



Using Local Municipal Incentives to Drive Building Efficiency and Community Resilience

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Goal: Encourage the construction of energy-efficient and resilient buildings

Strategies: Allow buildings that meet certain energy efficiency or green building targets to be eligible for: **reduced permit fees, more units per lot area, increased building heights, or larger building footprints.**

Examples: Municipalities with green zoning ordinances include: Tredyffrin Township, the Borough of West Chester, Honeybrook Township, Pittsburgh, and Philadelphia.

Residential Efficiency Targets and Standards



Checkout the [Community Action Planning for Energy Efficiency \(CAPEE\)](#) tool from Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnerships (NEEP). CAPEE is a free online tool that equips communities with resources and knowledge to set goals and prioritize actions that lead to improved energy efficiency and reduced carbon

emissions. Upon completion, a customized dashboard will provide a snapshot overview of your community and support for priority-setting. Also included with the dashboard is a set of fact sheets that provide a deeper dive into the specific topical areas outlined in the dashboard. Visit: neep.org/capee

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Commercial Efficiency Targets and Standards



Resources

Resilience & Sustainability Planning

NIST Resilience Planning Guide

[nist.gov/topics/community-resilience/planning-guide](https://www.nist.gov/topics/community-resilience/planning-guide)

Sustainable Pennsylvania Communities

sustainablepa.org

Low-cost Financing

C-PACE

thesef.org/get-financing/c-pace/

GELF

reinvestment.com

Building Code Training

Pennsylvania Construction Codes Academy

paconstructioncodesacademy.org

Pennsylvania Housing Research Center

phrc.psu.edu

Energy Efficiency Programs & Standards

HERS Index information

hersindex.com

ENERGY STAR for Homes and New Construction

energystar.gov

DOE Zero Energy Ready Homes

energy.gov/eere/buildings/zero-energy-ready-homes

Passive House Institute US

phius.org

International Energy Conservation Code (IECC)

iccsafe.org

Stretch Codes

newbuildings.org

LEED

usgbc.org

Architecture 2030 Challenge

architecture2030.org