

Learning Objectives



After this session, you'll be able to:

- Introduce the National Green Building Standard
- Describe unique aspects of the NGBS Green certification program
- Recognize the NGBS Green Certified mark
- Recognize new ways to connect with green builders



Equity Residential, New York, New York

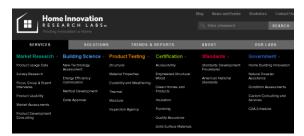
NGBS Overview Home Innovation NGBS GREEN CERTIFIED

- Home Innovation Research Labs provides national certification
- Certification based on ICC-700 National Green Building Standard
- Our program philosophy is to remove all barriers to building green, high-performance certified homes
- Our value proposition is that NGBS certification is affordable, flexible, easy-to-use, and rigorous
- Our goal is to help our clients deliver a quality, high performance asset

We Help Find Innovation a Home



Our Services



Certification Activity 28,053 as of November 27, 2013



NGBS Project Type	Units Certified	Units In Process
Single-Family Homes (new & remodeled)	7,161	2,104
Multifamily Buildings (new & remodeled)	781	949
Units within NGBS Multifamily Buildings	19,687	45,991
Land Developments	20	8
Lots within NGBS Land Developments	1,456	21,374

www.homeinnovation.com/NGBSGreenStats

Certification Activity





We Build High-Performance. But Why Seek Certification?

- 80% consumers value a independent, third-party certification
- FTC compliant marketing without fear of greenwashing
- Marketing assistance
- Find Your Green Home
- Investor & appraisal recognition
- Risk mitigation for future value



Multifamily is Hot. Why Seek NGBS Certification?

- Market Differentiation
- Institutional Investors
- Energy Price Volatility
- Corporate Reputation
- Streamlined Entitlement Process, Development Review, Public Participation
- BONUS REASON: Employee Retention





Metro 808, Charlotte, North Carolina

ICC-700 National Green Building Standard



- Approved by American National Institute of Standards (ANSI)
- Provides rating system of a project's environmental impact
- Four certification levels for residential buildings
- Designed to be voluntary, above-code program



Comparing	Green	Building	Rating
Systems			



- ANSI-approved consensus standard
- Written in code language
- Few mandatory provisions
- Expansive, flexible point-based system
- Multiple paths for energy compliance
- All residential

Unique Program Philosophy



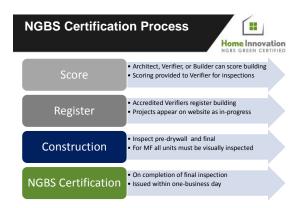
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Goal: To eliminate barriers to green certified residential buildings

- Costs (real or perceived – direct and indirect)
- Difficulty / Inflexibility
- Processing hurdles





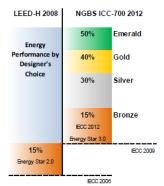


NGBS Categories of Green Practices



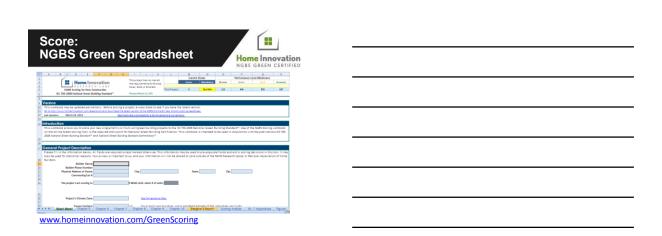
2012 NGBS Performance Levels Home Innovation NGBS GREEN CERTIFIED

Green Building Categories		Rating Level Points (1) (2)				
	Green	building Categories	BRONZE SILVER		GOLD	EMERALD
1.	Chapter 5	Lot Design, Preparation, and Development	50	64	93	121
2.	Chapter 6	Resource Efficiency	43	59	89	119
3.	Chapter 7	Energy Efficiency	30	60	80	100
4.	Chapter 8	Water Efficiency	25	39	67	92
5.	Chapter 9	Indoor Environmental Quality	25	42	69	97
6.	Chapter 10	Operation, Maintenance, and Building Owner Education	8	10	11	12
7.		Additional Points from Any Category	50	75	100	100
		Total Points:	231	349	509	641



Required Energy Reduction







Gables Tanglewood, Houston, Texas. In-progress

Verify: 100% Independent, Third-Party



- Qualify, Train, & Test
 - Experience in residential construction and green building
 - Standardize inspection process for projects
- Accredit
 - Must have sufficient insurance, auto and liability
 - Continuing education requirements
- Quality Assurance
 - 100% review of all inspection reports
 - Home Innovation Labs performs quality assurance audits

Independent, Third-Party Verification

- Nationwide network of 400 verifiers
 - Smaller group specializing in multifamily buildings
- Verification Costs
 - Market rate price
 - \$50-200 / unit
- Rigor
 - Every home or apartment must be inspected before drywall installation (rough) and when complete (final)
 - Rough and final inspection reports submitted for review
- www.homeinnovation.com/FindNGBSVerifier



Certification Costs Certification Verification Costs Practices & Products



Verde Vista, Asheville, North Carolina » 252 units; 280,000 total SF

- > 0.124% Increased cost (as a % of total) or \$79/unit for NGBS Silver
- > 0.62% or \$396/unit for Energy Star certification

2012 NGBS Highlights



- New Practices
- Higher Energy Baseline: Bronze roughly equivalent to 2012 IECC
- Rewards land development certification
- Improved alignment of water efficiency points with expected water usage
- Universal design practices added
- Revised chapter point thresholds
- New certification opportunities



Land Development Certification Requirements

- Green development Practices
 - Site Selection
 - Site Design
 - Site Development & Construction
- Two Approval Options:
 - Letter of Approval or
 - Certified when and development activities complete
- Streamlines entitlement & permitting, market green commitment early











Daybreak - Salt Lake City, Utah







Building Certification: Multifamily, Student Housing, Hotels









Chapter 6: Resource Efficiency Headlines

- Durability practices from IAQ Chapter moved here
- Life Cycle Analysis expanded
- Universal Design Elements added
- Points for certified sustainable products





Chapter 7: Energy Efficiency Headlines

- Baseline is 2009 IECC
- Whole house improvement, not just heating, cooling, water heating
- Three compliance paths remain
 - Performance (req'd for Emerald)
 - Prescriptive
 - Alternative bronze (Energy Star or 2012 IECC / 2012 IRC Chapter 11







Energy Efficiency

- New MANDATORY Requirements:
 - HVAC & Duct system sizing
 - Building thermal envelope
 - Insulation must be graded Grade 3 not allowed
- Option for testing or visual inspection
- Window air infiltration less than 0.3 cfm/ft2
- 50% of hardwired lighting must be high efficacy
- Smart appliances and systems get points







Center at Fort Lee, New Jersey

Chapter

Chapter 8: Water Efficiency Headlines

- Hardest category to attain higher levels of certification under 2008
- Headlines
 - Added more available points
 - Improved alignment of points with water usage
 - More points available for rainwater collection and distribution, particularly multifamily
 - Advanced wastewater treatment system





Chapter 9: Indoor Environmental Quality Headlines

- Durability practices moved, except those that impair IAQ
- Sealing per 701 now mandatory
- Whole house ventilation mandatory if after testing ACH50 < 5
- VOC levels set, allows independent, third-party testing (not exclusive GreenGuard)
- VOC table listed for ease of reference





Chapter 10: Operation and Maintenance Headlines

- Few changes
- Information on stormwater practices as option
- More points for occupant training





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Available Points

Green Building Categories	Available Points		
	2008	2012	
Lot Design, Prep, & Development	216	382	
Resource Efficiency	231	297	
Energy Efficiency (Performance Path without PV))	280	163	
Water Efficiency	111	257	
IEQ	215	212	
Operation, Maintenance, & Owner Education	16	16	



NGBS Remodel Path: Streamlined, Performance-based





New Chapter 11: Remodeling & Renovation

- Available for single family homes or multifamily buildings
- Separate stand-alone chapter
- Similar to, but more comprehensive than, 2008 NGBS Green Remodel Path
- Applicable mandatory practices
- Energy & water reductions
- Additional points required from lot design, resource efficiency, IEQ, and Operation, but no minimum thresholds in each category



SF and MF Renovation: Efficiency Improvements



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	Table	305.3.5	
Farmer	Dating of I	and The	

	Rating Level			
	BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD	EMERALD
Reduction in energy consumption	15%	25%	35%	45%

Table 305.3.6 Water Rating Level Thresholds

	Rating Level			
	BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD	EMERALD
Reduction in water consumption	20%	30%	40%	50%

Table 305.3,7 Prescriptive Threshold Point Ratings

	Rating Level			
	BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD	EMERALD
Chapter 11 prescriptive thresholds	88	125	181	225



New Chapter 12: Small Projects

- One certification level
- Functional Areas
 - Kitchens
 - Full bathrooms
 - Complete basements
 - Additions < 400 ft2
- All applicable practices are <u>mandatory</u>







New Chapter 12: Small Projects

- To be certified all of the mandatory practices must be met:
 - Reduce & optimize material usage
 - Control moisture for newly installed materials
 - Measures to reduce site-applied finishing materials, or use recycled content, or bio-based products
 - Proper HVAC and duct system sizing
 - Air barrier and insulation inspections
 - Selecting materials with low VOCs

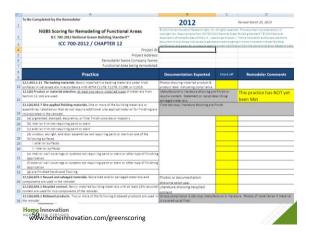




Small Project Verification Requirements

- Complete small project checklist
- Provide checklist to Verifier
- Verifier will complete inspection one visit expected
- Submit report to Home Innovation Labs for review and approval
- Certificate issued







International Green Construction Code (IgCC)

- Developed by AIA, USGBS, ICC, ASHRAE
- Finalized March 2012
- NGBS 2008 is alternative compliance path buildings 4+ stories
- Must achieve Silver level for energy efficiency
- In jurisdictions that adopt IgCC for SF and low-rise residential, ICC 700 governs
- Opportunity for independent, third-party certification to demonstrate compliance

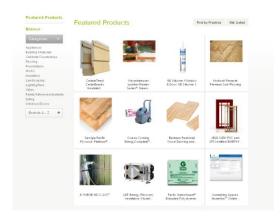


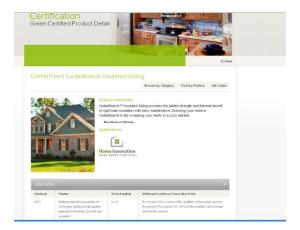
State/Local Government Incentives

- Recognized by numerous jurisdictions, mix of mandates and incentive programs
- Local government recognition will likely increase as more jurisdictions adopt IgCC
- Over 15 states recognize NGBS certification in their Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Qualified Allocation Plans
- NGBS is well-suited for low-income housing programs, due to its cost-effective nature











Don't Run Afoul of the **Federal Trade Commission**

- FTC brings enforcement actions against false or misleading claims
- Increasingly concerned about greenwashing
- FTC defines greenwashing as:
 - Overstatement of environmental attributes
 - Emphasis on single environmental attribute with others ignored
 - Irrelevant claims







Federal Trade Commission Guidance on Green Claims

- Good green claims
 - Specific
 - Qualified
 - Substantiated
- Bad green claims
 - Inflated or unsubstantiated claims: specific health claims
 - Vague claims: all natural, environmentally-friendly
 - False eco-labels: self-certification
- Irrelevance: No lead paint





Certification Marks

- FTC specifically concerned with certification marks
- 80% respondents found certification by independent, third-party organizations provides extra credibility and assurance
- And they influence purchasing decisions significantly
- State basis for certification
 - First Party
 - Second Party
 - Independent, Third-Party





Process & Cost Structure



- Process
 - Interested manufacturers apply to be pre-approved for specific practices of the NGBS.

 Third-party documentation is necessary to validation point claims.

 - Currently accepting applications for both 2008 and 2012 practices.
- Pricing
 - Cost is accessed based on the number of products and practices approved.

 - Multiple discount options exist.
 Pricing starts at \$1,250 for 1 product and approved practice.

Utilizing the NGBS Mark -Advertising





Utilizing the NGBS Mark —Product Data Sheets



Organize product information and NGBS practices to help architects, designers, and green builders spec your company's products for their projects:

- Distinguish your company as a green building leader/expert
- Info is all in one-place, marked by your company logo
- Way to encourage existing clients to explore a whole suite of "green" products

Utilizing the NGBS Mark —Product Data Sheets



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Utilizing the NGBS Mark —Product Data Sheets





Special Visibility at 2014 IBS Show!





Strategic Collaboration For Green Certified Products



- Generic Bronze Cookbook
- Bronze manufacturer-specific (CertainTeed, OC, etc.) Cookbook
- Reaching other levels with company's products
- Add spec link for each listed product
- Presentations and materials, AIA-approved for architects
- Co-branded Silent Salesperson Signs
- Sales staff coordination with local or multifamily verifiers
- Find Your Green Home
- Certification numbers by state and type

Lunch-and-Learn Presentations



NGBS partners are welcome to present NGBS Overview presentation and grant CEUs to attendees.

Home Innovation staff will share presentation, script, and meeting materials.



In Summary:		
NGBS Green	Certified	Products



NGBS Green Certified products help builders and verifiers connect with the manufacturers whose products help achieve practices of the standard.

- FTC-compliant, third-party certification mark
- · Marketing benefits
- · Position your company as a green building leader/expert
- Strategic collaboration

Marketing Green Off-the-Shelf Materials



- Lessons Learned
 - All builders needed off-the-shelf materials
 - Few builders marketed green well or understood market opportunities
 - NAHB as identifier did not help company, program, or builders
- Solutions
 - Believe it or not, rename 50-year old company
 - Rebrand entire certification program
 - Redesign entire web site along with strategic SEO component
 - Develop turn-key marketing collateral

Marketing Guidance to Builders



- What Matters to Consumers
 - Independent, third-party certification
 - Survey Says...
 - Busting the green myths
- What Matters to the FTC
 - Independent, third-party certifications (SFI complaint filed)
 - Be Specific
 - Qualify Claims
 - Substantiate Statements







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