



# 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](http://neep.org/capee)

## Commercial Efficiency Targets and Standards



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## 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](https://sustainablepa.org)

### Low-cost Financing

#### **C-PACE**

[theseef.org/get-financing/c-pace/](https://theseef.org/get-financing/c-pace/)

#### **GELF**

[reinvestment.com](https://reinvestment.com)

### Building Code Training

#### **Pennsylvania Construction Codes Academy**

[paconstructioncodesacademy.org](https://paconstructioncodesacademy.org)

#### **Pennsylvania Housing Research Center**

[phrc.psu.edu](https://phrc.psu.edu)

### Energy Efficiency Programs & Standards

#### **HERS Index information**

[hersindex.com](https://hersindex.com)

#### **ENERGY STAR for Homes and New Construction**

[energystar.gov](https://energystar.gov)

#### **DOE Zero Energy Ready Homes**

[energy.gov/eere/buildings/zero-energy-ready-homes](https://energy.gov/eere/buildings/zero-energy-ready-homes)

#### **Passive House Institute US**

[phius.org](https://phius.org)

#### **International Energy Conservation Code (IECC)**

[iccsafe.org](https://iccsafe.org)

#### **Stretch Codes**

[newbuildings.org](https://newbuildings.org)

#### **LEED**

[usgbc.org](https://usgbc.org)

#### **Architecture 2030 Challenge**

[architecture2030.org](https://architecture2030.org)