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Take energy efficiency to a new level

Residential New Construction Passive House Multi-family buildings with five units or more



PASSIVE HOUSE INCENTIVE STRUCTURE FOR MULTI-FAMILY (5 UNITS OR MORE)				
Incentive Timing	Activity	Incentive Amount	Max Incentive (Per Unit)	Max Incentive (Per Project)
Pre-Construction	Feasibility Study ¹	Up to 100% of Feasibility Study Costs	N/A	\$5,000.00
	Energy Modeling ²	75% of Energy Modeling Costs (Before 90% Design Drawings)	\$500.00	\$30,000.00
		50% of Energy Modeling Costs (90% Design/50% Construction)	\$250.00	\$15,000.00
Post Construction	Certification ³	Up to 100% of Certification Costs	\$1,500.00	\$60,000.00

1. Feasibility Study will require documentation in the form of a Feasibility Study report and invoice from the Passive House Consultant

2. Incentives will only be awarded prior to 50% Construction Drawings for Passive House projects. No incentives will be granted after 50% Construction Drawing set.

3. Certification may be either through PHIUS, PHI, or EnerPHit certification offerings.

Next steps you can take...

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PASSIVE HOUSE 101

The Path to PHIUS Certification

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The PHIUS mission

is to address the climate crisis through passive buildings that can both *mitigate* and *adapt* to climate change. As a society overall we must get to 100% renewable energy. Passive building is a design strategy that focuses on conservation first. It represents the best way to cost optimize buildings on the path to zero.

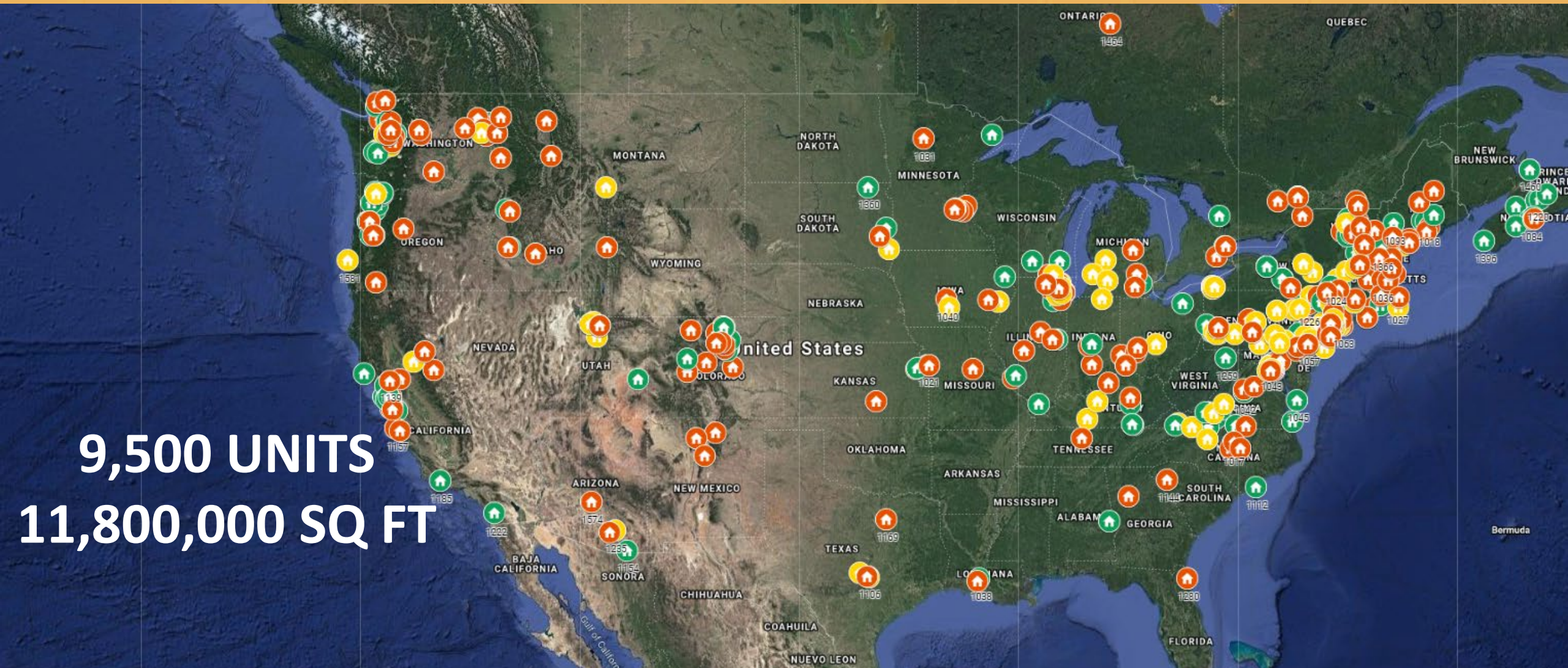
The PHIUS vision

is “to make high-performance passive building commonplace”.



820 PROJECTS IN NORTH AMERICA

9,500 UNITS
11,800,000 SQ FT



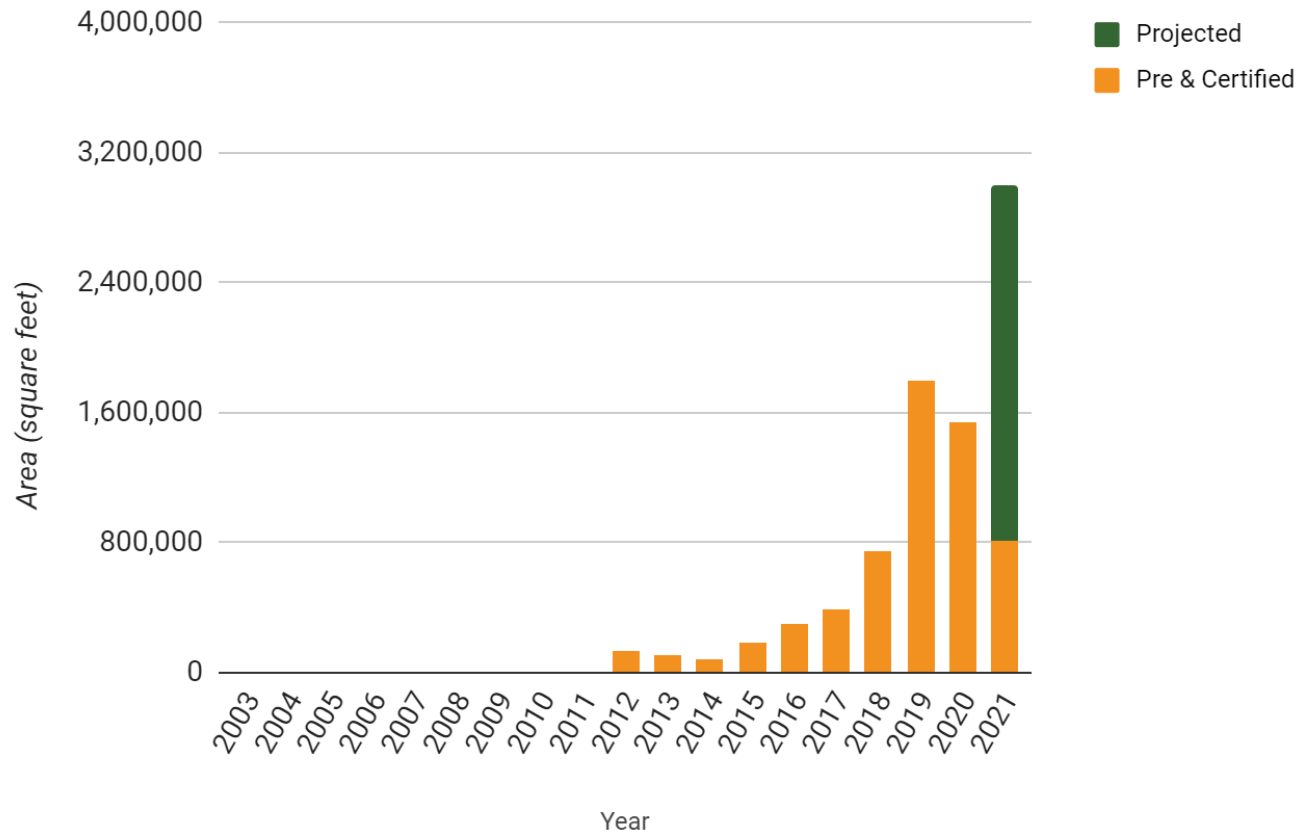
SITE EUIs OF 10-25 kBTU/ft².yr

~20-50% better than DOE's Zero Energy Home Program

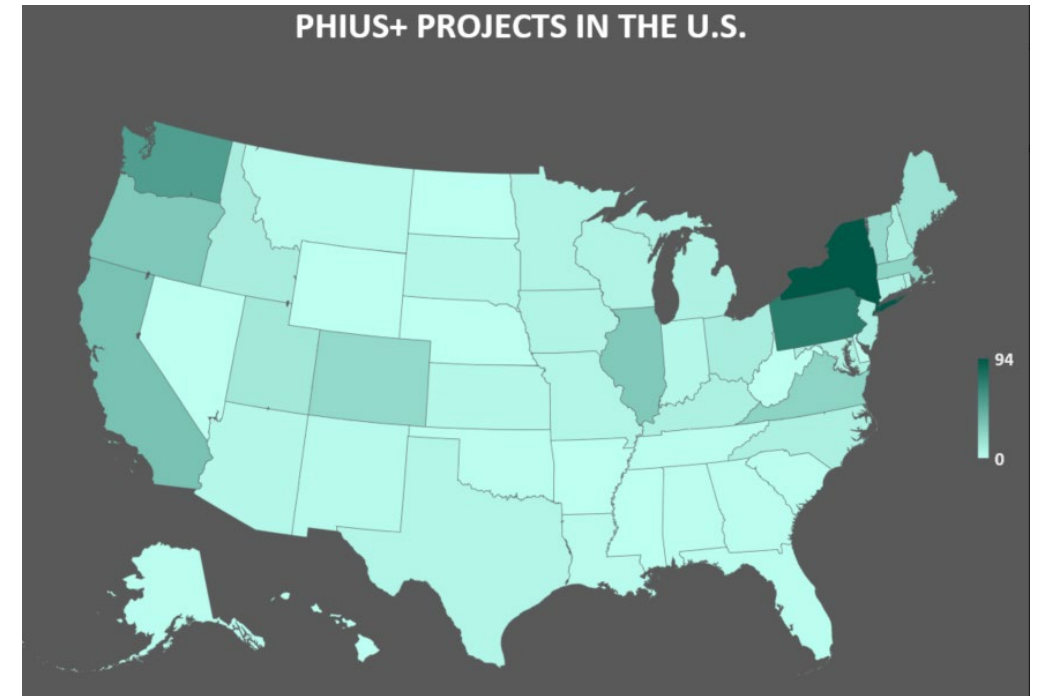
PHIUS+ PROJECT CERTIFICATION

By the numbers

PHIUS+ Certified & Pre-Certified Square Footage



PHIUS+ PROJECTS IN THE U.S.



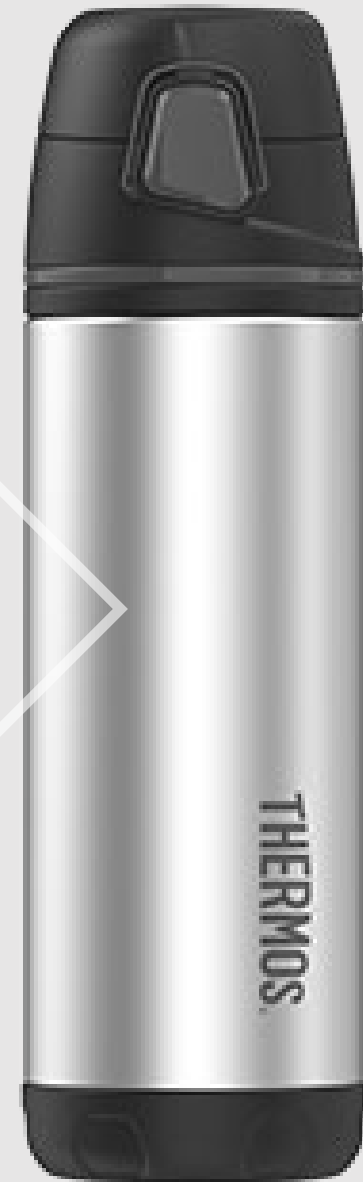
PASSIVE HOUSE 101:

What's a Passive Building?

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What is a passive
building?



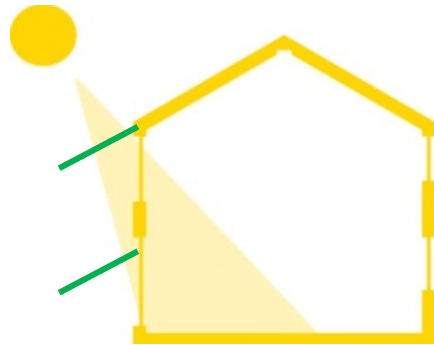
PASSIVE BUILDING PRINCIPLES

Thermal Control



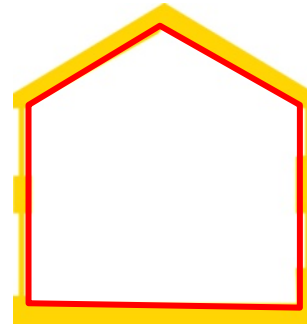
CONTINUOUS
INSULATION

Radiation Control



OPTIMIZED
WINDOWS
& SOLAR
GAINS

Air Control



AIR-TIGHT
CONSTRUCTION



BALANCED
VENTILATION
WITH HEAT
RECOVERY



MINIMIZED
MECHANICAL
SYSTEMS



WUFI Passive Calculation Methodology

ENERGY BALANCE = 4 ENERGY 'BUCKETS'

2 LOSS BUCKETS:

- Transmission Loss
- Ventilation Loss

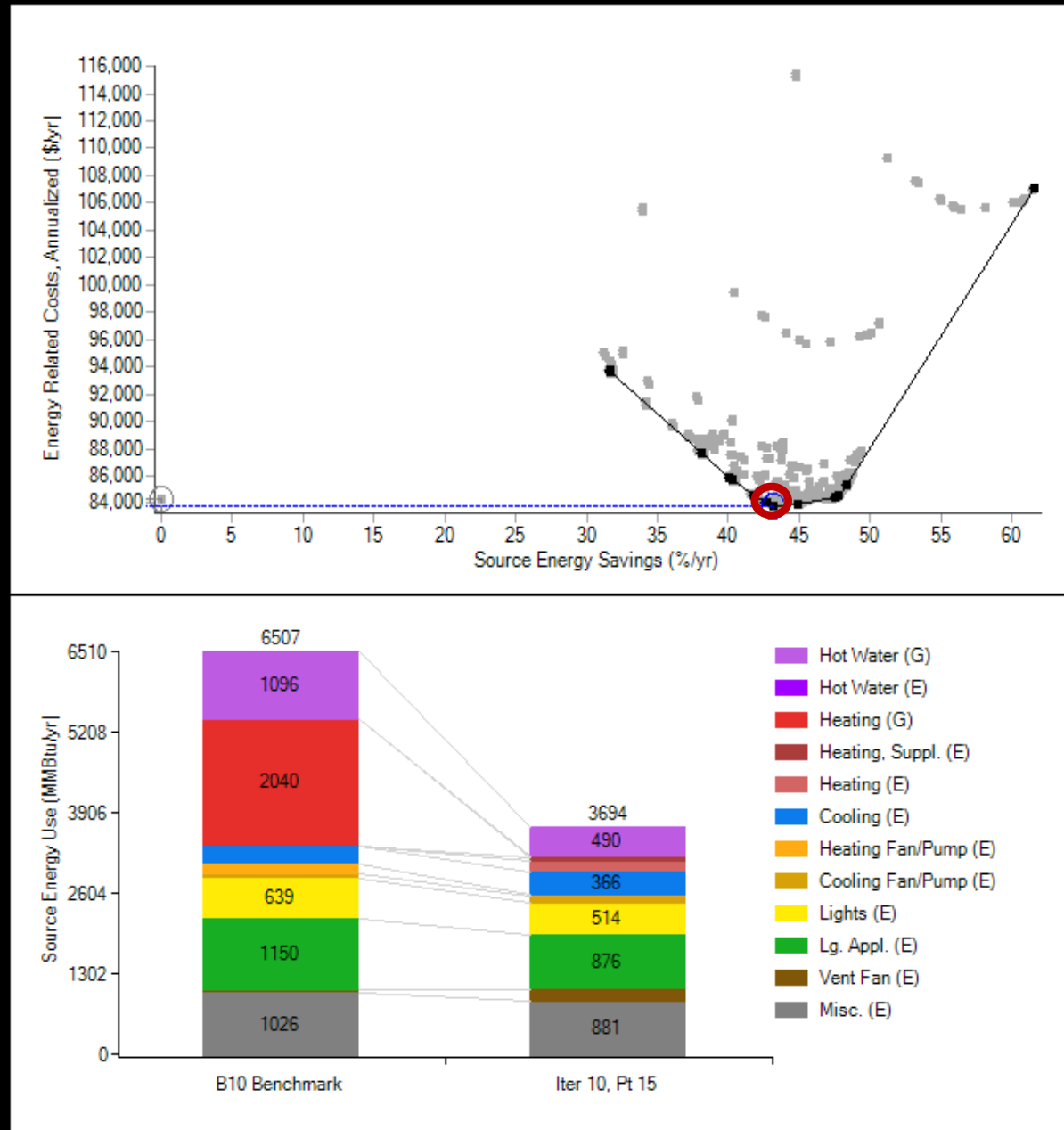
2 GAIN BUCKETS:

- Solar Gains
- Internal Gains



Cost optimal sweet-spot for investment in conservation

- *Window selections constrained based on comfort*
- *Air-tightness set based on PHIUS target (durability)*
- *Ignore PV/cost of renewables!*










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Why Build to this Standard?

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U.S. Department of Energy: HIGH PERFORMANCE STAIRCASE

STAIRCASE		STAIRCASE			STAIRCASE	
					SOLAR READY Depends on climate	SOLAR READY ALWAYS
					Eff. Comps. & H2O Distrib	Eff. Comps. & H2O Distrib
					EPA Indoor airPLUS	EPA Indoor airPLUS
					Ducts in Condit. Space	Ducts in Condit. Space
		HVAC QI w/WHV	HVAC QI w/WHV	HVAC QI w/WHV	Micro-load HVAC QI	Micro-load HVAC QI
		Water Management	Water Management	Water Management	Water Management	Water Management
		Independent Verification	Independent Verification	Independent Verification	Independent Verification	Independent Verification
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 IECC 2009	 IECC 2012	 ENERGY STAR v3	 ENERGY STAR v3.1	 ZERH	 PHIUS PHIUS+	 PHIUS+ SourceZero

First Passive, then Zero

Passive building provides a proven methodology for designing a Net Zero energy building.

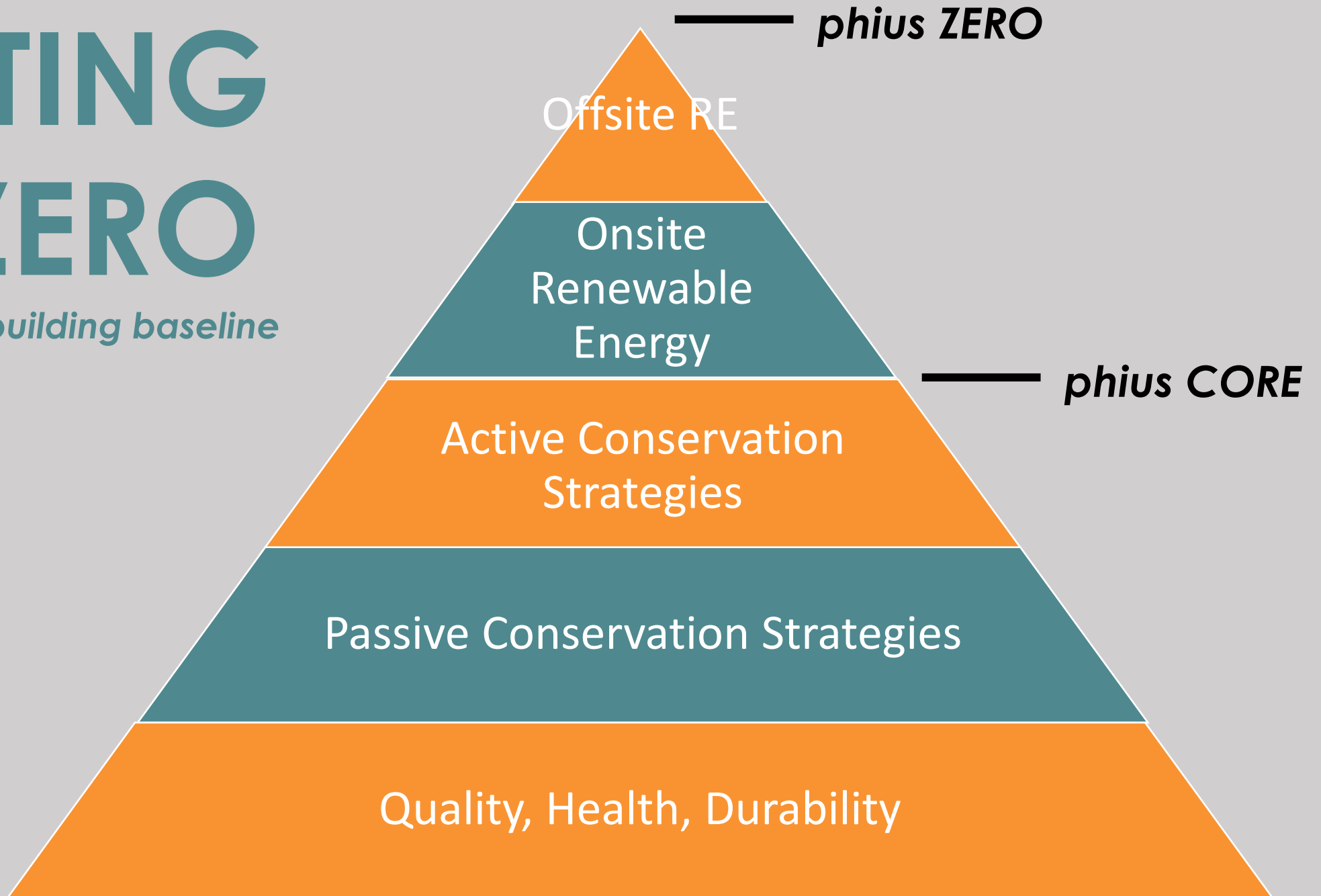
Step 1 - Conservation - first through passive measures, then through active measures.

Step 2 – Renewable Energy - on-site or off-site renewable energy to offset remaining energy use.

With reduced loads, less renewable energy is needed, and less grid support is needed when the building isn't powered by renewable energy production. **Conservation efforts up-front will be critical for the widespread facilitation of Net Zero buildings into the existing electric grid.**

GETTING TO ZERO

with a passive building baseline



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How Does a Building Become Certified?

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BUILDING YOUR PROJECT TEAM



- Required
- Involved Early in Design
- Completes Energy Modeling
- Assures that project will meet all requirements during design phase



- Not Required, highly recommended
- Maintains quality and oversight during construction
- Helps ensure air-tightness target is met



OR



- Required
- Hired during design
- Completes multiple site visits/inspections

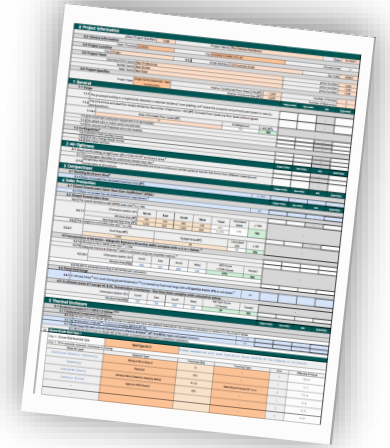
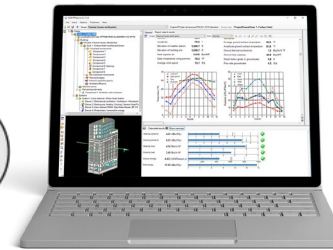
*Rater used for single family and low-rise multifamily

*Verifier used for non-residential and high-rise multifamily

CERTIFICATION PROCESS –TWO PARTS

PRE-CERTIFICATION: Design Stage Review

- CPHC Submits project
- Review completed by PHIUS
- Back-and-forth feedback process



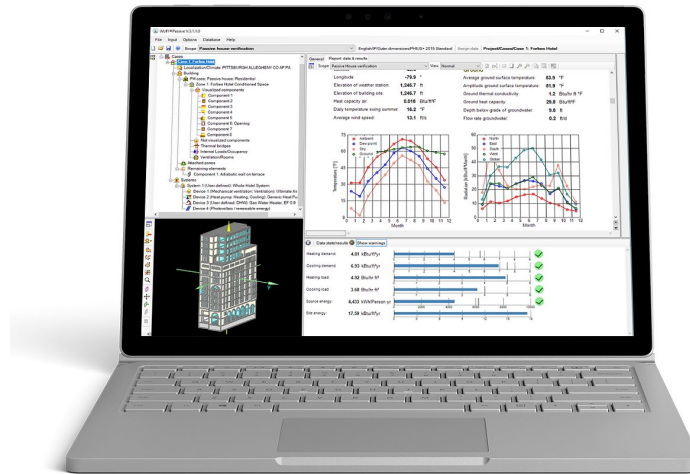
FINAL CERTIFICATION: On-Site QA/Testing

- Inspection completed by 3rd Party (PHIUS+ Rater/Verifier)
- Review of documents completed by PHIUS
- True-up final energy model to match “as-built”




WHOLE-BUILDING PERFORMANCE BASED ON *MODELED* USE

QUALITY ASSURED *AS BUILT* ON-SITE



WUFI® Passive modeling software



PHIUS+ Quality Control Workbook for Single Family Projects - v4.1 (April 2019)

Project Name	Project Permit Date	PHIUS+ Project Registration #	PHIUS+ Rater Name	Rater Company Name	CPHC Name	CPHC Company Name
Street Address	City	State/Province	Zip Code	Country	Builder Company Name	Builder responsible Individual
[type address]	[type city]		[type Zip Code]			
Total # Dwelling Units	HVAC Company name	HVAC responsible Individual	Ducted heating/cooling systems in dwelling units (more than 10'')?	Builder/HVAC contractor partnerships needed?	EPA ENERGY STAR / DOE ZERH Certification required?	HVAC Contractor must be ESTAR credentialed?
			Yes	No	Select value F7	YES
Builder or HVAC contractor are DOE/EPA partners when necessary			Yes			

Welcome to the PHIUS+ Quality Control Workbook for Single Family Projects v4.1!

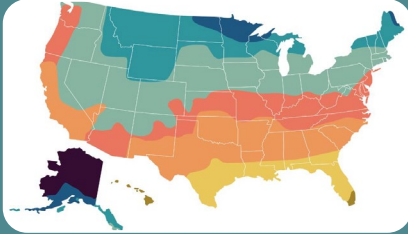
Certification Criteria

The PHIUS+ Certification process for single family projects includes energy modeling and design consulting performed by a Certified Passive House Consultant (CPHC) to demonstrate compliance with PHIUS program energy performance metrics, as well as on-site verification of all critical project energy features by a Certified PHIUS+ Rater.

Additionally, all projects must meet the mandatory criteria and be certified under the EPA ENERGY STAR New Homes (ESTAR), DOE Zero Energy Ready Homes (ZERH), and EPA Indoor airPLUS (IAP) programs. (1) Projects must be certified under these complimentary programs in order to help ensure that projects seeking PHIUS+ Certification are not only energy efficient, but also a durable, comfortable and healthy buildings.

MAIN CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL
PHIUS CERTIFICATIONS



SPACE CONDITIONING TARGETS



AIR-TIGHTNESS



QUALITY ASSURANCE
ON-SITE TESTING/INSPECTION

VARIABLES



NET SOURCE ENERGY TARGET

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

1. Window Comfort
2. Limited risk of condensation on windows



PHIUS WINDOW COMFORT & CONDENSATION RISK ASSESSMENT

Project Name	SAMPLE
Project #	SAMPLE
State	MASSACHUSETTS
City	BOSTON LOGAN INT ARPT
ASHRAE 99% Design Temperature [°F]	13.4

<http://ashrae-meteo.info/>

PHIUS+ Climate Data

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Ambient Temp (°F)	26.6	31.1	38.8	47.5	58.8	66.0	74.1	71.1	64.6	54.0	43.3	36.0
Dewpoint (°F)	13.8	17.4	24.6	35.1	47.1	54.1	60.6	61.0	53.2	41.7	33.4	23.0

CONDENSATION RISK

ISO 13788 Calculation for Low Thermal Inertia Elements

Is this a Heating Climate?	TRUE
Use simple method for indoor humidity?	TRUE
High occupancy?	TRUE
U-value of window frame/glass [BTU/hr.ft².F]	0.4
Safety Factor	15%
Interior Surface Temperature of window frame/glass [°F]	49.4
Risk of condensation on interior surface acceptable?	YES
Critical fRsi	0.64
Critical Month	JAN
Critical CRF Rating	64

COMFORT REQUIREMENTS

Applies to all projects.

Windows > 10' in height and above have the same required U-value.

Window Vertical Height (ft) - Use slider	7.0
Required Whole Window U-value [BTU/hr.ft².F]	0.24

3. Moisture control in assemblies
4. Moisture control at unavoidable thermal bridging

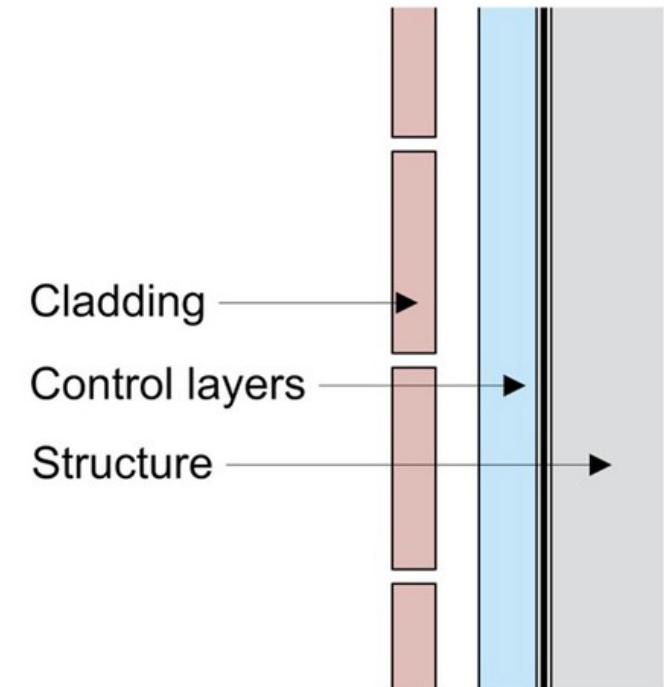
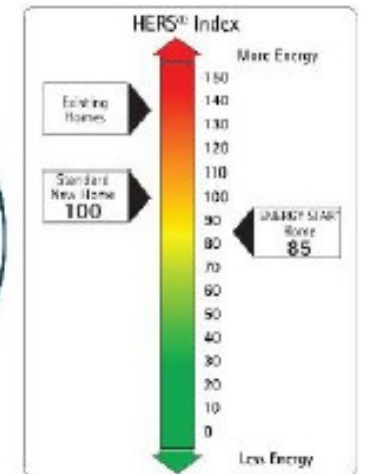


Image Source: Building Science Corporation - The Perfect Wall



ON-SITE QUALITY ASSURANCE TESTING/INSPECTION

- Built on US recognized systems (DOE ZERH, ENERGY STAR, EPA IAP, RESNET)
- Aligning with ES MFNC Program
- 3rd Party inspection process
- Multiple site visits
- Blower door testing
- Ventilation system balancing/commissioning
- Insulation inspection/IR Imaging



Critical for success. Provides assurance that the built product is what was planned.

A *(new)* alternate
approach for
phius CORE...

phius CORE Prescriptive 2021

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General Scope Limitations

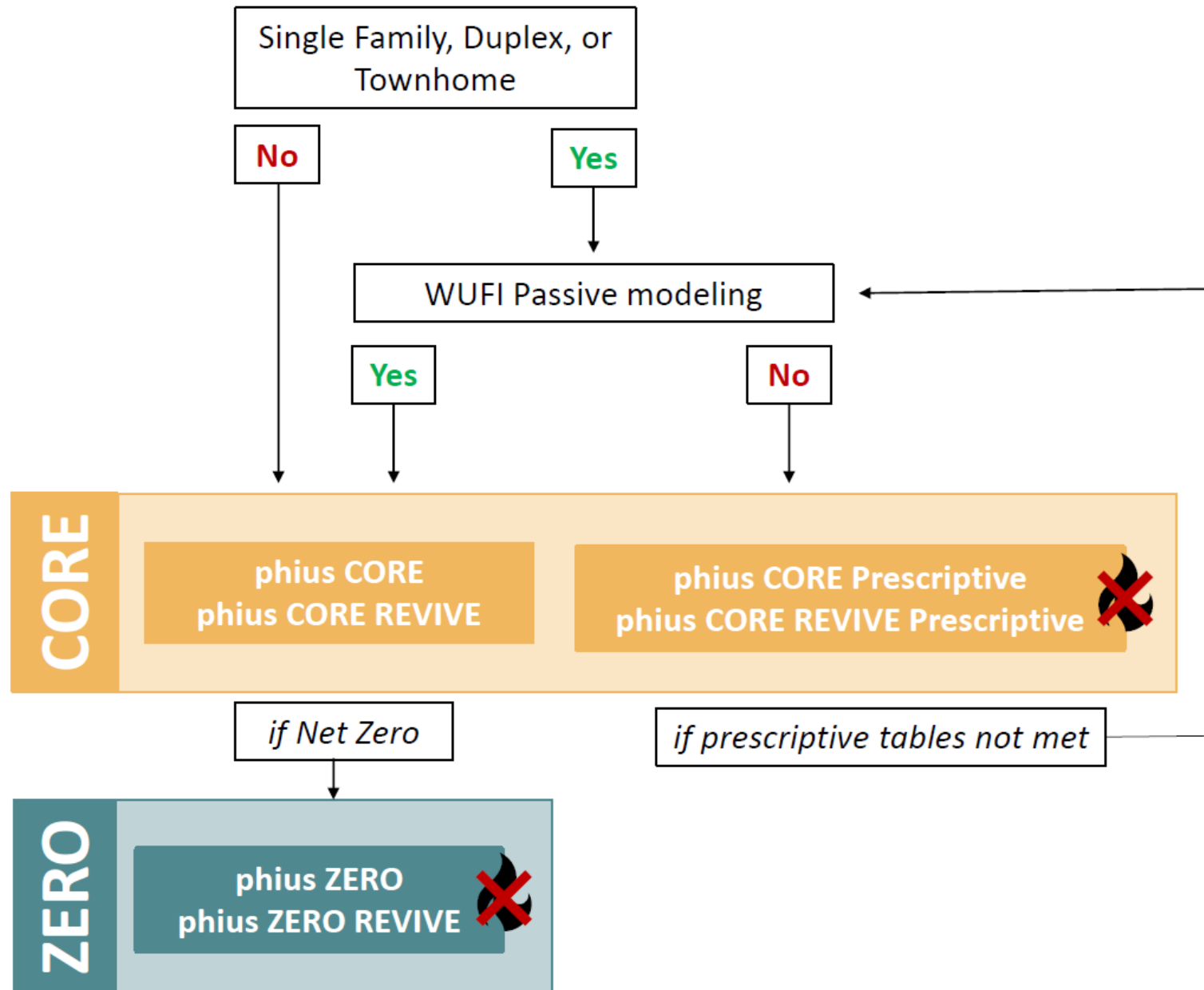
- Single-family detached or attached residences
- Floor Area / Bedrooms must be < 900 sf
- No fossil fuel combustion equipment
- No jetted tubs / indoor pools
- No natural draft fireplaces

The image shows a detailed view of the phi.us CORE Prescriptive 2021 form. The form is divided into several sections, each with a specific focus on building performance metrics. The sections visible include:









- 0 Project Information:** Contains fields for Project Name, Address, City, State, Zip Code, and other basic project details.
- 1 General:** Includes a table for 'General Information' with columns for 'Item', 'Description', 'Value', and 'Units'. It covers items like 'Interior Conditioned Floor Area (ICFA)', 'Exterior Enclosure Area (EEA)', and 'Number of Bedrooms'.
- 2 Air Tightness:** Contains a table for 'Air Tightness' with columns for 'Item', 'Description', 'Value', and 'Units'. It covers items like 'Air Tightness (leakage per unit area)' and 'Air Tightness (leakage per unit volume)'.
- 3 Compactness:** Includes a table for 'Compactness' with columns for 'Item', 'Description', 'Value', and 'Units'. It covers items like 'Building Enclosure Area' and 'Building Volume'.
- 4 Solar Protection:** Contains a table for 'Solar Protection' with columns for 'Item', 'Description', 'Value', and 'Units'. It covers items like 'Glazed Fenestration Area', 'Solar Heat Gain Coefficient (SHGC)', and 'Solar Heat Gain Coefficient (SHGC)'.
- 5 Thermal Enclosure:** Includes a table for 'Thermal Enclosure' with columns for 'Item', 'Description', 'Value', and 'Units'. It covers items like 'Thermal Enclosure', 'Thermal Enclosure', and 'Thermal Enclosure'.

The form also includes various input fields, checkboxes, and tables for calculations. The form is designed to be filled out by a professional, with a 'Submit' button at the bottom of each section.

Certification Path Decision Tree



U.S. Department of Energy: HIGH PERFORMANCE STAIRCASE

				SOLAR READY Depends on climate		
				Eff. Comps. & H ₂ O Distrib		
				 EPA Indoor airPLUS		
				Ducts in Condit. Space		
		HVAC QI w/WHV	HVAC QI w/WHV	HVAC QI w/WHV	Balanced Ventilation HRV/ERV	Source Zero Renew- able Energy System
		Water Management	Water Management	Water Management	SOLAR READY ALWAYS	Balanced Ventilation HRV/ERV
		Independent Verification	Independent Verification	Independent Verification	Eff. Comps. & H ₂ O Distrib	SOLAR READY ALWAYS
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					Water Management	Water Management
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					Ultra-Efficient Enclosure	Ultra-Efficient Enclosure
					HERS 35-45	HERS < 0
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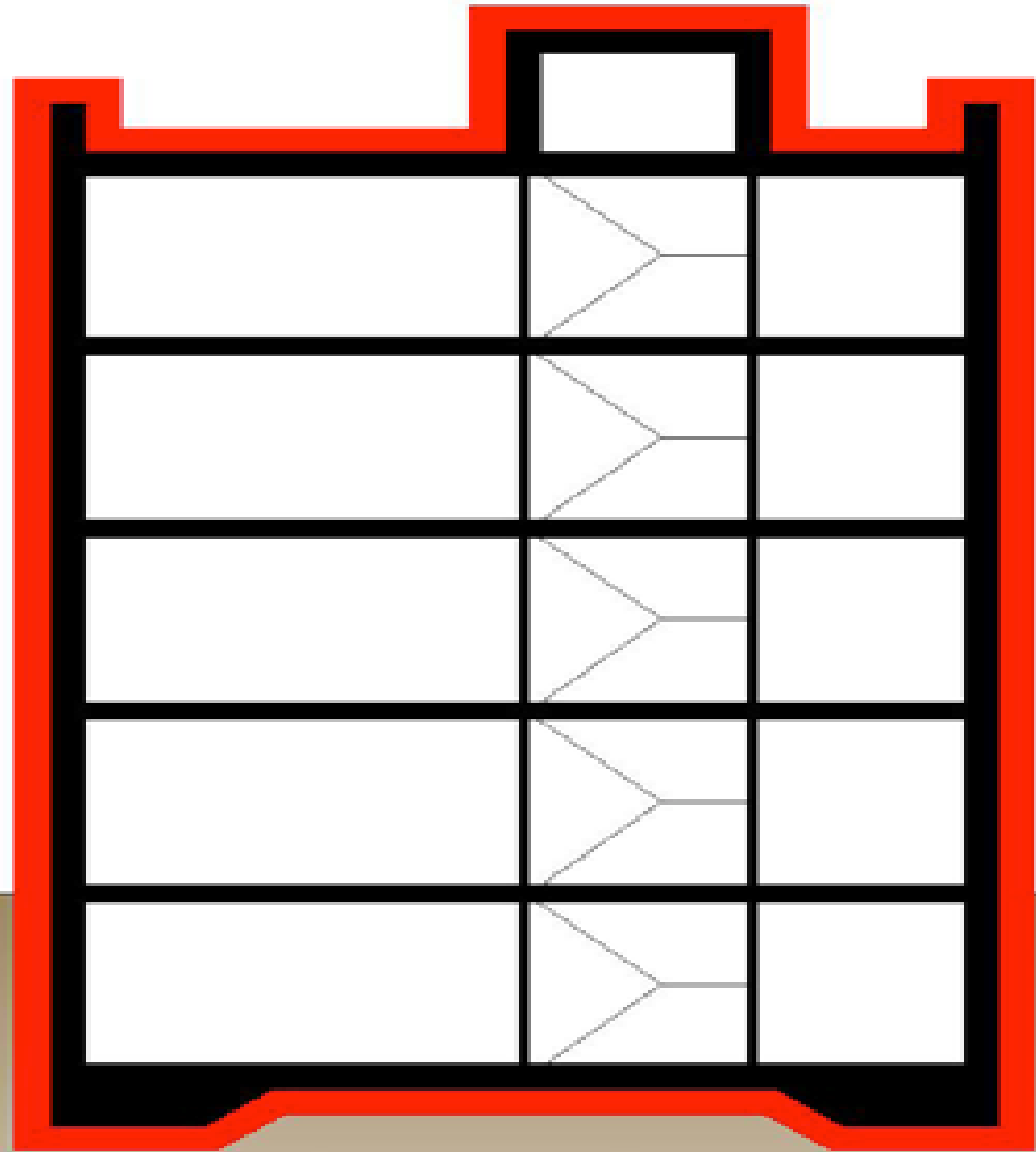
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Common Design Features

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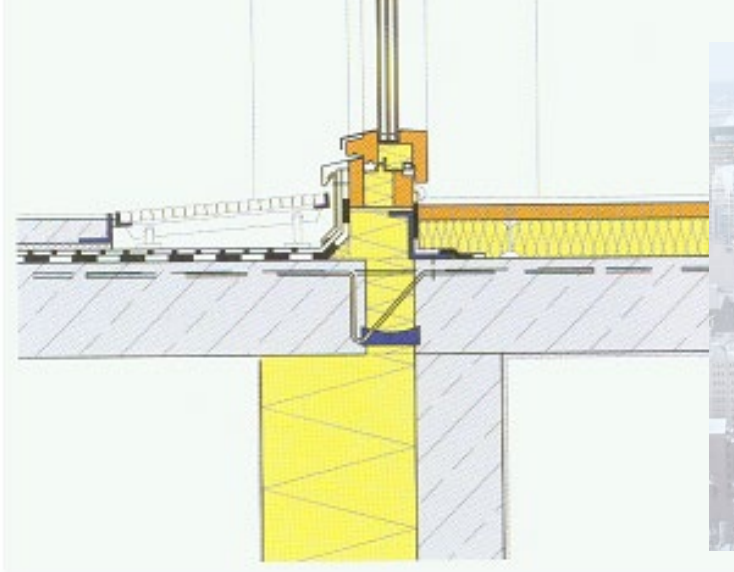
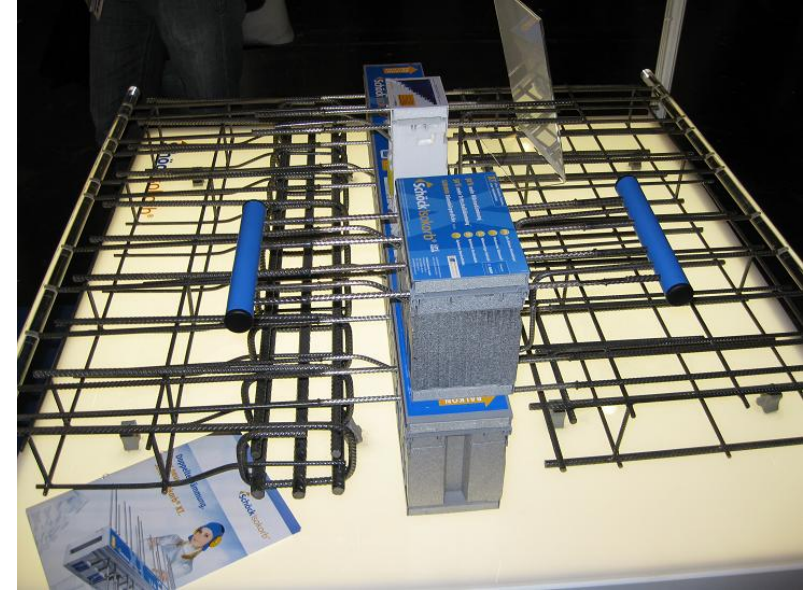
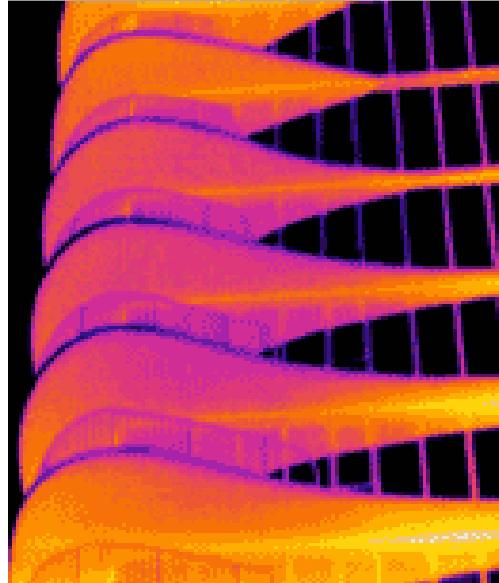
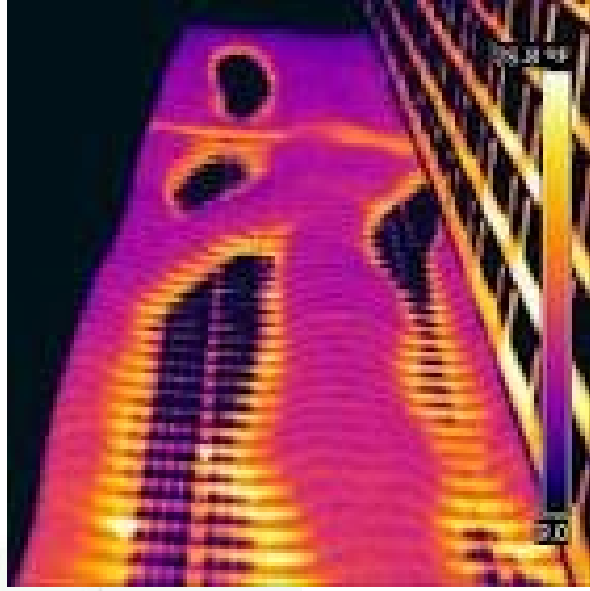
CONTINUOUS INSULATION

MINIMIZE LOSS/GAIN

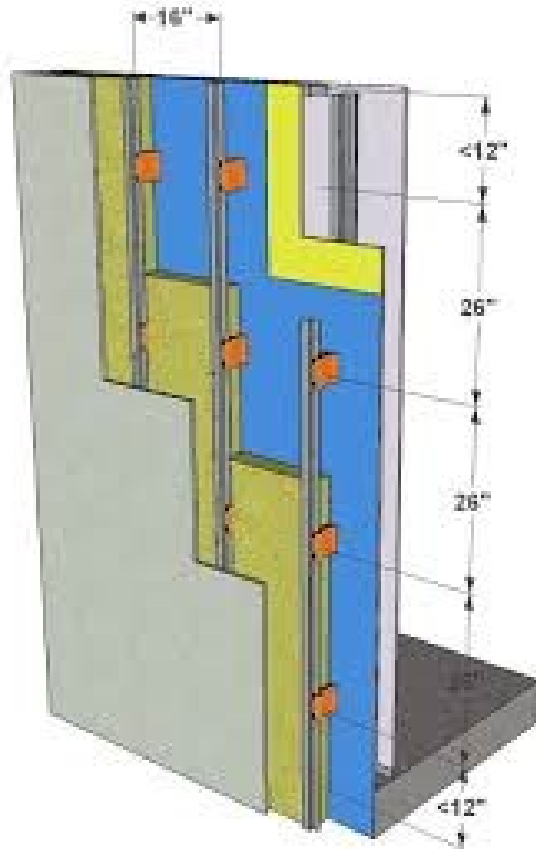


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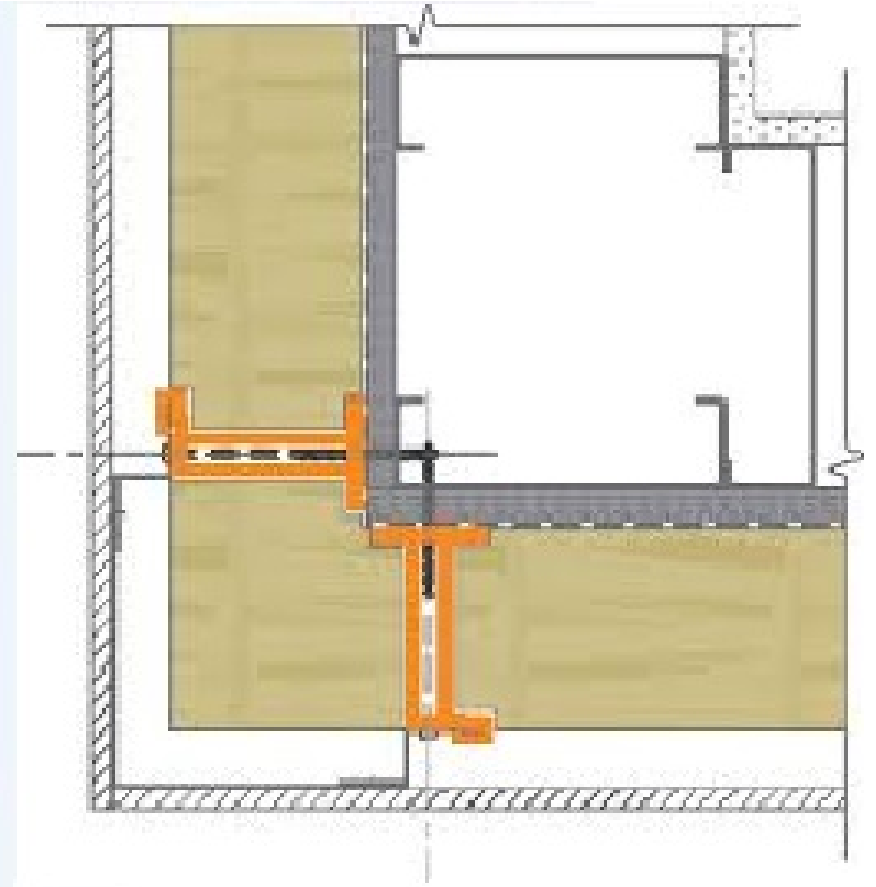
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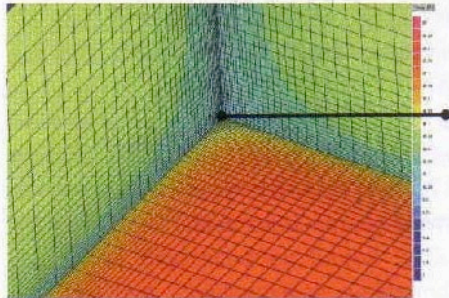
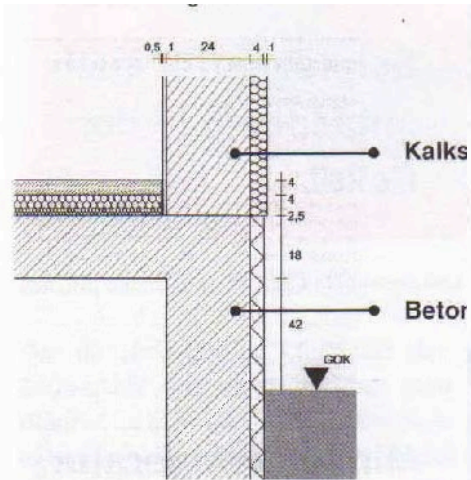


Cascadia Clip® system



ELIMINATING THE THERMAL BRIDGE MINIMIZES HEAT LOSS CONDENSATION/BUILDING DETERIORATION

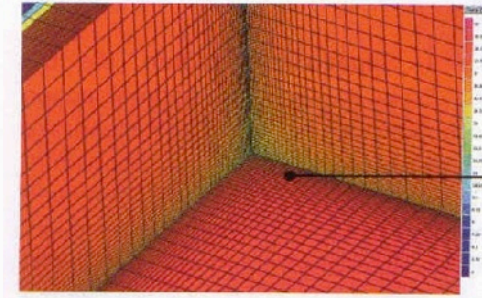
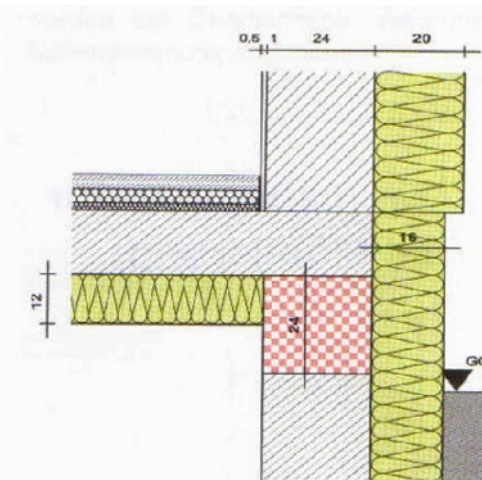
BAD = high heat loss + risk of condensation



Minimum temperature 48 F below dew-point, risk of condensation



GOOD = low heat loss, warm interior surface + no condensation



Minimum temperature 58 F above dew-point, no risk of condensation

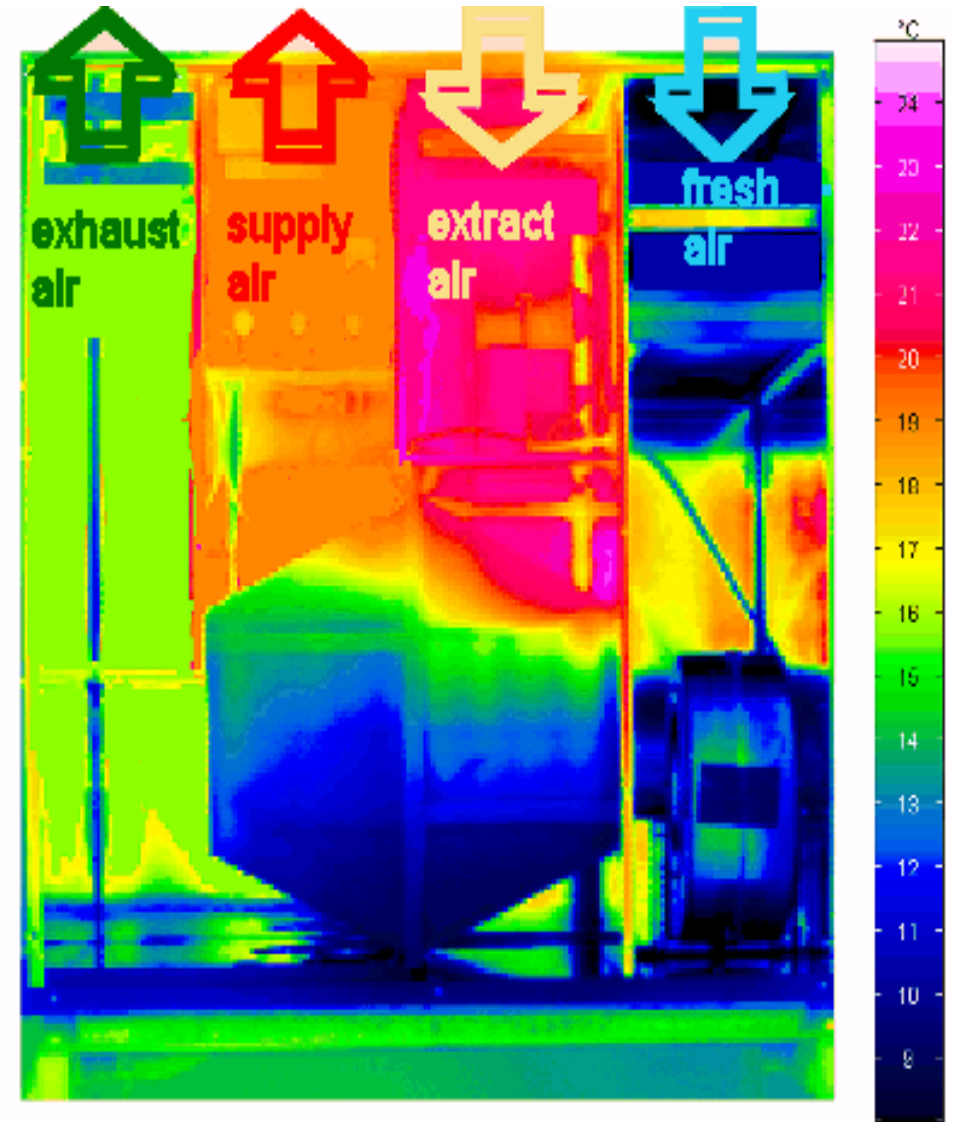


AIR-TIGHT CONSTRUCTION

AIR BARRIER
WIND-TIGHT LAYER

CONTINUOUS, BALANCED VENTILATION WITH HEAT RECOVERY

Centralized, semi-centralized, or per dwelling unit



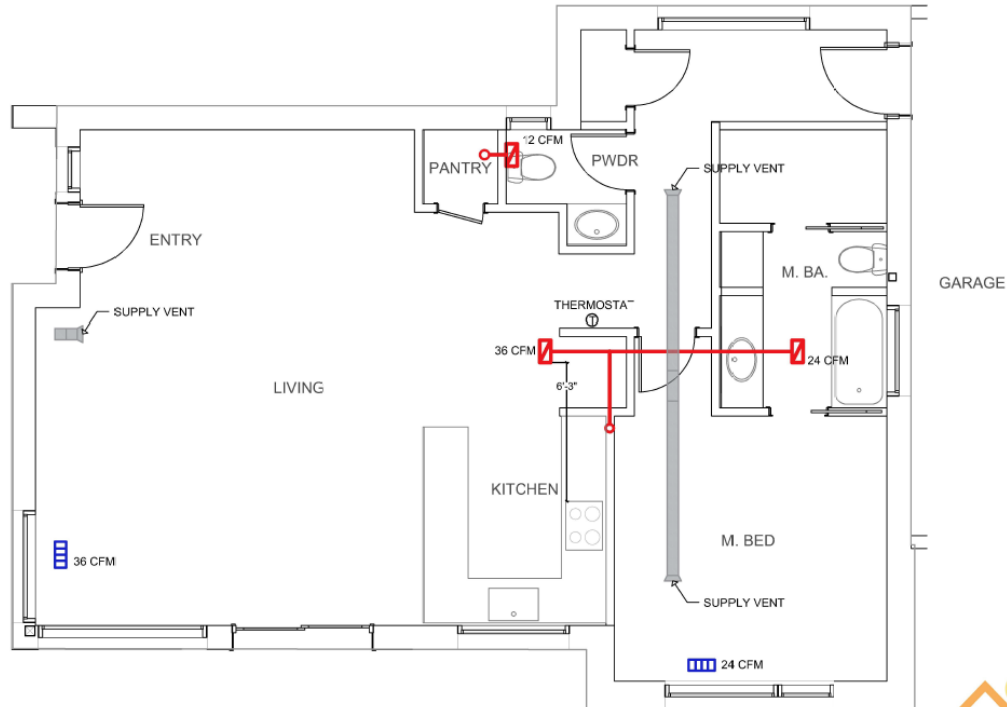
SAMPLE BALANCED VENTILATION LAYOUT

DUCT LAYOUT PLAN MAIN LEVEL
Scale 3/16" = 1'0"

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VENTILATION LEGEND

- SUPPLY DUCT
- EXHAUST DUCT
- SUPPLY/EXHAUST PIPE TO FLR ABOVE
- SUPPLY/EXHAUST PIPE FROM FLR BELOW
- SUPPLY/EXHAUST GRILL (FLR ABOVE)
- SUPPLY GRILL (CEILING)
- EXHAUST GRILL (CEILING)
- SUPPLY GRILL (FLOOR)



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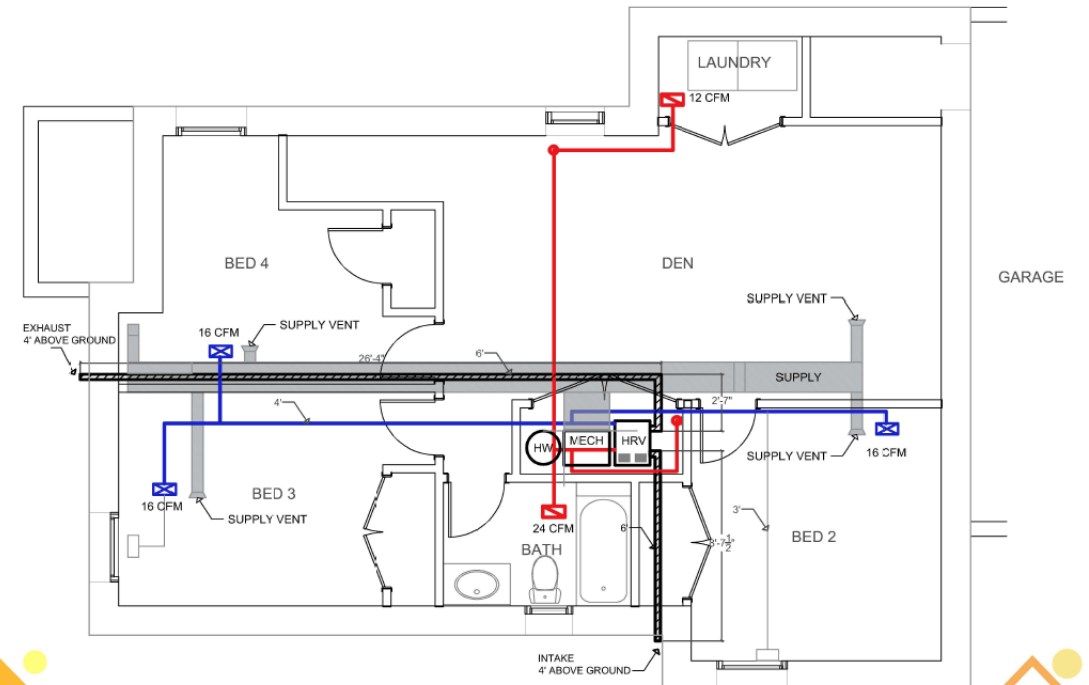
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DUCT LAYOUT PLAN BASEMENT-CEILING
Scale 3/16" = 1'0"

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MINIMIZED, EFFICIENT MECHANICAL SYSTEMS

Typically all-electric buildings, but not always.

High performance VRF or heat pump systems for heating/cooling

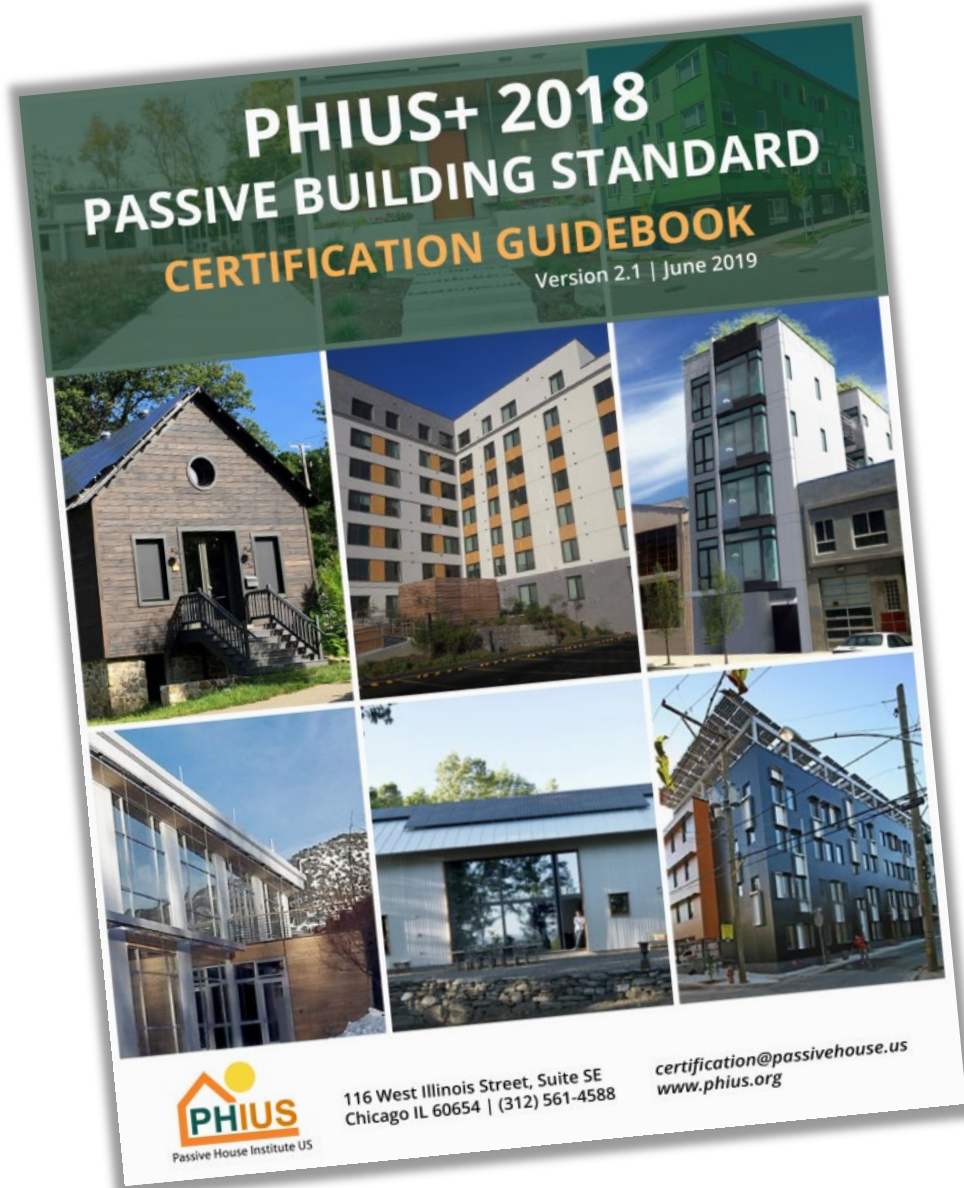
Heat pump water heaters for water heating, on-demand recirculation systems



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Additional Resources

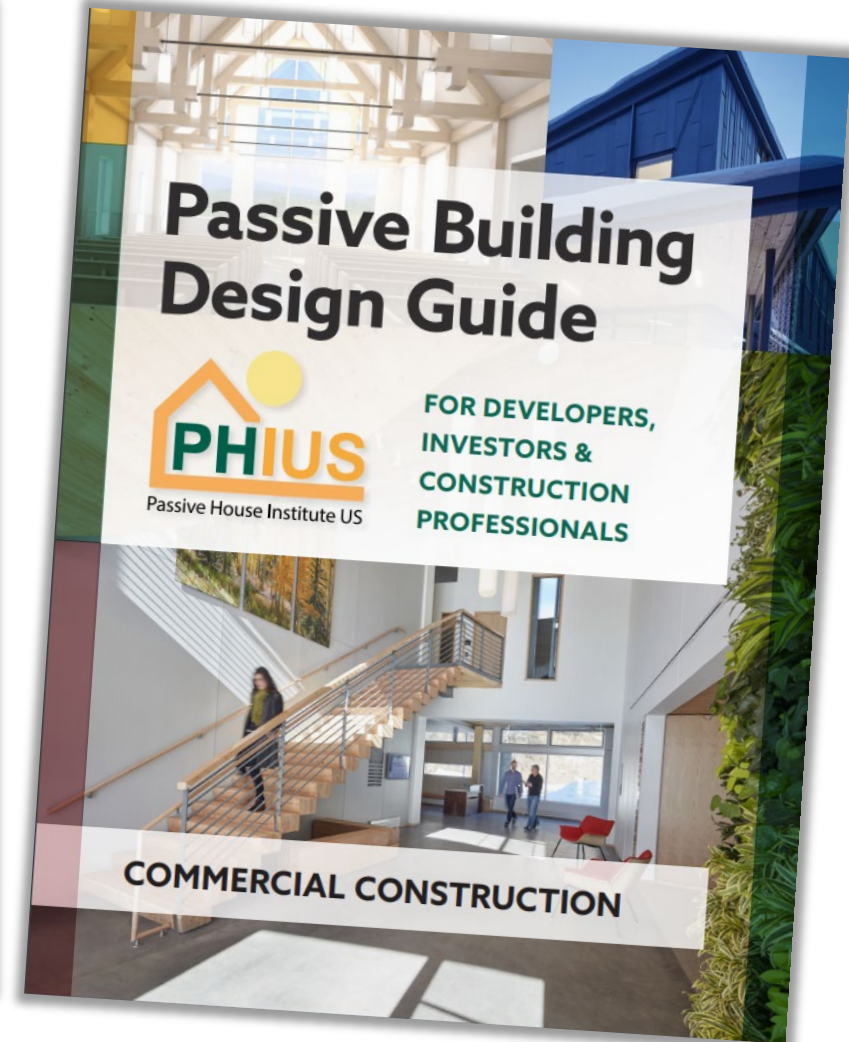
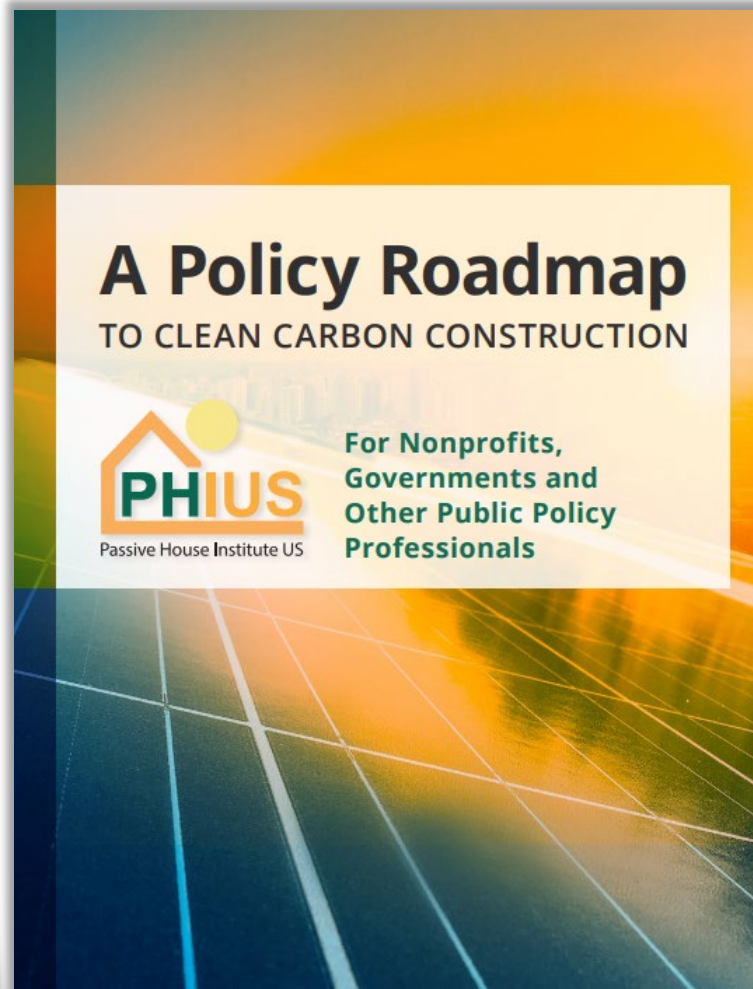
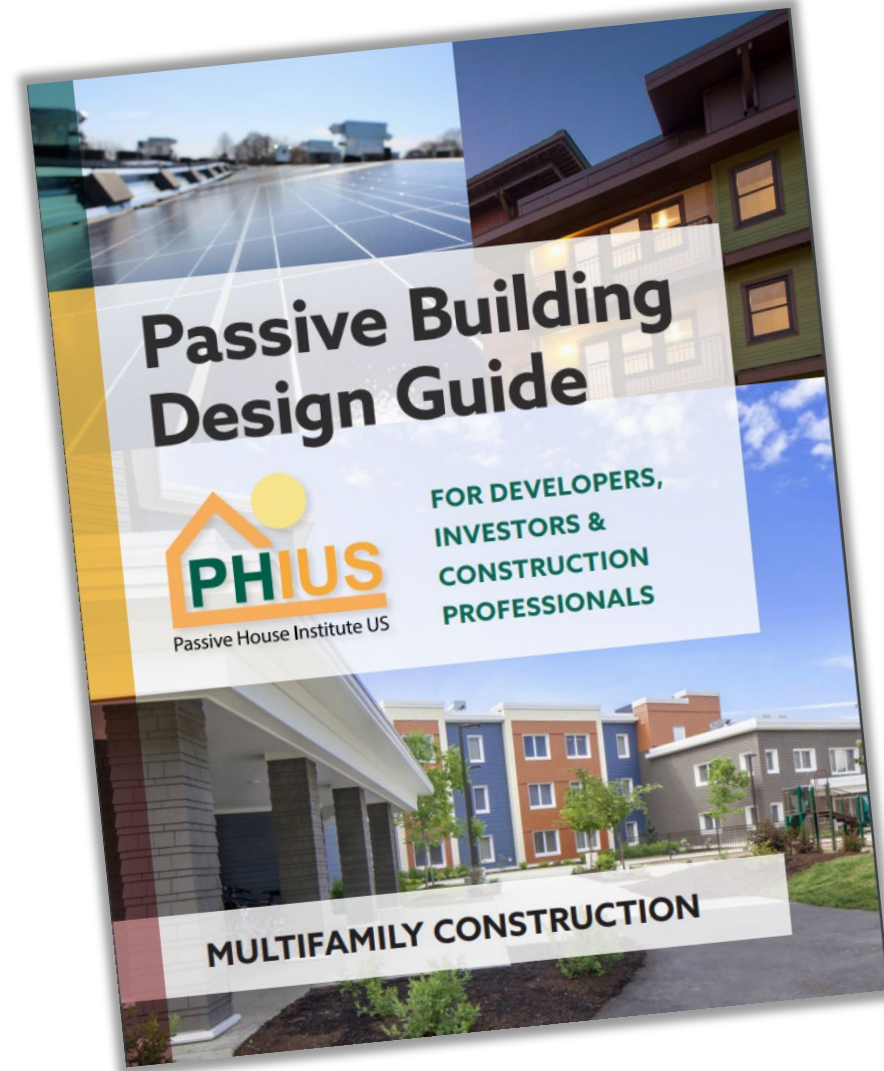
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Two Phases

Phase I: Self-paced

*Phase II: Offered live
online every 4-5 weeks*



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Two Phases

Phase I: Self-paced

*Phase II: Offered live
every few months*



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ALLIANCE



A program of PHIUS, the Alliance (PHAUS) provides a chapter/membership structure to support the growing community of passive building professionals in the United States.

Through networking opportunities and other forums, PHAUS members connect with one another and with industry representatives. In partnership with PHIUS technical staff, PHAUS provides training opportunities and disseminates technical information and research.

<https://www.phius.org/alliance/join-support/join-the-alliance->

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