

Energy Efficiency in Existing Homes: Market Transformation through the Real Estate Transaction

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The mission of the Local Energy Alliance Program is to lead the effort to retrofit buildings with energy efficient technologies. Our overarching goals include cost savings, job creation, energy self-reliance, and local economic development.

LEAP-VA Mission

Home Performance w/ ENERGY STAR Upgrade

Steps in the HPwES Program

- Online energy profile (enroll)
- In home assessment (test in)
- Energy improvements
- Test out/Quality Assurance inspection
- Certificate and yard sign mailed when improvements provide 20% or more projected energy savings



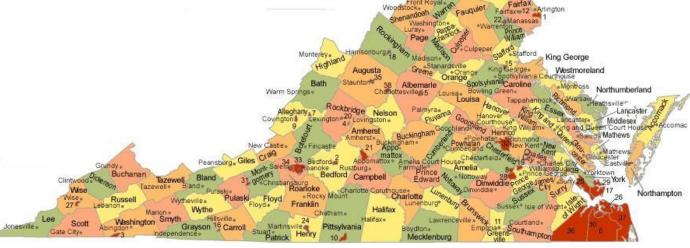
Energy Efficiency Benefits

Healthier living spaces
Improved quality of life
Cost savings
Value

Virginia Housing Stock: 3.35 Million

- The median age of homes in VA is 34 years
- If no renovations or improvements have been done, these homes are built to 1980 standards
- 1.16M homes built before 1970 (prior to insulation standards)
- Even if insulation has been added in the attic, there is a real opportunity to reduce energy use (because most people have never heard of air sealing)





People Want Energy Efficient Features

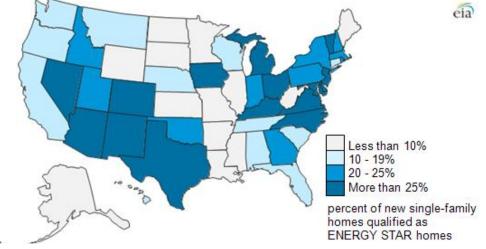


National Association of Realtors survey found 87% thought a home's heating and cooling costs were "important" or "very important" regardless of the home's age

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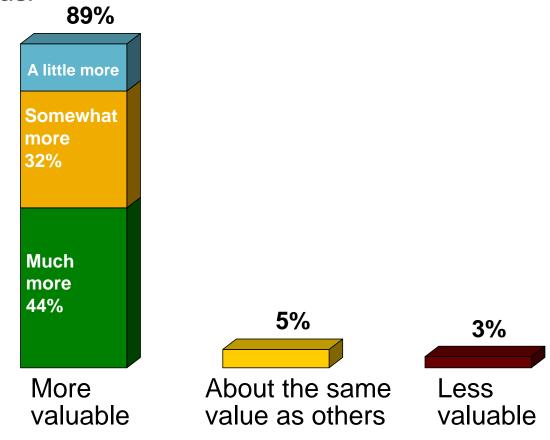
50% of furnances and 25% of heat pumps installed are ENERGY STAR certified



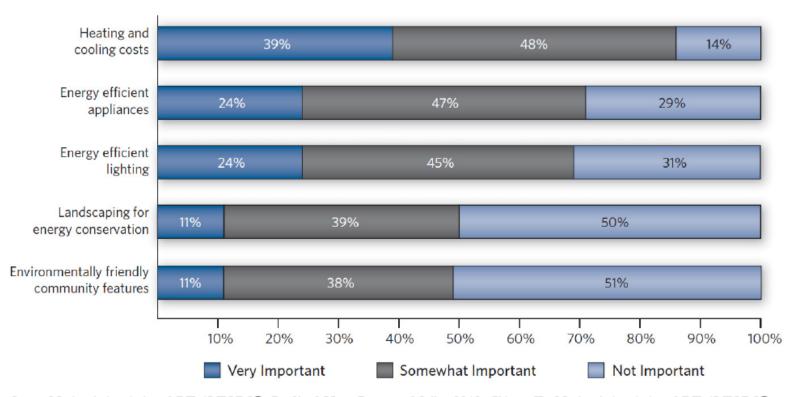


Virginians view energy efficient homes as more valuable.

If I were in the market for a new home and found a home that had been upgraded to use energy more efficiently and use less electricity, I would see this home as:



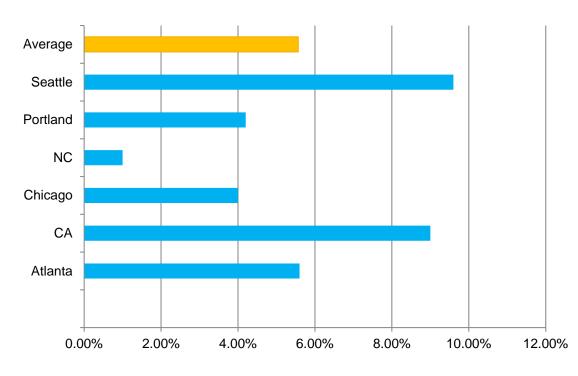
Importance of a Home's Environmental Features



Source: National Association of REALTORS®. Profile of Home Buyers and Sellers 2012. Chicago, IL: National Association of REALTORS®.

Homeowners Pay More for Energy Efficiency

Local Market Studies on Increased % Premium for Home Certification



New Homes Sell for More with ENERGY STAR Certification



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How do we value energy efficiency?

- Real estate appraisal process
- Through the lending process

Stakeholders: buyer/seller, real estate agent, appraiser, lender, builder, contractors







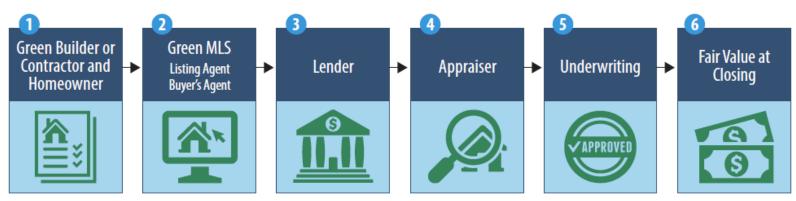






The Issue is DATA

- What data?
- How do we access it?
- Who provides it?
- Reliability and liability



Documentation is key:

- ✓ Green building certificate
- ✓ Performance test results
- ✓ Local green disclosure form
- √ 12 month utility usage

What data can we have?

- Certificates (HPwES)
- Scores and labels (HERS, HEScore, ENERGY STAR)
- Energy improvements (invoices)
- Utility bills
- Home inspection/audit



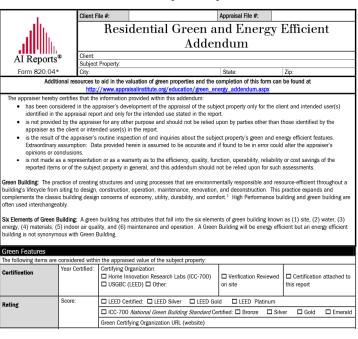
How do "we" access the data?

- **Buyers**: Multiple Listing Service 850 local/regional; 10 data vendors who feed it
- Appraisers: must be able to "see" the features (and be paid for listing them)
- Lenders: Uniform Residential Appraisal Report (oops, no data fields)



Green and Efficient Appraisal Addendum

- Created by the Appraisal Institute
- Supplemental to URAR Form 1004
- Assists appraisers in valuing green features on properties
- Must be filled out by appraiser or approved third party (e.g., HPwES program administrator)





New opportunities

- BPI 2100 (Home Performance XML)
- Green MLS (RESO/RETS Data Dictionary)
- BPI-2101-S-2011 Standard Requirements for a Certificate of Completion for Whole-House Energy Efficiency Upgrades
- Al Green and Energy Efficient Appraisal Addendum



Market Progression towards Value for High Performance Homes

Green Fields Shared Docs, Metrics, Education

"Auto-Pop"

Traditional MLS

No green fields

Green Data Set(s)

✓ Inventory trends

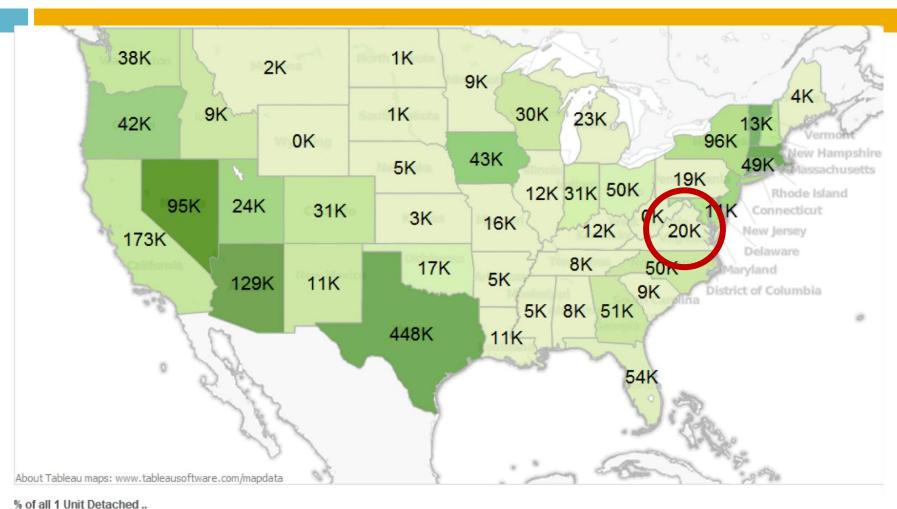
Integrated Fields

- ✓ Verified data
- √ Comparables

Market Impact

√ Value trends

Verified High Performance Inventory



Nearly 2.5 million verified high performance homes

Source: CNT Energy research as reported by verification programs and census data, October 2013.

