DESIGNING COMMUNITIES TO BE RESILIENT

HOLISTIC, POSITIVE-IMPACT DESIGN

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bMORE Resilient CO*OP Metrics

economics * environment * social equity



bMORE co*op = resilient economics

- Avoids getrification
- Provides employment,
- facilities + training
 - construction,
 - air sealing + insulation, solar,
 - HVAC,
 - agriculture husbandry,
 - childcare,
 - sustainable waste + water management,
- light industry + cultural creatives.

bMORE co*op = a resilient environment

- low-toxicity, foam-free,
- zero-energy ready envelope retrofits,
- cooperative on-site energy production;
- stormwater harvesting irrigation
 - year round greenhouses
 - urban agriculture,
- waste management;
 - waste + compost facility

bMORE co*op = social equity + resiliency

- cooperative ownership of resources
- Democratic
- Linkage with the local school in cooperative land use + education opportunities.

green infrastructure



existing pervious: 2,500sf

proposed pervious:70,500sf

over 25x more pervious surface area



green cloaks, native lawns and pervious reduce the heat island effect contribute to building efficiency, slow storm-water runoff, creating wildlife habitat.

Increase tree canopy to sequester carbon, reduce the heat island effect, create cooling summer shade

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water infrastructure



100% of storm-water to be captured, treated, infiltrated or released for use on site

treated run-off from rooftops supplies 28% of annual potable water

44% of run-off is treated + reused 56% is infiltrated, slow release

Stormwater runoff control and capture through bio-filtration and cistern storage for gray water irrigation and toilet flushing.

One designated 10,500 gallon B.A.S.Scistern will be treated with reverse osmosis and UV disinfection to provide the entire neighborhood with 10 days of water

agriculture infrastructure



bMORE co*op NO. 1 has 1.7 acres of on-site community food production

100% increase

neighborhood goods market

cooperative agriculture via community gardens + greenhouses

private garden boxes (shade devices) + front gardens

cooperative goat + chicken + beehive barn

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energy infrastructure - begins with the envelope



Highly insulated, **foam-free** and tightly sealed, healthy envelopes

Methods are cash-flow positive when considering energy bills.

Passive House casement or tiltturn windows.

PV - 5.6 kW per house, 65% of total roof area AND 34.4 KW on 13 unit multi-family

energy independent for critical loads complete energy resiliency

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OUR BEGINNING ASSUMPTION

DESIGNING COMMUNITIES TO BE RESILIENT FOUNDATION OF PASSIVE DESIGN PRINCIPLES



RETROFIT THIS!! NOT YOUR AVERAGE PASSIVE HOUSE

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OUR CANVAS: FROM VACANT TO HIGH PERFORMANCE ENVELOPE



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OUR CANVAS: FROM RUST BUCKETS TO HIGH PERFORMANCE SYSTEMS





EXTERNAL BLANKET: NON-HISTORIC





HIGH PERFORMANCE ENVELOPE MATERIALS AND METHODS





Existing frame wall retrofit detail



Basement and masonry interior retrofit details



APPROPRIATELY LOCATED AND DURABLE CONTROL LAYERS

Basement and masonry interior retrofit detail











WHEN TO STOP? DEFINE YOUR GOALS!!

A STANDARD? LOW ANNUAL ENERGY? **RESILIENCE?**

DESIGNING COMMUNITIES TO BE RESILIENT

STARTS WITH PASSIVE SURVIVABILITY

energy infrastructure – *begins with the envelope BUT* DOES NOT PRECLUDE RENEWABLES



Highly insulated, **foam-free** and tightly sealed, healthy envelopes

Passive House casement or tiltturn windows.

Etc.

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REVITALIZING MASONRY MULTIFAMI

WEINBERG COMMON





Single family 2 BR - row-home retrofit

ONE WEEK POWER OUTAGE IN JANUARY: HIGH PERFORMANCE ENVELOPE MAINTAINS COMFORT AND SAFETY

Multi-family- retrofit



Single family 2 BR - typical row-home





Single family 2 BR - row-home retrofit

ONE WEEK POWER OUTAGE IN MARCH: HIGH PERFORMANCE ENVELOPE MAINTAINS COMFORT AND SAFETY

Multi-family-retrofit



Single family 2 BR - typical row-home





Single family 2 BR - row-home retrofit

ONE WEEK POWER OUTAGE IN OCTOBER: HIGH PERFORMANCE ENVELOPE MAINTAINS COMFORT AND SAFETY



Single family 2 BR - typical row-home





Single family 2 BR - row-home retrofit

ONE WEEK POWER OUT IN DECEMBER: HIGH PERFORMANCE ENVELOPE MAINTAINS COMFORT AND SAFETY

Multi-family- retrofit

ORIENTATION AND SOLAR GAIN OPTIMIZING COMFORT













SOLAR GAIN WHEN YOU WANT IT









SHADING WHEN YOU DON'T





April / August









Single family 2 BR - typical row-home





Single family 2 BR - row-home retrofit

ONE WEEK POWER OUTAGE IN JULY: INTERNAL HEAT GAINS AND SOLAR GAIN DRIVE INCREASE IN TEMPERATURES

Multi-family- retrofit





ONE WEEK POWER OUTAGE IN JULY: BUT ... THAT IS WHEN WE HAVE SOLAR AVAILABLE

energy infrastructure – DEMAND vs. GENERATION

Demand vs. generation

Meeting critical demands under peak winter conditions

Surplus generation in summer

GOAL: energy independent for critical loads = **complete energy resiliency**



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BIG QUESTION!

HOW MUCH IS ENOUGH?

Demand vs. generation



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CAVEATS

ASSUMPTIONS AND CAPABILITIES

<u>WORK IN PROGRESS !!!</u>

INITIAL FINDINGS BASED ON "BUILDING TYPE" MODELING AND STATIC MODELS

SUBSEQUENT MODELING WAS BASED ON MY UNDERSANDING OF INTERNAL DEMAND PROFILES FROM VARIOUS SOURCES

I DEFINE CRITICAL LOADS – YOU MAY NOT AGREE

I COULD BE DEAD WRONG

PROCESS

MODELING "PROTOCOLS" (?)

INTERNAL LOAD ASSUMPTIONS BASED ON A COMBINATION OF

- BUILDING AMERICA NCTH MODELING PROTOCOL (BASED ON OBSERVED DATA)
- PHIUS+2015 CALCULATOR
- MY OWN DEFINITION OF CTITICAL SURVIVABILITY
- HOURLY MODELING BASED ON
 WUFI PASSIVE DYNAMIC AND
 MONTHLY FACTORS AND HOURLY
 FACTORS FROM **BUILDING AMERICA NCTH** PROTOCOLS



POWER OUTAGE IN JULY: GENERATION PLOTTED AGAINSTCITICAL LOAD DEMAND CURVES



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POWER OUTAGE IN JULY: GENERATION AVERAGE VS. DEMAND



POWER OUTAGE IN JULY: GENERATION EXCEEDS DEMAND



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POWER OUTAGE IN DECEMBER: GENERATION VS. DEMAND AT 30DEGRE TILT



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POWER OUTAGE IN DECEMBER:



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POWER OUTAGE IN DECEMBER: GENERATION VS. DEMAND AT 30DEGRE TILT

WE ARE GOING TO NEED SOME ADDITIONAL "FLOAT TIME" BATTERY SUPPORT



POWER OUTAGE IN DECEMBER: GENERATION VS. DEMAND AT 30DEGRE TILT

COST EFFECTIVENESS

OPTIMIZE FOR ANNUAL GENERATION

DON'T SPEND ANY MORE THAN YOU HAVE TO AND STAY WITHIN LOCAL NET METERING RULES

SURVIVABILITY

OPTIMIZE FOR WINTER OUTAGE

LEAN TOWARDS PV OPTIMIZATION FOR WINTER GAIN (?)

DEFINE AND GOVERN CRITICAL LOADS

LOSE THE SURPLUS ASSET (?)

MICRO-GRID AND STORAGE (STILL A SURPLUS PROBLEM ABSENT SEASONAL STORAGE)

COST EFFECTIVENESS

OPTIMIZE FOR ANNUAL GENERATION

SURVIVABILITY

OPTIMIZE FOR WINTER OUTAGE

WHAT IF WE COULD USE OUR ENERGY ASSETS YEAR ROUND TO PAY FOR RESILIENCY FOR WINTER??

IS THIS THE BEST WE CAN DO?

INCREMENTALISM WILL SAVE THE UTILITIES PEAK DEMAND COST ...

BUT WILL DO NOTHING FOR CLIMATE CHANGE!

THERE IS SERIOUS VALUE HERE FOR THE ULTILITIES





SHAVING AND SHIFTING WITH PASSIVE DESIGN

Good for everyone!!





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SHAVING AND SHIFTING WITH PASSIVE DESIGN

GETTING CREATIVE WITH GENERATION, THERMAL STORAGE, BATTERY STORAGE . .









CONCLUSIONS

GETTING WARMER

PASSIVE HOUSE IS FOUNDATIONAL TO RESILIENCE, BUT SHOULD NOT DEFINE OUR LIMITS

INTERNAL GAIN AND LOADS MUST BE QUANTIFIED BETTER

RELYING ON INCENTIVES MAY LEAD US TO NEGLECT THE MARKET FORCES

PH, PV AND THE UTILITIES SHOULD BE ON THE SAME TEAM

STATIC MODELS WITH PHIUS+ CALCULATORS IS NOT SUFICIENT

I SUCK AT EXCEL

QUESTIONS

WHAT IS THE BALANCE?

HOW CAN WE IMPROVE WUFI PASSIVE AND PHIUS+2015 INTERNAL LOADS CALCULATORS AND PROTOCOLS?

WHAT ARE THE SOCIAL, LEGAL AND REGULATORY FRAMEWORKS WE NEED TO MASTER

ARE FREQUNCY REGULATED MARKETS COUPLED WITH PH, PV MICRO-GRID AND STORAGE A SOLUTION?

CAN I GO TO BED NOW?

energy infrastructure – DEMAND vs. GENERATION



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Plotting hourly demand against generation

post-retrofit residential energy demand: 659 megawatts/yr

82% demand reduction

Renewable Generation

- 34.4kW array on 13 unit multifamily
- 5.6 kW PV per 2 BR house (Only 65% of total roof area)
 - Saves roof area for water treatment and urban agriculture

during power outage in peak cooling season

- completely energy independent
- 4000kWh surplus energy to
- support emergency cooling + communication centers for surrounding neighborhoods.

Passive to POSITIVE PASSIVE HOUSE AND LOW IMPACT DESIGN

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