

## **Building Energy Benchmarking**

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## Overview



**WPI Project** 





Labeling

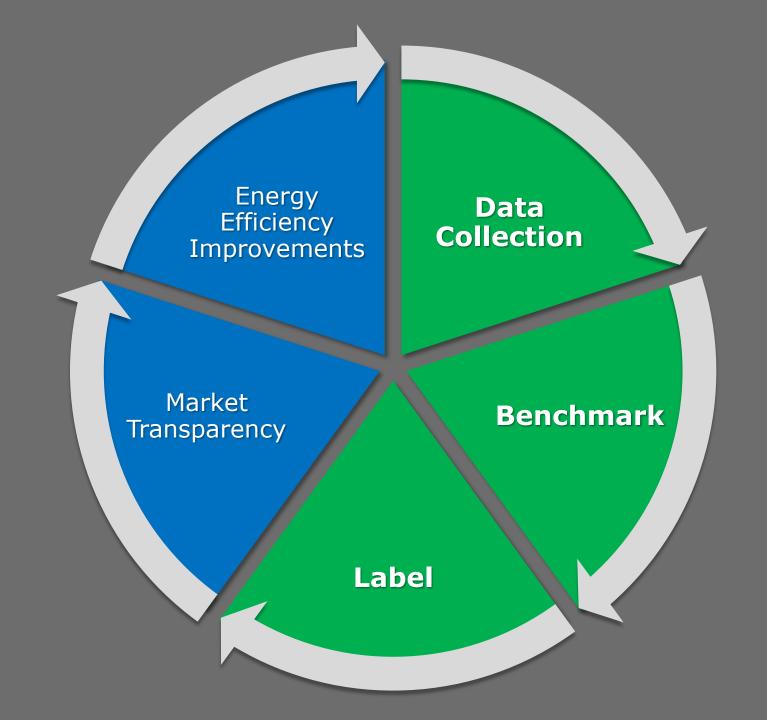


## **Worcester Polytechnic Institute**



# **Building Energy Benchmarking & Labeling**

- 1. Government building benchmarking in Alexandria
- 2. Government building benchmarking and labeling plan for NoVA
- 3. Voluntary commercial building energy benchmarking & labeling program for NoVA



## Alexandria Benchmarking

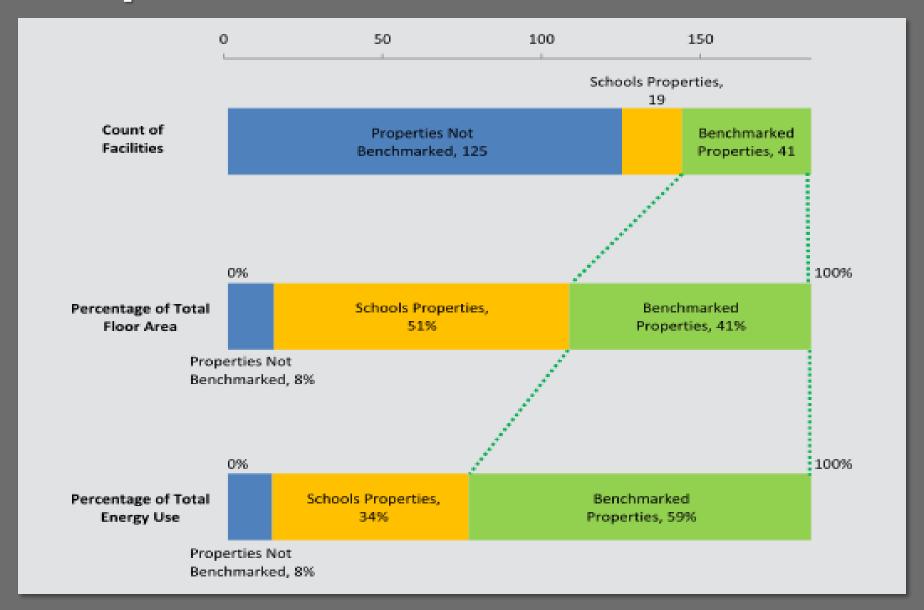
## **Building Selection**

- Buildings  $> 5,000 \text{ ft}^2$
- Accessible property data
- Minimum of 12 month utility data
  - → Ideal 24 months utility data

### Data Collection

- Rich data set
- Multiple forms
- Verifying accuracy
- Assumptions for missing data
- Time consuming

## **Scope of Benchmark**



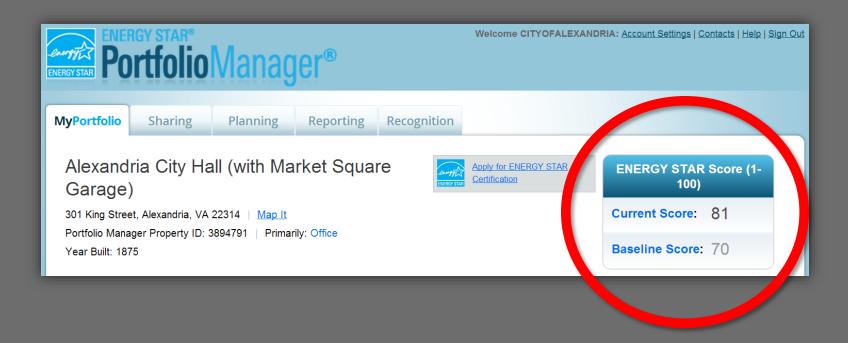
## **Additional Building Features**

- Built Dates: 1773 2011
  - -Most constructed in 1980s
  - Brick and masonry constructions
  - -Small steel frame %

- Energy resources
  - Primary electric (60%)
  - —Secondary natural gas (40%)

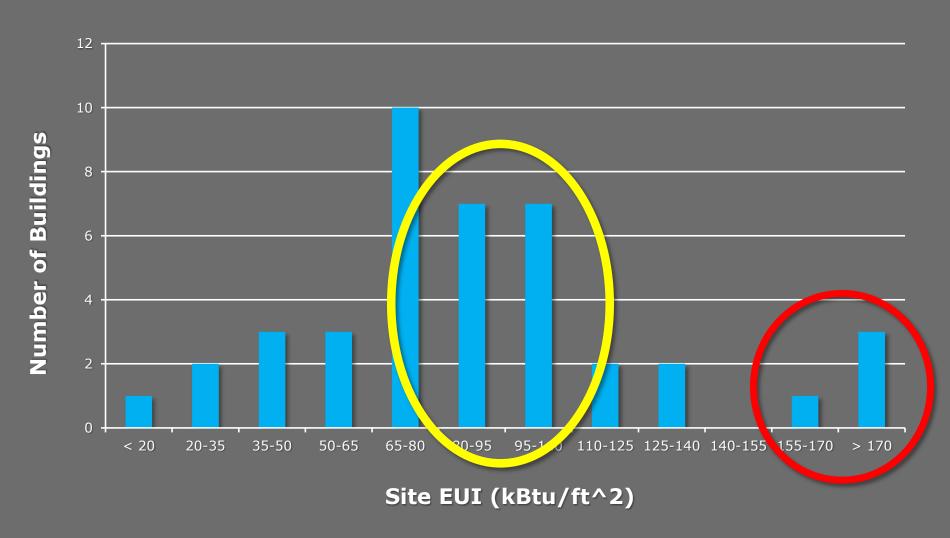


## **Benchmarking Analysis**

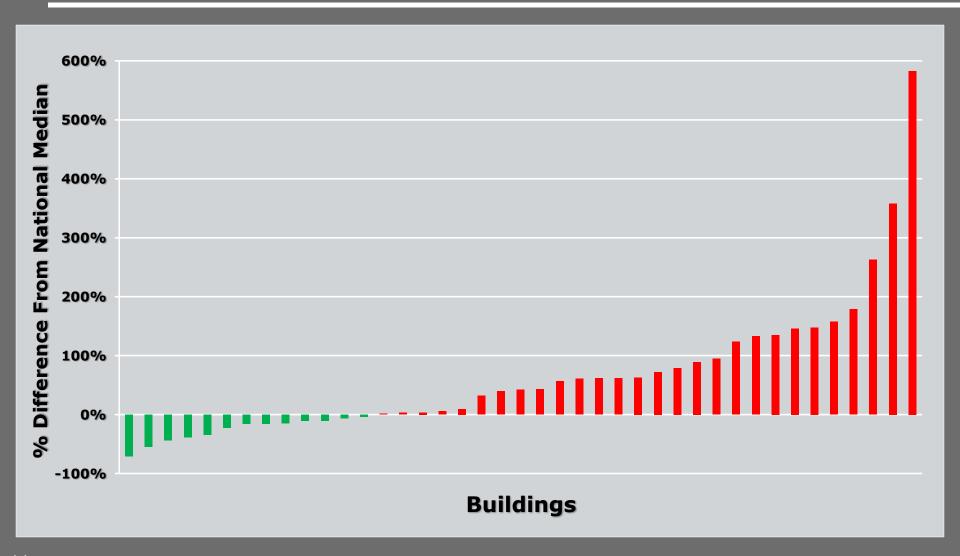


- Energy Use Intensity (EUI)
- ENERGY STAR Score

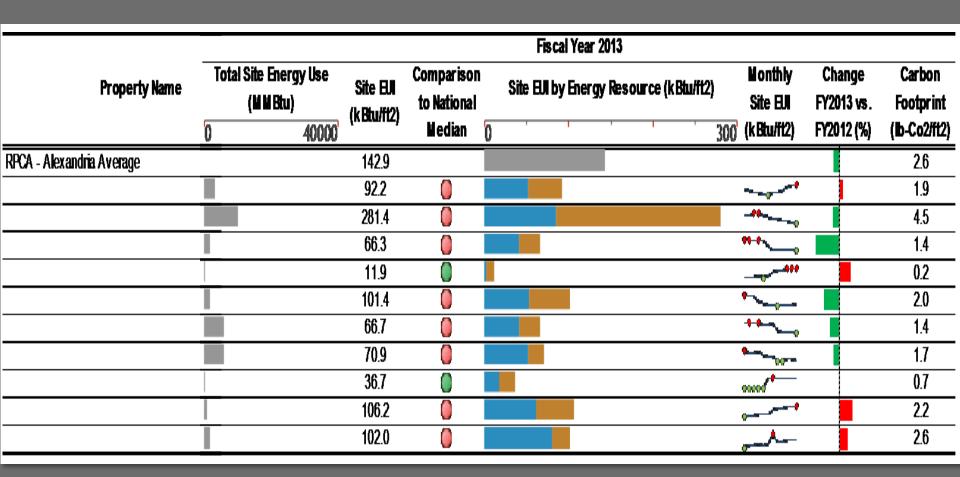
## Distribution of Site EUI



## **National Comparisons**



## **Comprehensive Results**

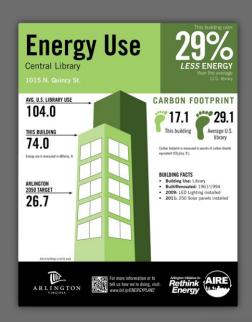


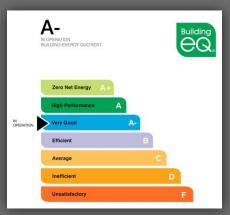
# NoVA Government Building Energy Benchmarking

- Measure buildings' energy performance
- Communicate to the public
- Provide the information to building managers to improve building performance
- Help build a regional building performance database (VEPGA, MWCOG)



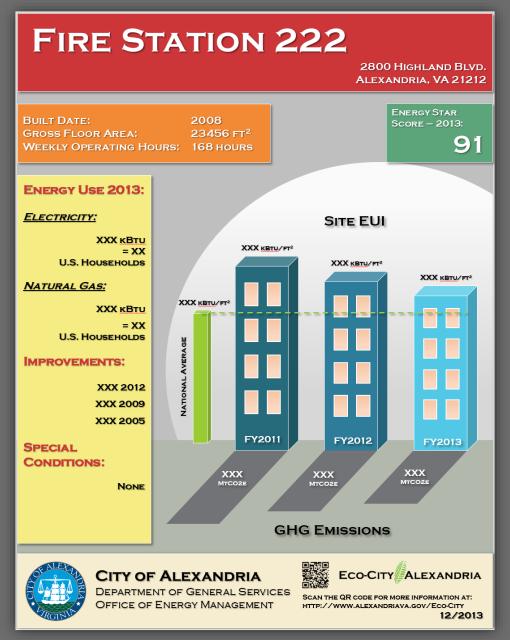
# NoVA Government Building Energy Labeling





- Represents the building's energy performance
- Shows energy performance trend
- Easy to understand
- Visually appealing

## **Energy Performance Label**



The building's Name and address.

The basic building characteristics and use properties.

#### **ENERGY USE:**

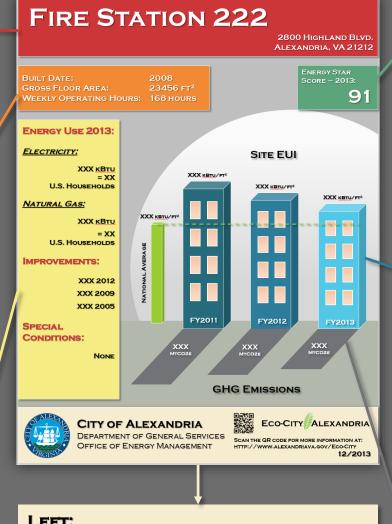
The building's most current energy use information including both electricity and natural gas usage with equivalence to a number of average U.S households.

#### **IMPROVEMENTS:**

The past or undergoing energy efficiency improvements.

#### **SPECIAL CONDITIONS:**

The building's uniqueness, e.g. a building entirely powered by electricity.



#### LEFT:

The jurisdiction's information with logo and building benchmark team's information.

#### RIGHT:

The jurisdiction's local energy program if applicable, reference link with QR code for more information, and the time the label was produced.

The building's ENERGY STAR score rated by Portfolio Manager if applicable.

#### SITE - EUI:

The building's annual EUI (Energy Use Intensity, measured in kBtu/ft<sup>2</sup>) performance trend during the most recent 3 fiscal years. The building height is linearly related to the building's annual EUI performance.

#### **NATIONAL AVERAGE:**

The national/regional average site EUI performance for similar type buildings. The green line represents the baseline for these averages.

The building's annual GHG (Green House Gas, measured in MtCO2e) Emissions trend for the most recent 3 fiscal years. The shadow height of the building is linearly related to the building's resulting GHG Emissions..

# Voluntary Benchmarking Program for Commercial Buildings

### Purpose

- Promote energy efficiency investment in commercial buildings
- Increase energy and cost saving opportunities
- Increase market transparency and public awareness

### National Leaders

- Washington, DC
- New York City
- Philadelphia
- Chicago

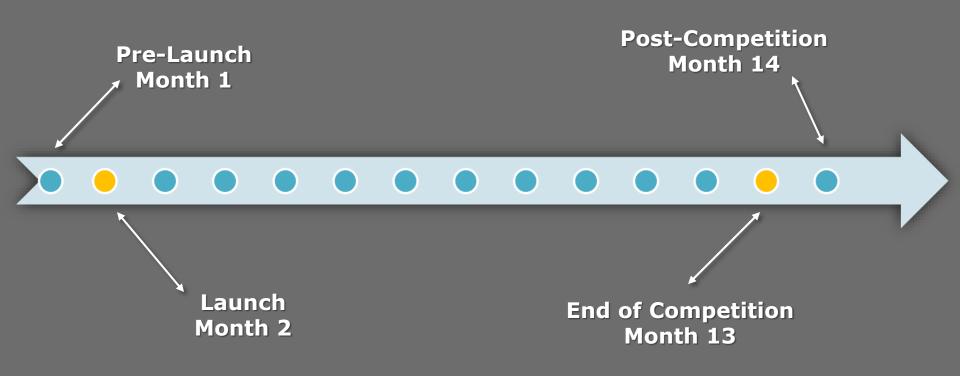
# Using Lessons from *Arlington Green Game*





- Voluntary Program
- Policy and Target Audience
- Technology Infrastructures
- Partner Organizations

# **Benchmarking Competition Timeline**



## **Summary**

- Benchmarking in Alexandria
- Northern Virginia Benchmarking & Labeling Plan
- Northern Virginia Voluntary Benchmarking Program



 Position Alexandria and Northern Virginia jurisdictions as leaders in promoting energy efficiency



 And ultimately, reducing Alexandria's, Northern Virginia's, and Metropolitan Washington DC's greenhouse gas emissions

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## Questions

