



**Better Buildings Residential Network
Peer Exchange Call Series:**
*Efficiency and Resilience Improvements with PACE
Financing*

March 14, 2019

Agenda and Ground Rules

- Agenda Review and Ground Rules
- Opening Poll
- Residential Network Overview and Upcoming Call Schedule
- Featured Speakers:
 - **David Gabrielson**, PACENation
 - **Sean Williamson**, U.S. Department of Energy
 - **Todd Williams**, Lean & Green Michigan
- Open Discussion
- Closing Poll and Announcements

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PACENation



Efficiency and Resilience Improvements with PACE

Webinar – March 14, 2019

What is PACE?

PACE is a tax-assessment based financing mechanism for energy efficiency, renewable energy, and water conservation projects.



New Idea?

Financing a Public Purpose



1736 – First Assessment District in Philadelphia

Today – 37,000 Assessment Districts nationwide

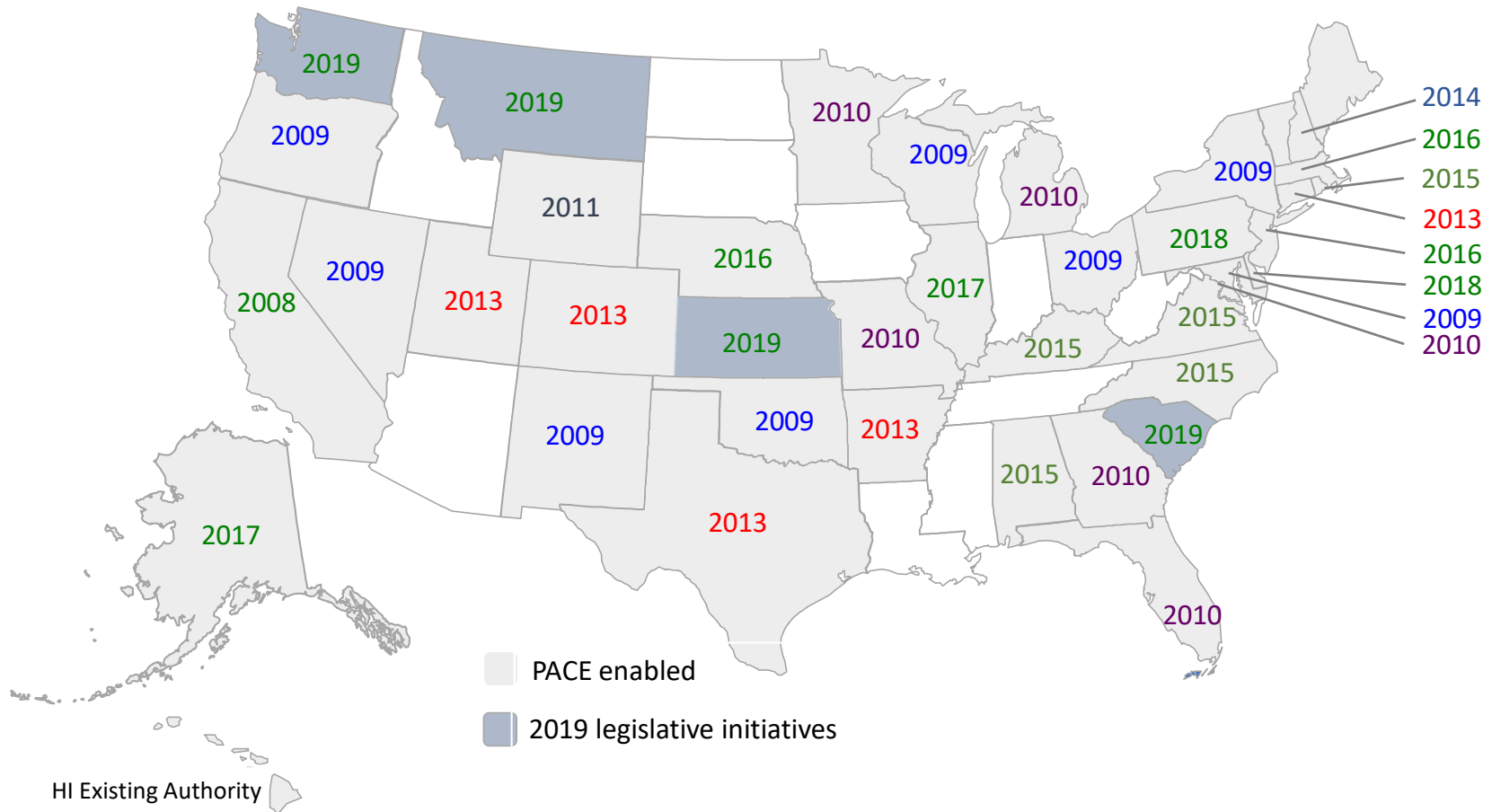
- ✓ Water & Sewer Service
- ✓ Parks
- ✓ Sidewalks
- ✓ Lighting
- ✓ Downtown renewal
- ✓ Energy Efficiency (PACE)

PACE Process

1. State passes enabling legislation
2. Tax-collecting jurisdictions enable PACE programs.
3. Administration by the state, muni, or contracted to an independent Third Party Administrator
4. Projects financed by bonds or loans from PACE capital providers.

PACE Legislation

36 States and DC 84+% of the U.S. Population

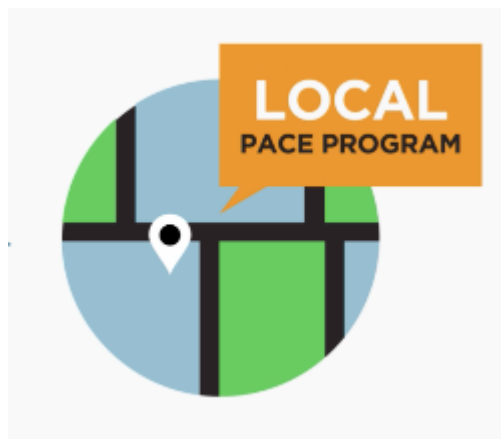


PACE Process

1. Energy related project(s) identified
2. Underwriting process ensures property qualifies
 - ✓ For C-PACE projects, lender consent is required
3. Funding provided
4. PACE assessment placed on tax bill

What Makes a PACE Project?

Local Government “Services” the financing



Why Building Owners Love PACE

No \$ out of pocket - Hard and Soft Costs



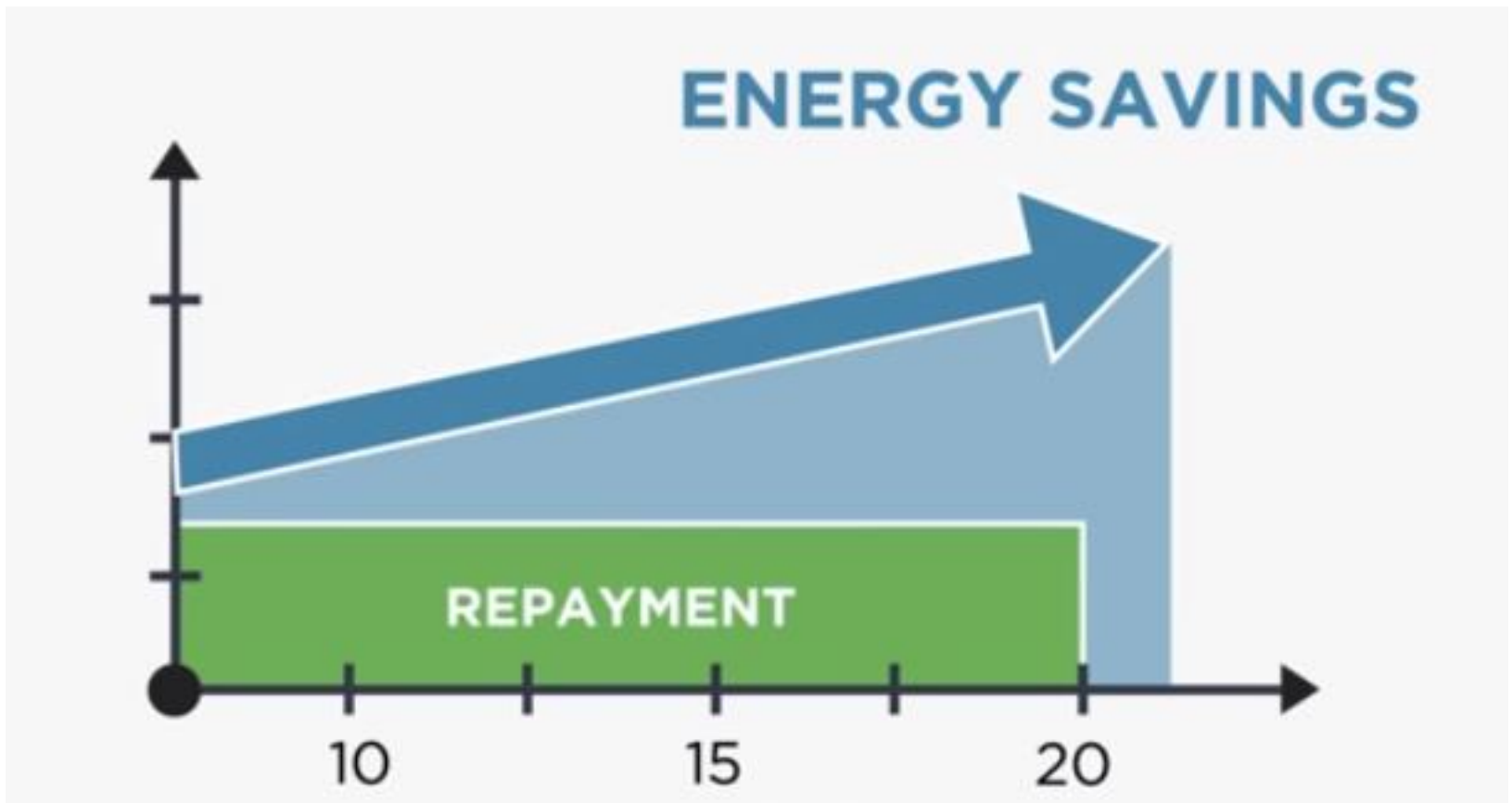
Why PACE?

Long Payback



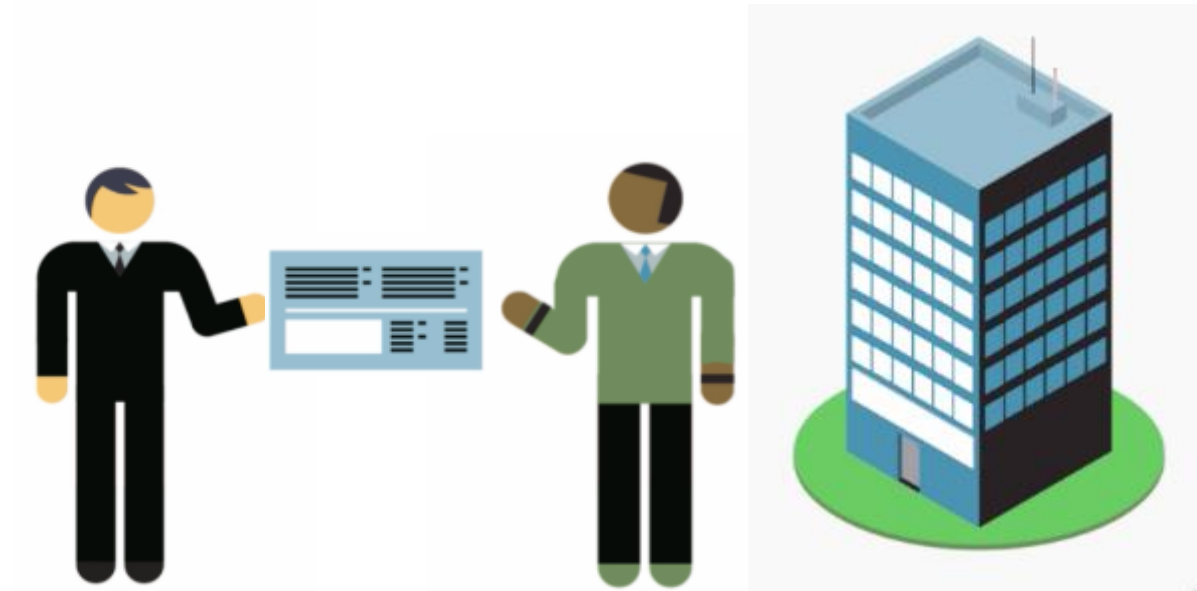
Long-Term Payback

Makes Projects Cash-Flow Positive



Why PACE?

Assessment Transfers on Sale – C-PACE Yes, R-PACE No



Why PACE?

For C-PACE - Costs and Savings Shared with Tenants





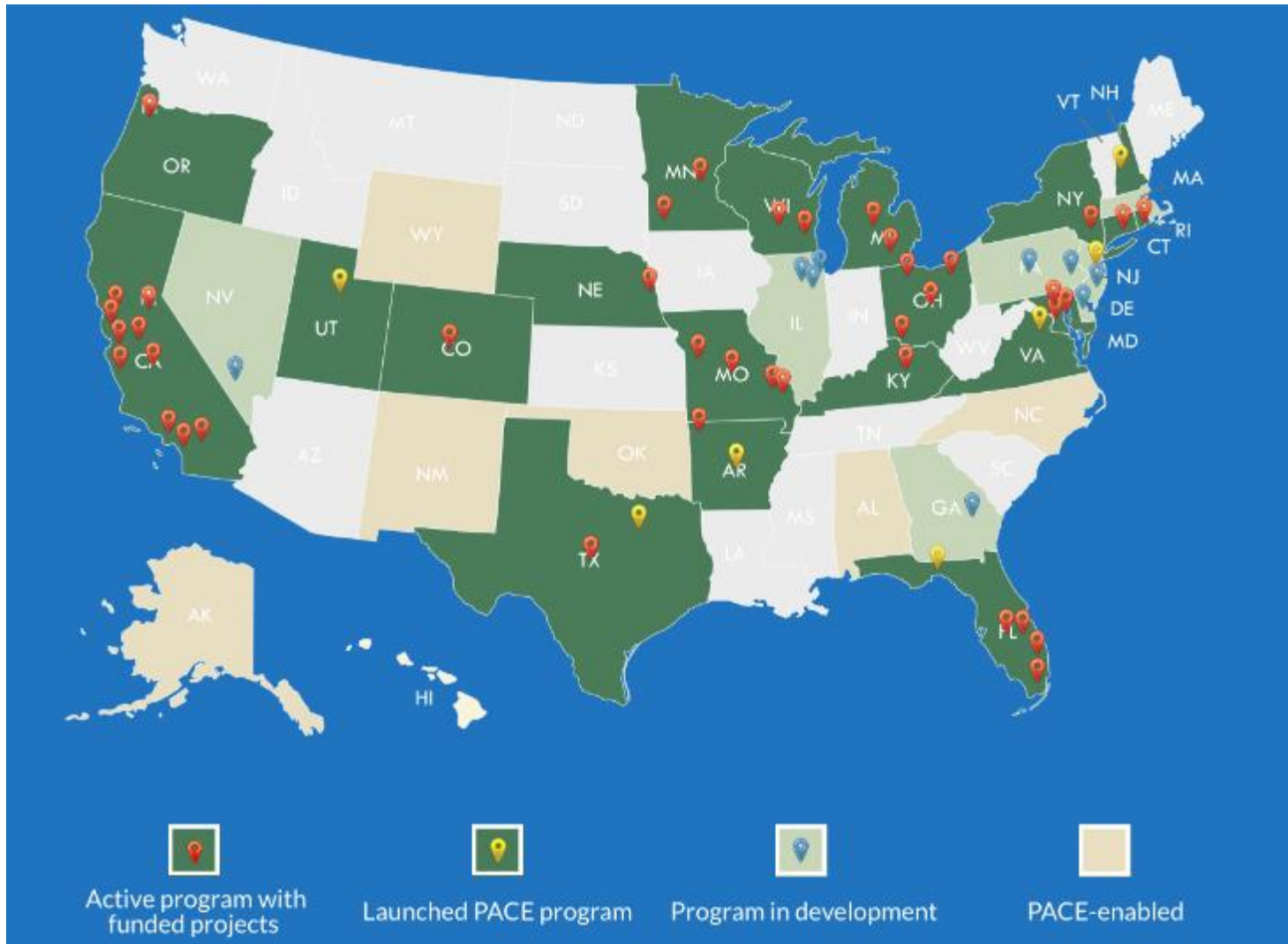
C-PACE is Working

C-PACE Programs Today

1,866+ Projects

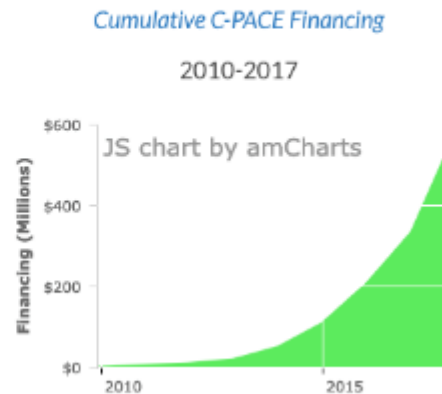
\$893+ Million

13,395 Jobs



C-PACE Market Data

Commercial PACE



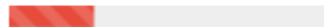
C-PACE improvement type breakdown

(By \$ funded)

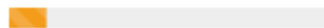
Energy Efficiency (49%)



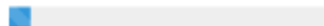
Renewable energy (27%)



Mixed (17%)

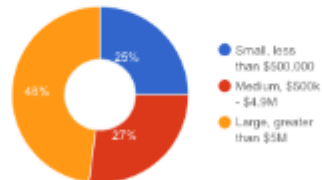


Resiliency (7%)



C-PACE projects by amount financed

(By \$ funded)



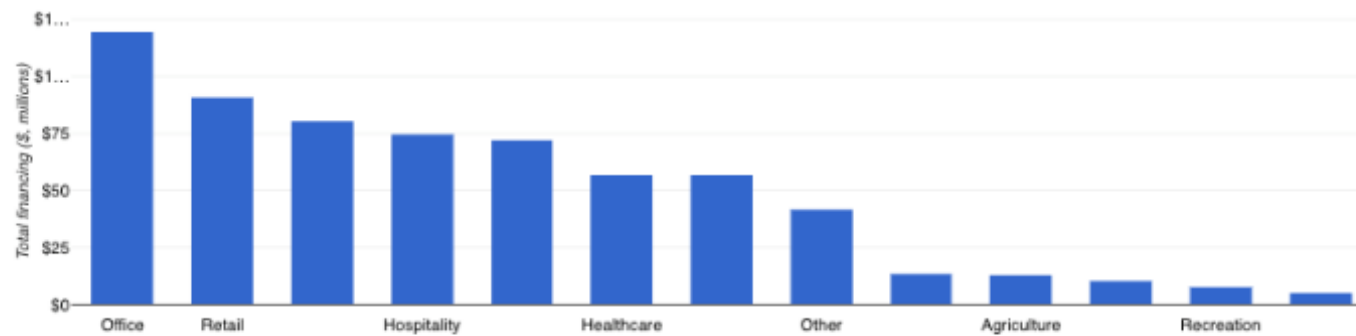
C-PACE dollars funded in each state (states > \$10MM)

(By \$ funded)

State	Total PACE amount (\$, Millions)
CA	275
CT	130
MO	56
MN	54
OH	49
TX	36
DC	34
NE	28
CO	26
MI	25
WI	21
FL	16
MD	11

C-PACE Market Data

C-PACE dollars funded by building type
(By \$ funded)



C-PACE

Some Takes

- ✓ Early stages still – good market penetration
- ✓ Consistent growth – market 2+X 2017 level
- ✓ New legislation and program development
- ✓ Key Factors:
 - Supply – PACE in more places
 - Demand – awareness and understanding!
- ✓ Project complexity – long sales cycle

An aerial photograph of a suburban neighborhood featuring several large, modern houses with dark roofs and light-colored siding. The houses are arranged along a curved street with a sidewalk and a grassy area. A semi-transparent green rectangular overlay is positioned in the center of the image, containing the text "R-PACE is Adapting" in white. The background shows a dense residential area with many other houses and trees under a clear sky.

R-PACE is Adapting

R-PACE

Some history

- ✓ The first PACE was R-PACE
- ✓ A Powerful Idea – opposed by mortgage industry
 - Super senior lien for assessments in arrears
 - 2010 FHFA opposition and consequence
- ✓ California persisted, and
 - Rapid growth starting in 2014, but
 - Mis-steps have plagued programs
- ✓ Key Problems
 - Contractors
 - Multiple liens
 - Ability to Pay

R-PACE

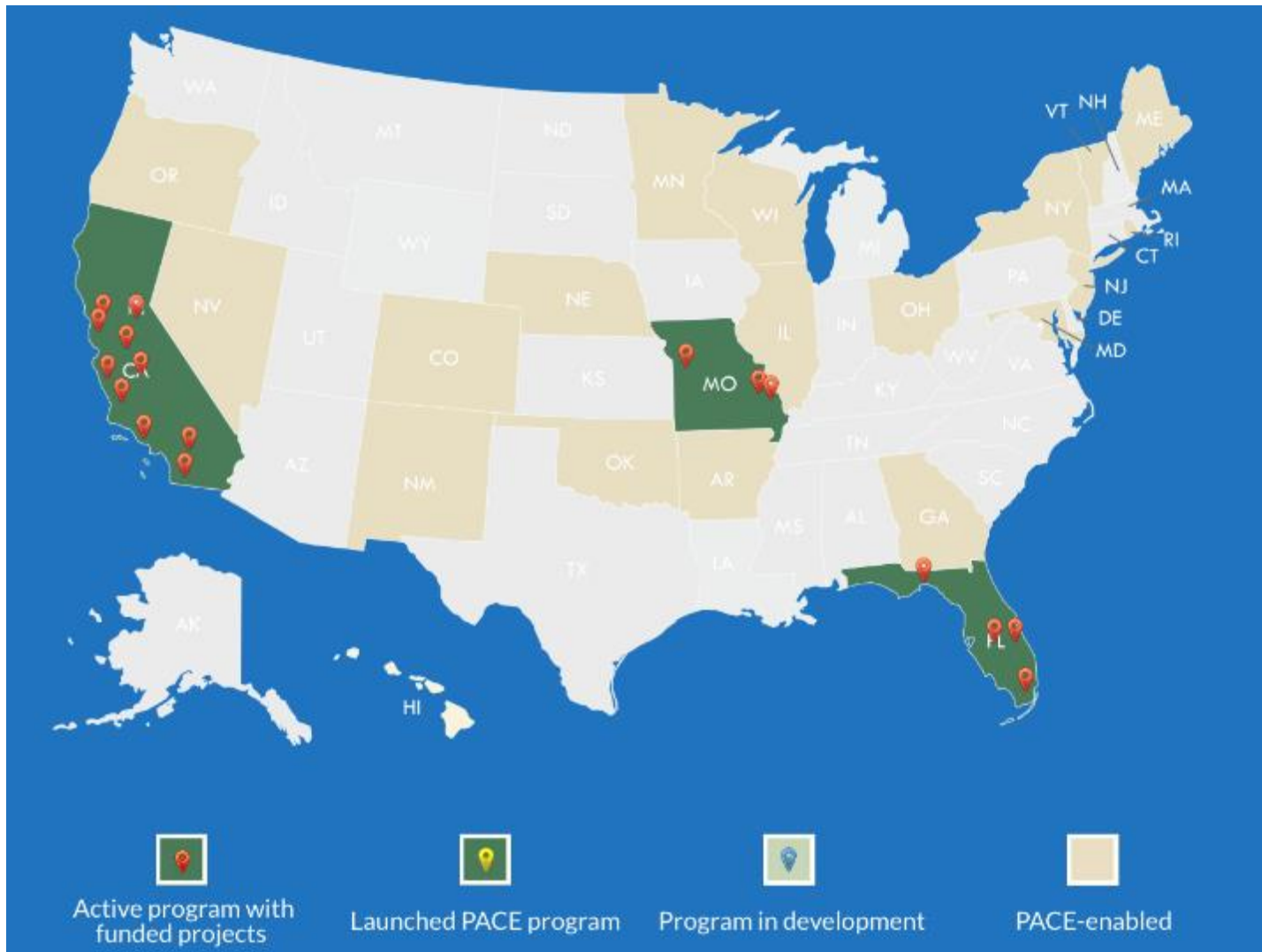
Industry Accepting Regulation

✓ Regulation and Oversight

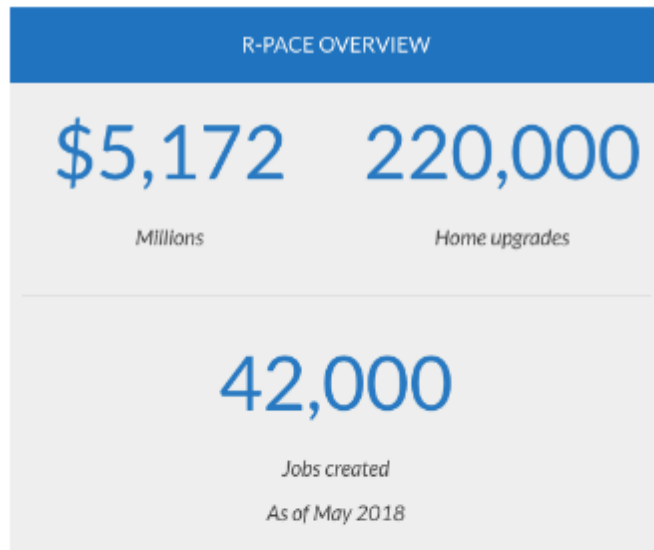
- CA laws AB1284, SB 242
- CA Department of Business Oversight (DBO)
- Key focus:
 - Contractor Education & Testing
 - On-Time Registry
 - Ability to Pay standards
- 2018 Financial Reform Bill (Crapo Bill)
 - CFPB to set TILA standards for Ability to Pay

R-PACE Programs Today

220,000 Homes \$5.2 Billion 42,000 Jobs

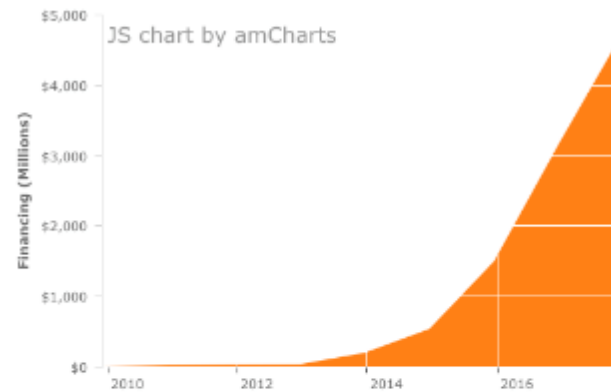


R-PACE Market Data



Cumulative R-PACE Financing

2010-2017



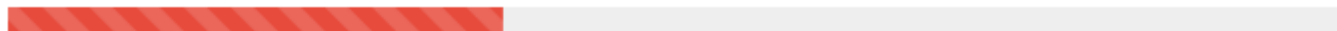
R-PACE improvement type breakdown

(By \$ funded)

Energy Efficiency (58%)



Renewable energy (37%)



Water (4%)



R-PACE

Key Issues - Takeaways

- ✓ California, Florida, Missouri – Ohio next?
- ✓ Continued opposition from mortgage lenders and realtors
- ✓ Industry need to address problems w real solutions

Tremendous potential

- ✓ Energy
- ✓ Resilience
- ✓ Opportunity for those often left out

Why PACE?

Lots of reasons

- ✓ Meets a real market need
- ✓ Helps building owners finance projects they want and need
- ✓ 100% Voluntary
- ✓ Increases building value – collateral value
- ✓ Private market – open market
- ✓ Only effects buildings that choose to participate
- ✓ No burden on local government
- ✓ Creates long lasting local jobs

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Key Points

- PACE is a tax-assessment based financing mechanism for energy efficiency, renewable energy, and water conservation projects.
- Projects are financed by bonds or loans from PACE capital providers, and billed to building owners as part of their property taxes.
- 36 states and the District of Columbia have enacted PACE legislation.



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PACE Financing and Resilience: Policy Considerations and Market Outlook

March 14, 2019

Adapted for Better Buildings Residential Network Call

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Takeaways: PACE Financing Is...

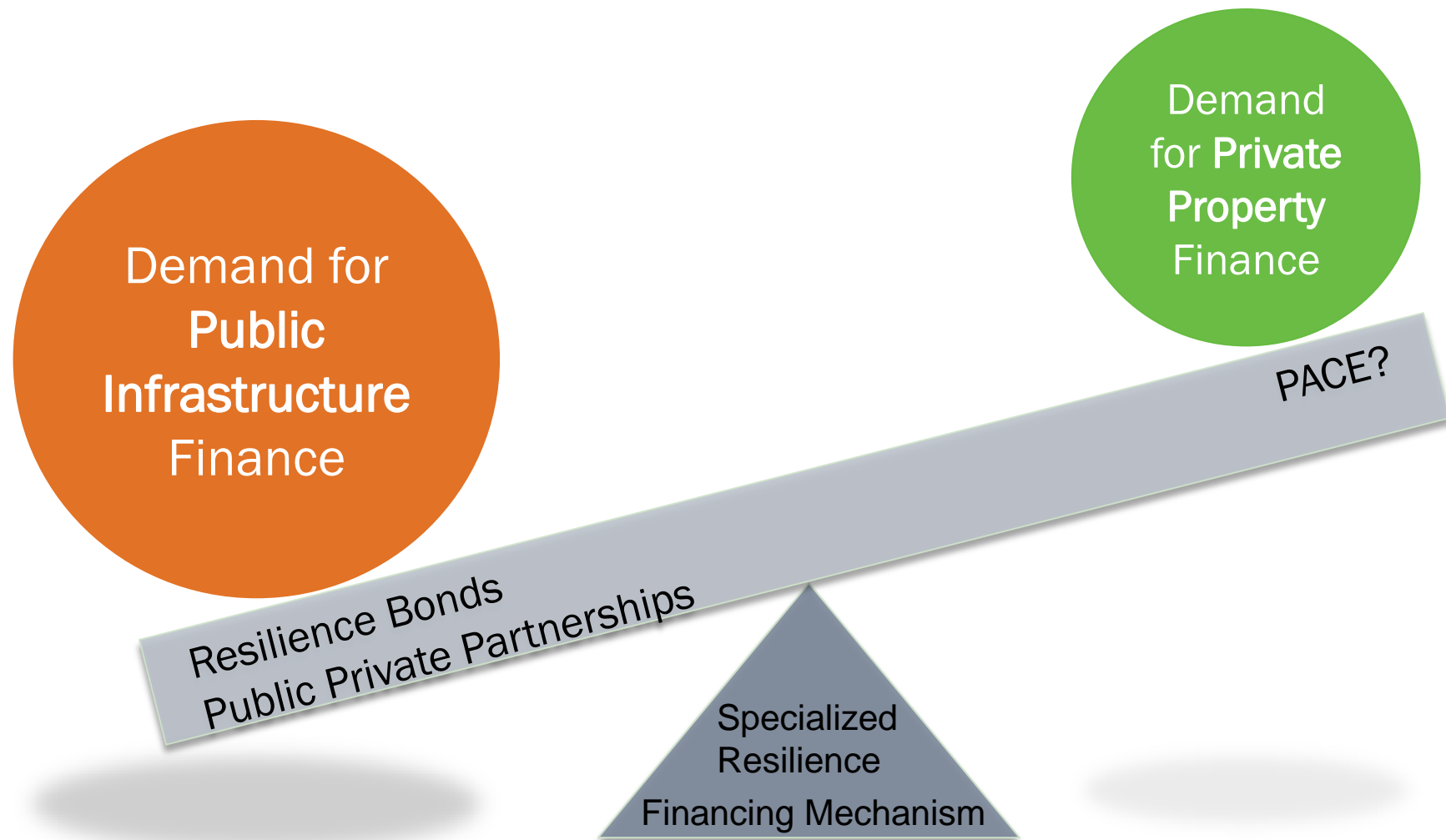
- **Enticing:** PACE strengthens the business case for investing in energy efficiency and resilience measures.
- **Enabling:** Resilience-first projects, when coupled with PACE financing, may enable energy efficiency retrofits and unlock energy savings.
- **Evolving:** PACE program design can be optimized to achieve an array of desired policy outcomes (e.g., consumer protection, economic development, reducing energy waste, more resilient buildings).

Outline

- **Introduction**
 - Financing Resilience Improvements
- **The Intersection of PACE Financing and Resilience**
 - Energy and Non-Energy Resilience Measures
 - Mapping Measures to Legislation
 - Financial Constraints and Other Policy Provisions
 - Market Activity
- **Discussion**
 - Areas for Future Research

Intro: Financing Resilience Improvements

- **Public Infrastructure vs. Private Property**
 - Differences: Time-scale, ownership, and investor risk tolerance



The Intersection of PACE & Resilience

1. Which energy measures and non-energy measures can be considered resilient and why?
2. What are PACE eligible measures and where is there overlap with resilient measures?
3. How do provisions in existing PACE statutes, local ordinances, or program guidelines encourage or inhibit investment in resilient measures?
4. What types of resilience projects have been completed with PACE financing and what is the evidence that resilience-first projects beget efficiency upgrades?



Resiliency through Energy and Non-Energy Measures

COMMON RESILIENCY PROJECTS

Energy Supply

- ▶ Renewable energy
- ▶ Combined heat and power (CHP)
- ▶ Battery storage
- ▶ Backup generation
- ▶ Microgrid
- ▶ Electric vehicle charging

Resource Conservation

- ▶ Efficient lighting and HVAC
- ▶ Water efficiency measures
- ▶ Building envelope improvements

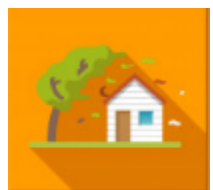
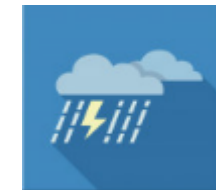
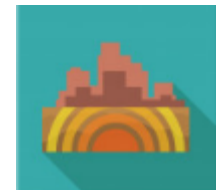
Structure Hardening

- ▶ Seismic retrofits
- ▶ Wind-resistant roofs and windows
- ▶ Flood mitigation

Ensure building systems continue operating

Reduce energy and water demand; increase operating time on backups

Mitigate property damage, injury, and system outages



Measures Expressly Named in Legislation*

Eligible Measures	States
Electric vehicle charging infrastructure	CA, CO, FL, IL, MN, NY, RI, UT
Energy storage	MA, UT
Flood mitigation or “water barriers”	AL, FL
Microgrids	CT
Seismic retrofit	CA, OR, UT
Stormwater management	CA, D.C., NE
Water conservation	AR, CA, D.C., GA, IL, KY, MI, NE, TX, VA, WI
Wind resistance	AL, FL

* Current as of June 2018

Evolving PACE Legislation

- **Commonwealth of Virginia**

- PACE first enabled in 2009 and amended in 2015 (HB 1446)
- Legislation introduced in 2019 (S 1559) would:
 - Expand eligible measures to include resiliency improvements.
“Resilience improvements may include mitigation of flooding or the impacts of flooding or stormwater management improvements with a preference for natural or nature-based features and living shorelines.”

- **Washington State**

- Introduced legislation in 2019 with resilience measures including energy efficiency, renewable energy, fire protection, and flood readiness.

Anecdotes from the Field

National Geographic

2017 Hurricane Season Was the Most Expensive in U.S. History

8 months ago



The Most Expensive Weather Year Ever

The Atlantic • 7 months ago

2017 goes down as costliest year for weather disasters ever recorded in US

AccuWeather.com • 7 months ago



The US just had the most expensive year for weather disasters in history. Expect more.

Quartz • 6 months ago



The Most Expensive Natural Disasters in US History

MoneyWise.com • last month



2017 was the costliest US natural disaster year on record

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2017 the costliest year in US history for natural disasters

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Crumbling seawalls need costly repairs post-Irma

NBC2 News • 10 months ago



Seawall repairs costing homeowners thousands

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SEAWALLS CRUMBLING AFTER IRMA
RESIDENTS SEEK HELP WITH COST TO FIX



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STORM DAMAGE IN SEMINOLE HEIGHTS

Analysis: PACE Financial Constraints

Financial constraints across commercial and residential markets

	Savings-to-Investment Ratio (SIR) Requirements	Loan-to-Value (LTV) Requirements
C-PACE	Present in some statutes or guidelines; programs may offer exceptions.	Present in many statutes or guidelines; unclear if exceptions ever permitted.
R-PACE	Not standard for most programs; considered cost prohibitive.	Standard for most programs; considered vital to consumer protection.

Barrier: With regards to C-PACE, there are scenarios where SIR and LTV are prohibitive to executing projects, particularly projects where the revenue/savings stream is minimal or difficult to quantify.



Examples: Energy and Non-Energy

Possible Program Designs Options:

- Broaden savings definition to include more than energy costs (e.g., Alabama includes insurance savings).
- Allow exemptions or waivers for certain projects (e.g., above a certain threshold).
- Encourage multi-measure bundling, or defer to local governments to define SIR requirements based on market.

Market Activity: R-PACE Anecdotes

R-PACE

- In 2017, Renew Financial reported that **45% of their projects in Florida were wind mitigation projects** including shutters, impact windows, and doors.
- In the wake of Hurricane Irma, there was a noticeable uptick in PACE financing.



Renew Financial Residential PACE Eligible Projects



- **PACE Financing is compatible with disaster recovery:**
“Homeowners place their claim concurrently with obtaining a PACE assessment and pay off the assessment once they receive their insurance reimbursement.”
(N. Schneider, Renew Financial, 2018)

Takeaways – PACE Financing Is...

- **Enticing:** PACE strengthens the business case for investing in energy efficiency and resilience measures.
 - Aligned time-scales, transferable to next owner.
- **Enabling:** Resilience-first projects, when coupled with PACE financing, may enable energy efficiency retrofits and unlock energy savings.
 - Case studies, program design (e.g., SIR requirements).
- **Evolving:** PACE program design can be optimized to achieve an array of desired policy outcomes (e.g., consumer protection, economic development, reducing energy waste, more resilient buildings).
 - Financial constraints, and New Construction policy provisions.

Areas for Future Research

- The market size and potential energy savings from resilience-first investments.
- How does PACE compare to other financing mechanisms for resilience upgrades by accessibility, consumer protection and other factors?
- Can PACE financing offer additionality relative to building safety and energy code requirements?

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Slide 10: Photo credit, elevated building: [FEMA website](#) ; Electric vehicle charging station, [NREL photo](#).

Slide 11: Renew Financial. See: <https://renewfinancial.com/PACE-for-homeowners>.

Key Points

- PACE strengthens the business case for investing in energy efficiency and resilience measures.
- Resilience-first projects, when coupled with PACE financing, may enable energy efficiency retrofits and unlock energy savings.
- PACE financing is compatible with disaster recovery – homeowners can place their claim concurrently with obtaining a PACE assessment.



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PACE Financing Redeveloping Multi-Family Properties

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Agenda

- **Intro to PACE:**

- What is Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE)
- What is Lean & Green Michigan

- **Multi-Family Case Studies:**

- Cambridge Court Apartments
- Hatchery Road Apartments
- 515 West Ionia



Michigan Property Accessed Clean Energy



PACE in Michigan

- Public Act 270 of 2010
- Passed on 12/14/2010
- Michigan PACE Act is a model in many ways
 - Flexible financing options (public \$, private \$)
 - Direct payment from property owner to lender



What Michigan's PACE Act Allows

- Public Act 270 allows PACE financing of projects that increase energy or water efficiency or add renewable energy generating capacity
 - An energy savings guarantee is required
 - The only exclusions are incinerators
 - The statute includes a long list of what is allowed, but makes clear they are only examples
 - **Bottom line: the statute is *incredibly broad*** and leaves room for you to include new technologies



Examples of improvements include, but are not limited to:

- Insulation
- Lighting
- Efficient windows
- Caulking, weather-stripping,
- air-sealing
- Energy control systems
- HVAC modifications
- Water efficiency improvements
- Solar
- Wind
- Geothermal
- Manufacturing processes
- Hot water systems
- Biomass
- Combined heat and power



What is Lean & Green Michigan?

- Statewide administrator
- Open Market for Contractors and Lenders
- Provide support to property owners
- Based out of Detroit, MI
- Manage PACE marketplace
- Provide training to contractors



The Lean & Green Model

Three Key Concepts:

- Public-private partnership: counties/cities join for free; no barrier to entry or exit
- Statewide, opt-in program: one lean & efficient PACE market for whole state
- Use private capital to unleash the market to drive growth



Map of Participating Jurisdictions

- **40** Local Governments
- 70% of state's population
- Even higher % of the biz-to-biz economy
- More join each quarter



Case Studies



Featured Projects



513-515 West Ionia Street



Cambridge Court Apartments



Garfield Metro Building



Hannan Memorial Foundation



Hatchery Road Apartments



Heiler Machine Tools



Liquid Web/Hillcorp



Michigan Public Service Commission



Powers Distributing



Radisson Hotel



Roberts Riverwalk Hotel



St. Clair Inn



The Hotel Harrington



The Whitney Restaurant

Cambridge Court Apartments – January 2016



Cambridge Court Apartments

- Small apartment complex in Greenville, Michigan
- First deal in Montcalm County
- First Multi-family PACE Project
- First property in the nation to receive U.S. Department of Agriculture approval for PACE financing, and
- One of the first to combine PACE with a Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) grant



Cambridge Court Apartments

- Project included a 20kW solar system, LED lighting, low-flow plumbing fixtures, high-efficiency appliances, and upgrades to the heating and cooling systems
- \$117k in PACE financing
- \$125k in net 20 year savings





Hatchery Road Apartments - May 2018

Hatchery Road Apartments

- First PACE deal for Oakland County
- Small aging apartment building purchased by new owner Trademark Building Co.
- LEDs, new furnaces + HVAC, efficient toilets, low flow shower heads and other water fixtures, water heating
- Lower utility bills and quality of life for tenants



Hatchery

- **“This program allowed my to update the building, give the tenants a better life, lower utility bills, and reduce our impact on the environment. We’ve changed the culture of the building for the residents making these improvements.” Tony McGuckin, Trademark Building**
- \$124k in PACE financing
- \$175k in net 20 year savings





515 West Ionia - August 2018

515 West Ionia

- First PACE deal in Lansing, and Ingham County
- Located two blocks from Michigan State Capitol
- Formally Orla H. Baily Buildings – home to Belen's Flowers, a Lansing institution.
- Built in mid-1920's – two separate brick buildings

515 West Ionia

- Complete gut-rehab project of around \$1.2 million.
- Capital stack includes: brownfield tif, historic tax credits, bank loan, owner equity, and \$247k in PACE financing



515 Ionia

- End result:
 - Mixed use buildings: multi-family 6 units with commercial space.
 - Solar, high-efficiency windows, EV charger, CHP, boiler upgrade, energy efficient appliances, LEDs + sensors
 - \$267k in net 20 year savings
 - Will help to anchor redevelopment in the neighborhood



Questions?



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Key Points

- Michigan's PACE Act is a model in many ways; it offers flexible financing options and permits direct payment from property owners to lenders.
- The statute is incredibly broad and leaves room for the inclusion of new technologies.
- Lean and Green Michigan has facilitated several exemplary projects, which demonstrate the value and opportunity of flexible PACE programs.

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