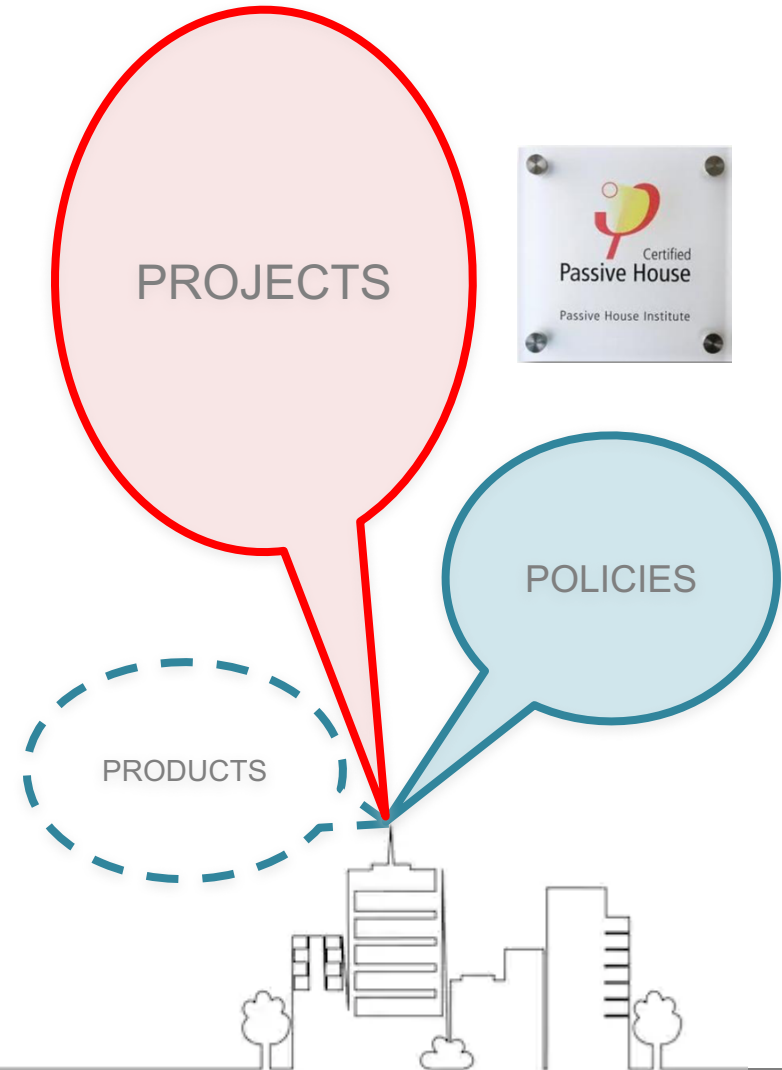
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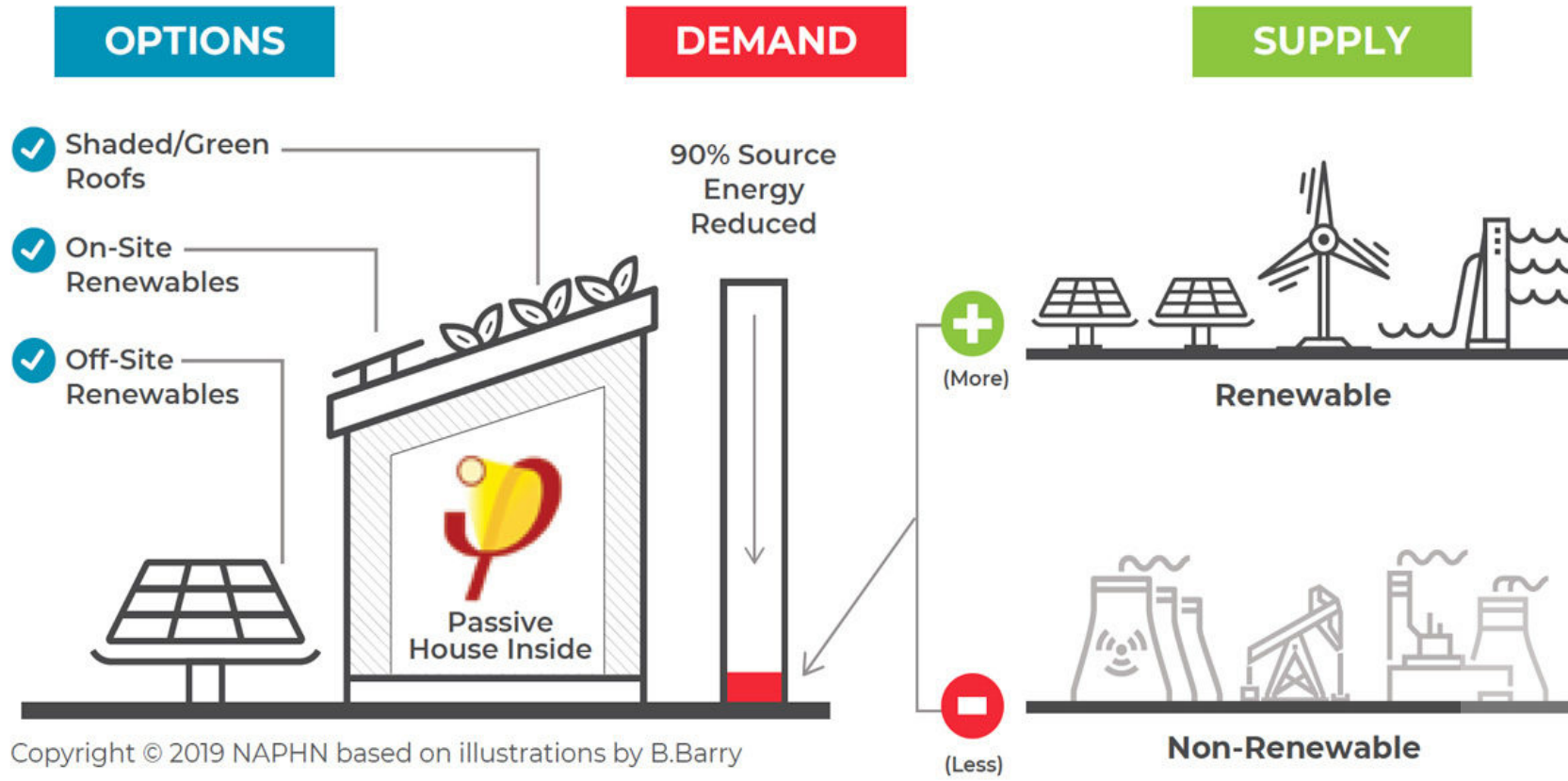
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