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DC Energy Benchmarking Requirements and Results

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Why Benchmarking?

Sustainable DC



Overall Vision:

In just one generation—20 years—the District of Columbia will be the healthiest, greenest, and most livable city in the United States.

Energy Target:

By 2032, cut citywide energy use by 50% and increase use of renewable power to 50%



Benchmarking:

Tracking a building's energy and water use and using a standard metric to compare the building's performance against past performance and to its peers nationwide.

Why Benchmark?

Utilities are the largest non-fixed expense for DC building owners.

32% - Utilities

22% - Repairs/Maintenance 21% - Admin 5% - Security 1% - Grounds sustain Ability

Source: BOMA

Buildings are DC's largest source of Greenhouse Gas Emissions:



- Commercial/Government Buildings (60%)
- Single Family Buildings (15.5%)
- Tranportation (22.5%)

Waste (2%)

Source: DC 2011 GHG Inventory (2006 Inventory results were similar)

ENERGY STAR® PortfolioNanager®

- Operational Rating
- Management tool
- Free, online, user-friendly
- All New Design
- 1-100 score for many buildings
- Certification option
- Strong support from EPA
- Strong brand recognition
- 12-year track record
- Electronic Reporting
- Industry-standard



2005 2006

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Value of Benchmarking



Consistent benchmarking in buildings results in energy savings and improved performance.

Energy Savings in Portfolio Manager

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Source: L http://www.energystar.gov/ia/business/downloads/datatrends/ DataTrends Savings 20121002.pdf?8d81-8322



The Benchmarking Law



Green Building Act of 2006 Clean and Affordable Energy Act of 2008 (D.C. Official Code § 6-1451.03(c), 20 DCMR 3513)

- ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager benchmarking & public reporting
 - <u>DC Government</u> Buildings >10,000 sq. ft.
 - <u>Private</u> Buildings >50,000 sq. ft, each April 1
- ENERGY STAR Target Finder modeling for new buildings >50,000 sq. ft.



Building Stock: Phase-In



Building Size	Initial Utility Years	Revised Deadline	# Properties	Total GBA
District Buildings	2009	2010	300	33 million
200,000+	2010-2012	April 1, 2013*	350	145 million
150,000-200,000	2011-2012	*Extended to November 8.	155	27 million
100,000-150,000	2012	2013	230	28 million
50,000-100,000	2013	April 1, 2014	670	48 million





Findings

Compliance Rate: 83%



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Age Doesn't Matter!





Energy Savings

DGS, 2010-2012: 6% Energy Savings

Private Buildings, 2010-2012: 6% Energy Savings!

Source EUI **ENERGY STAR Score Energy Use Instensity** (Average Weather-Normalized Source EUI (kBTU/ft2) 8 0 0 7 7 7 7 7 7 9 8 0 0 7 7 7 7 7 ENERGY STAR Score (1-100)

Consistent with EPA Findings in DataTrends series!

Source: Rated buildings with 3 years of data

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SUSTAIN Your Energy Savings May Vary ABILIT 25% 20% Percentage of Buildings 15% 10% 5% 0% 0-2% 2-6% <-5% -5%-0% 6-10% 10-15% >15% Cumulative Improvement 2010-2012



Putting the Data to Work

Areas for Improvement

- 1. Aggregate Data can hide errors
- 2. Manual entry
- 3. Yearly entry
- 4. Incomplete Reporting
- 5. Gas and Water Data
- 6. Quality Assurance
- 7. Continuity at Sale

Missing Data

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Energy and Water
Energy but No Water
Water but No Energy
No Energy, No Water

Floor Area Discrepancy



Challenge of Tenant Utility Data



- Owners often can't access tenant data
- For benchmarking, DDOE requires owners to ask non-residential tenants for space, energy, and water data, and *requires non-residential tenants to provide data within 30 days*
- Would be better to avoid when possible
- Doesn't cover residential units
- Cooperation between owners, DDOE, and Pepco has unlocked a better option...

Improving Data Collection



- Solution: Aggregated whole-building consumption data + direct upload to Portfolio Manager
- Available now from Pepco for 5+ meters
- Optional in 2013; Whole-Building required in 2014
- Pepco expects automated upload by 2014 Q2
- US DOE Energy Data Accelerator



Sustainable DC II Legislation



Aggregate Benchmarking Data Access Amendment Act of 2013

- Utilities provide aggregate data for 5+ meters
- Requires direct monthly automated upload to ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager

Benchmarking Data Transfer Improvement Amendment Act of 2013

 Seller of building covered by benchmarking law must provide buyer with all data needed for benchmarking; buyer benchmarks for that year

Improving Performance



DC Sustainable Energy Utility (DC SEU)

- Energy efficiency 'utility' under contract to DDOE **DC SEU Benchmarking Help Center:** FREE Technical assistance via email, phone, & in-person training:
 - <u>benchmarking@dcseu.com</u> | <u>202-525-7036</u>
 - Assisted 70% of buildings that reported in 2013
- **DC SEU** is using data to:
 - Proactively engage with customers
 - Identify sector-specific needs
 - Target limited resources effectively

Public Disclosure

Ratings for all buildings

Efficiency of existing building stock continuously improves

> Owners improve efficiency to help competitiveness

> > Market rewards energy-efficient property with more business

Ratings disclosed to market

Market compares building performance



Private Building Disclosure

- Benchmark results will be made public online
 - Beginning with 2nd year of data for a building
- 466 buildings in initial release set
- Data fields in public database:

Address	Year Built	
Space Type(s)	Gross Building Area	
Energy Performance Rating (1-100)	Energy Use Intensity (EUI)	
Electricity Use	Natural Gas Use	
Water Use	Other Fuel Use	
Optional Narrative Information	CO ₂ Emissions	



Visibility

- **District government** benchmarked close to 400 buildings
- **BuildSmartDC.com**
- **ENERGY STAR Score** for 125+ buildings
- Interval Data for select facilities
- **Private building** data to be in **BuildSmartDC too**



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Thank You!



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