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DOE "Race to Zero" Student Design Competition

University of Minnesota: Team OptiMN



Introduces the "IMPACT Home"

MULTI-DISCIPLINARY TEAM*

Residential Building Science

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* All 14 team members successfully completed their building science coursework



Urban Homeworks

Minneapolis, MN Affordable Housing Developer

- Builder of communities
- Rebuilder of neighborhoods
- Providing equitable and dignified housing



Residential Science Resources Eagan, MN Building Science Consultants

- Energy rating services
- Building science consulting
- Energy audits/assessments
- Utility program deployment





MEET YOUR PRESENTERS



Laurel Johnston Design Leader

Master of Science Sustainable Design & Masters in Architecture

I'm inspired by an ancient Native American proverb: "We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children".



Peter Schneider Envelope Leader

Residential Building Science & Technology & Construction Management

I enjoy finding new ways to make homes beautiful and high performing. I believe we can, and should build homes that lasts for generations.



Cavan Wagg Systems Leader

Residential Building Science & Technology

I've enjoyed the experience that the DOE Race to ZERO competition has given me and plan to put that knowledge to work in the field after graduation.



Collin Coltman Team Leader

Residential Building Science and Technology & Construction Management

I dream of building the sustainable, high performance homes of the future, but today.



SOCIAL GOALS | Site in North Minneapolis

- Hit hard by foreclosure crisis
- Struck by tornados in 2011
- Many vacant lots, including site
- Green Homes North: to build 100 energy-efficient homes on empty lots







DESIGN GOALS

Department of Energy's CHALLENGE

is to build a Zero Energy Ready Home

Urban Homeworks' MISSION

is to produce equitable, dignified, communities

Green Homes North INITIATIVE

is to revitalize North Minneapolis neighborhoods with affordable, sustainable, and quality homes

Team OptiMN's GOAL

is to design a home that makes an **IMPACT** on the community and environment by achieving all of the above









PERFORMANCE GOALS | DOE Climate Zone 6

Durable & Long-Lasting



Fortified Home



Energy Efficient | Zero Energy Ready



Indoor Air Quality



Water Stewardship





PERFORMANCE GOALS | Key Strategies

- ENERGY STAR appliances, fans, and windows
- WaterSense low-flow plumbing fixtures
- Native vegetation
- Harvesting rainwater with rain barrels
- LED light bulbs
- HardiePlank lap and shingle siding
- Low-VOC paints & finishes
- tenK solar panels
- Programmable thermostat
- Continuous ventilation system
- Engineered heating and cooling systems
- Whole house air exchanger
- Efficient sealed-combustion water heater
- Concrete with fly ash content
- Job site recycling of construction waste

















ARCHITECTURAL GOALS | Perspective from Fremont Ave





ARCHITECTURAL GOALS | Site Plan

- Front faces East
- Longer side oriented South to take full advantage of the sun
- Most Minneapolis residential sites work perfect with this design because they face East or West
- Two-story design ensures better solar access





ARCHITECTURAL GOALS | East Elevation (front)





ARCHITECTURAL GOALS | West Elevation (back)





ARCHITECTURAL GOALS | North Elevation





ARCHITECTURAL GOALS | South Elevation





ARCHITECTURAL GOALS | Efficient & Flexible Space Planning

- Overall footprint simple & compact
- Finished floor area = 1,696 sf
 - Plus 848 sf if lower level is finished
- 3 Bedrooms (+2 in lower level)
- **1.5 Bathrooms** (+1 in lower level)
- Two Zones
 - Living Spaces
 - Living room, dining room, kitchen, & bedrooms
 - Take advantage of southern exposure & light from clerestory windows on second floor
 - Support Spaces
 - Foyer, stairs, mudroom, pantry, closets, laundry & bathrooms
 - Act as a buffer to the North



Space Use Diagram









ARCHITECTURAL GOALS | Perspective from Kitchen













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ARCHITECTURAL GOALS | Lower Level Plan







ARCHITECTURAL GOALS | Roof Plan



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ARCHITECTURAL GOALS | East – West Section





ARCHITECTURAL GOALS | North – South Section





ARCHITECTURAL GOALS | Exposed Beam in Hallway





ARCHITECTURAL GOALS | Clerestory Natural Daylight





ARCHITECTURAL GOALS | Clerestory Natural Ventilation




ENVELOPE | Heat, Air, & Moisture Management

Heat Management

Air Management

Moisture Management





ENVELOPE | Control Layers

Detailed attention to maintain critical **control layers** for all enclosure components

- Continuous air and water management system
 - **Orange**: W.R. Grace Perm-a-Barrier
 - **Red**: Huber ZIP sheathing system
 - Blue: Foundation waterproofing
 - Purple: Cross-laminated polyethylene membrane
- Optimal thermal insulation with minimal thermal bridging
- Deliberate vapor control strategy to limit wetting and enhance drying



Integrity of Control Layers



ENVELOPE | Foundation

Thermal Control

- Slab Insulation
 - R-10
- Footing Insulation
 - R-10
- Foundation Wall Insulation
 - R-15

Moisture Control

- Capillary breaks
- Waterproof membrane
- Gravel bed and drain pipe
- Sealed sump basket





ENVELOPE | Foundation Thermal Control

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 - R-15

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ENVELOPE | Foundation Moisture Control

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ENVELOPE | Above Grade Walls

OptiMN Wall

- Hybrid Wall Insulation
 - R-32
 - 50/50 ratio
- Rim Joist
 - R-32
- Zip Panel & Tape
 - Moisture control
 - Air barrier





ENVELOPE | Detail B Flashing



1 1/8" TJ composite rim board

7/16" Huber ZIP sheathing system

HardiePlank lap siding

Cor-a-Vent siding vent & insect screen

Metal flashing to ZIP w/ flashing tape

Foundation water proofing

3/4" Groundbreaker protection board (extends 12" below grade)

DETAIL B: Flashing Detail | Scale 3" = 1'-0"



ENVELOPE | Winter Hygrothermal Performance

Modified Glaser Method for January: Confirms Limited Condensation Potential

| | January V | Vall | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|-----------|---------|---------|------------------|--------|------------------------|----------------------|-------|----------|--------------|
| Layer | | R Value | M(Perm) | R _{v,i} | T (°F) | P _{sat} (psi) | P _w (PSI) | RH% | Delta T | Delta P Drop |
| | Indoor | | | | 68.0 | 0.33927 | 0.10178 | 30.00 | | |
| Interior Air Film | | 0.68 | 160 | 0.0063 | | | | | 1.09925 | 0.00028 |
| | | | | | 66.9 | 0.32777 | 0.10150 | 30.97 | | |
| Gypsum | | 0.45 | 35.2 | 0.0284 | | | | | 0.72744 | 0.00127 |
| | | | | | 66.2 | 0.31662 | 0.10024 | 31.66 | | |
| R-13 Fiberglass | | 13 | 33.71 | 0.0297 | | | | | 21.01504 | 0.00132 |
| | | | | | 45.2 | 0.14755 | 0.09891 | 67.04 | | |
| Zip Panel | | 0.62 | 18.67 | 0.0536 | | | | | 1.00226 | 0.00239 |
| | | | | | 44.2 | 0.14205 | 0.09652 | 67.95 | | |
| 3" XPS | | 15 | 0.8 | 1.2500 | | | | | 24.24812 | 0.05574 |
| | | | | | 19.9 | 0.05049 | 0.04078 | 80.79 | | |
| Air Space | | 1 | 240 | 0.0042 | | | | | 1.61654 | 0.00019 |
| | | | | | 18.3 | 0.04584 | 0.04060 | 88.57 | | |
| Hardie Board | | 1 | 4.27 | 0.2342 | | | | | 1.61654 | 0.01044 |
| | | | | | 16.7 | 0.04213 | 0.03016 | 71.57 | | |
| Exterior Air Film | | 0.17 | 1000 | 0.0010 | | | | | 0.27481 | 0.00004 |
| | Exterior | | | | 16.4 | 0.04241 | 0.03011 | 71.00 | | |



INTRO | GOALS | ENVELOPE | SYSTEMS | IAQ | ENERGY | CONSTRUCTABILITY | FINANCIAL | CONCLUSION

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ENVELOPE | Summer Hygrothermal Performance

Modified Glaser Method for July: Confirms Limited Condensation Potential

| | July Wall | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|-----------|---------|---------|------------------|--------|------------------------|----------------------|-------|---------|--------------|
| Layer | | R Value | M(Perm) | R _{v,i} | T (°F) | P _{sat} (psi) | P _w (PSI) | RH% | Delta T | Delta P Drop |
| | Indoor | | | | 75.0 | 0.43015 | 0.21508 | 50.00 | | |
| Interior Air Film | | 0.68 | 160 | 0.0063 | | | | | 0.03409 | -0.00021 |
| | | | | | 75.0 | 0.43015 | 0.21528 | 50.05 | | |
| Gypsum | | 0.45 | 35.2 | 0.0284 | | | | | 0.02256 | -0.00095 |
| | | | | | 74.9 | 0.42873 | 0.21623 | 50.44 | | |
| R-13 Fiberglass | | 13 | 33.71 | 0.0297 | | | | | 0.65163 | -0.00099 |
| | | | | | 74.3 | 0.42024 | 0.21723 | 51.69 | | |
| Zip Panel | | 0.62 | 18.67 | 0.0536 | | | | | 0.03108 | -0.00179 |
| | | | | | 74.3 | 0.42024 | 0.21902 | 52.12 | | |
| 3" XPS | | 15 | 0.8 | 1.2500 | | | | | 0.75188 | -0.04181 |
| | | | | | 73.5 | 0.40895 | 0.26083 | 63.78 | | |
| Air Space | | 1 | 240 | 0.0042 | | | | | 0.05013 | -0.00014 |
| | | | | | 73.5 | 0.40895 | 0.26096 | 63.81 | | |
| Hardie Board | | 1 | 4.27 | 0.2342 | | _ | | | 0.05013 | -0.00783 |
| | | | | | 73.4 | 0.40734 | 0.26880 | 65.99 | | |
| Exterior Air Film | | 0.17 | 1000 | 0.0010 | | | | | 0.00852 | -0.00003 |
| | Exterior | | | | 73.4 | 0.40732 | 0.26883 | 66.00 | | |



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ENVELOPE | WUFI Analysis

Location: Minneapolis, MN; cold year;

WUFI





ENVELOPE | Windows

Window Details Matter

- Selected an affordable, highperformance, double-pane, low-e window (SilverLine)
 - U = 0.27
 - SHGC = 0.20
- Installation details are critical
 - Pan flashing before installation
 - Integration to ZIP sheathing air and water control system



Drainage Plain



ENVELOPE | Roof

OptiMN Roof

- Truss Roof System
 - South = shed scissor truss
 - North = shed (or half) truss
- Hybrid Insulation
 - R-53
 - 60/40 ratio
- Material Selection
 - Integrity of water and air management system





ENVELOPE | Detail C



DETAIL C: Overhang Over Clerestory | Scale 1 1/2" = 1'-0"



ENVELOPE | Detail A



DETAIL A: North Overhang | Scale 1 1/2" = 1'-0"



ENVELOPE | Detail D



DETAIL D: Clerestory Roof Connection | Scale 3" = 1'-0"

SYSTEMS | Goals

- Comprehensive and integrated approach for indoor air management
- Space conditioning (heating, cooling, dehumidification, filtration, fresh air distribution) system that can provide:
 - high efficiency
 - Iow cost
 - exceptional comfort
 - healthy air
 - simple operation & maintenance
- Developed with Building America research and resources as a guide







| | REMRate | Manual J |
|------------------------|---------|----------|
| Heating Load [Kbtu/hr] | 20.2 | 22.8 |
| Cooling Load [KBtu/hr] | 10.3 | 14.5 |

Exceptional Annual Energy Cost (before PV)

- Heating = \$282
- Cooling = \$38
- Water Heating = \$97

SYSTEMS | Manual J Summary Report

| | MANUAL J8 _{AE} • SUMMARY REPORT | | | | | | | |
|------------------|--|-----------|----------------|------------------------|---------|----------|--|--|
| | | | | | | - | | |
| Project | | | Mfg. Equipme | nt Sensible Heat Ratio | 0.75 | ACCA | | |
| ··· , ··· | | | Manual Overide | Entry for Design CFM | 500 | Manual D | | |
| | Room Name | HEAT LOSS | HTG CFM | HEAT GAIN | CLG CFM | CFM | | |
| | ML Mud room | 1250 | 31 | 802 | 37 | 37 | | |
| | ML Bathroom | 431 | 11 | 155 | 7 | 11 | | |
| | ML Kitchen | 1218 | 30 | 768 | 35 | 35 | | |
| | ML Dining | 946 | 23 | 371 | 17 | 23 | | |
| N | IL Family Room | 2067 | 51 | 1525 | 70 | 70 | | |
| MLE | Intrance & Stairwell | 2339 | 58 | 1470 | 68 | 68 | | |
| | UL Bathroom | 996 | 25 | 516 | 24 | 25 | | |
| UL M | Bedroom & Hallway | 3095 | 77 | 2255 | 104 | 104 | | |
| | UL Bed #2 | 845 | 21 | 648 | 30 | 30 | | |
| | UL Bed #3 | 1619 | 40 | 1367 | 63 | 63 | | |
| | LL Bath | 808 | 20 | 60 | 3 | 20 | | |
| | LL Mechanical | 367 | 9 | 151 | 7 | 9 | | |
| LL | . Lounge & Stairs | 2283 | 56 | 259 | 12 | 56 | | |
| LL | Fut. Bedroom #4 | 829 | 21 | 259 | 12 | 21 | | |
| LL | . Fut. Bedroom #5 | 1122 | 28 | 259 | 12 | 28 | | |
| Roo | m Envelope Totals | 20214 | 500 | 10864 | 500 | | | |



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SYSTEMS | Manual J Summary Report

| Total Area | Construction Components | HEAT LO | OSS | HEAT G | AIN |
|------------|--------------------------------|---------|---------|--------|---------|
| 309 | Windows & Glass Doors | 6749 | 29.62% | 6963 | 53.29% |
| | Skylights | | | | |
| 40 | Wood & Metal Doors | 556 | 2.44% | 179 | 1.37% |
| 2169 | Above Grade Walls | 5402 | 23.71% | 700 | 5.36% |
| | Partition Walls | | | | |
| 918 | Below Grade Walls | 3382 | 14.84% | | |
| 721 | Ceilings | 1046 | 4.59% | 775 | 5.93% |
| | Partition Ceilings | | | | |
| | Passive Floors | | | | |
| | Exposed Floors | | | | |
| | Slab Floors | | | | |
| 850 | Basement Floors | 1033 | 4.53% | | |
| | Partition Floors | | | | |
| | Infiltration | 2302 | 10.10% | 202 | 1.54% |
| | Internal Gains | | | 2120 | 16.23% |
| | Duct Loss & Gain | 140 | 0.62% | 71 | 0.55% |
| | Ventilation | 2177 | 9.55% | 349 | 2.67% |
| | Blower Heat Gain | | | 1707 | 13.06% |
| | Total Sensible | 22788 | 100.00% | 13065 | 100.00% |
| | Total Latent | | | 1439 | |
| | Total Cooling Load | | | 14504 | |



SYSTEMS | Combination Space & Water Heating



Polaris Condensing Water Heater & Unico M2430 2 Ton Hot Water Coil

- 95% CAE
- 120°F Operating Temp.
- Flow Rate: 4 GPM





Green Series M2430 Compact Air Handler

ECM blower



I-Series IS24G065 Outdoor Inverter Heat Pump (IS24G065)

SEER 14+





SYSTEMS | Distribution Fully-Ducted Supply System



SYSTEMS | Supply Duct Data

Design Airflow: 500 CFM

| Supply Duct Number | Length from Plenum (ft) | Airflow Capacity (cfm) | Room or Zone |
|--------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| | | @1.5 in. wc | • |
| 1 | 22 | 29 | LL Lounge |
| 2 | 16 | 33 | LL stairs |
| 3 | 11 | 38 | LL Bedroom 1 |
| 4 | 21 | 30 | LL Bedroom 2 |
| 5 | 16 | 33 | LL Bathroom |
| 6 | 13 | 35 | LL Mechanical |
| 7 | 17 | 33 | Front Entrance & stairs |
| 8 | 10 | 38 | Front Entrance & Stairs |
| 9 | 20 | 30 | Living Room |
| 10 | 19 | 31 | Living Room |
| 11 | 16 | 33 | Kitchen |
| 12 | 24 | 28 | Mud Room |
| 13 | 18 | 32 | ML Bathroom |
| 14 | 30 | 25 | Master Bedroom |
| 15 | 28 | 26 | Master Bedroom |
| 16 | 15 | 34 | Hallway |
| 17 | 18 | 32 | Hallway |
| 18 | 18 | 32 | UL Bedroom 1 |
| 19 | 25 | 27 | UL Bedroom 2 |
| 20 | 13 | 35 | UL Bathroom |
| 21 | 4 | 44 | UL Bathroom |



SYSTEMS | Distribution Central Return System

Compact, simplified central return system to reduce ductwork and cost

- A centrally-located, dedicated return grille on each floor
- An additional high return grille in the second floor clerestory
- All spaces with doors have transfer grilles



Figure 16. High/low through-the-wall transfer grille



SYSTEMS | Lower Level Mechanical Plan





SYSTEMS | First Floor Mechanical Plan



SYSTEMS | Second Floor Mechanical Plan



SYSTEMS | Domestic Hot Water

Hot Water Goals

- Minimize cold water wasted waiting for hot water to arrive
- Limit hot water that remains unused in the pipes
- Comply with EPA WaterSense specifications
- High-efficiency, sealed combustion, condensing water heater



Polaris High-Efficiency Water Heater

- 96% thermal efficiency
- 100,000 Btu/hour input
- 34 gallon capacity
- 1% standby losses



SYSTEMS | Demand Recirculation Pump & Loop



SYSTEMS | Hot Water Delivery System Calculations

| | Hot Water Delivery System Calculations Demand-Initiated Recirculation System Using CVPC SCH 40 Tubing | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--|----------|---------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|--|-----------------|-----------|-------------|------------|------------------|
| | | Den | nand-Initia | ted Recirc | culation Sys | tem Using CV | PC SCH 40 Tubin | g | | | |
| | | Pipe | Water | Pipe | Water | | | Pipe | Water | Pipe | Water |
| | | Diameter | Capacity | Length | Volume | | | Diameter | Capacity | Length | Volume |
| Fixture | Pipe Segment | [in] | [oz/ft] | [ft] | [gal] | Fixture | Pipe Segment | [in] | [oz/ft] | [ft] | [gal] |
| basement | Drop from Loop | 1/2 | 1.89 | 6.5 | 0.096 | 2nd Floor | Drop from Loop | 1/2 | 1.89 | 12.5 | 0.185 |
| bathroom | 1 | 1/2 | 1.89 | 1.5 | 0.022 | Bath Sink 1 | 7 | 1/2 | 1.89 | 1.5 | 0.022 |
| | | Total Ho | t Water Vo | lume [gal] | 0.118 | | | Total Hot | Water Vol | ume [gal] | 0.207 |
| | - | Hot V | Vater Wait | Time [sec] | 4.7 | | _ | Hot W | ater Wait 1 | īme [sec] | 8.3 |
| | Drop from Loop | 1/2 | 1.89 | | 0.089 | 2nd Floor | Drop from Loop | 1/2 | 1.89 | 12.5 | 0.185 |
| bathtub | 2 | 1/2 | 1.89 | | 0.022 | Bath Sink 2 | 8 | 1/2 | 1.89 | 1.5 | 0.022 |
| Total Hot Water Volume [gal] | | | | 0.111 | Total Hot Water Volume [gal] | | | | | 0.207 | |
| | - | | Vater Wait | | 3.0 | | T | | ater Wait T | īme [sec] | <mark>8.3</mark> |
| 1st Floor half | Drop from Loop | 1/2 | 1.89 | | 0.052 | 2nd Floor | Drop from Loop | 1/2 | 1.89 | 12.5 | 0.185 |
| | 3 | 1/2 | 1.89 | | 0.022 | Clothes | 9 | · · · | 1.89 | 1 | 0.015 |
| | | | t Water Vo | | 0.074 | Washer | 10 | , | 1.89 | 1.5 | 0.022 |
| | | | Vater Wait | | 3.0 | | | Total Hot | Water Vol | ume [gal] | 0.221 |
| 1st Floor | Drop from Loop | 1/2 | 1.89 | | 0.052 | 1. Assum | es a bathroom | sink fau | cet flow i | rate of 1. | .5 gpm: |
| kitchen sink | 4 | 1/2 | 1.89 | | 0.022 0.074 | the ma | aximum flow ra | te for W | aterSens | e labeleo | t |
| | | | t Water Vo | | 2.0 | bathro | om sink faucet | S | | | |
| 1st floor | Drop from Loop | 1/2 | Vater Wait ⁻ 1.89 | | 0.052 | 2. Assum | es a kitchen fa | cuet flov | v rate of 2 | 2.2 gpm: | the |
| dishwasher | 5 | 1/2 | 1.89 | | 0.032 | | num flow rate f | | | ••• | |
| Total Hot Water Volume [gal] | | | | 0.022 | sink fa | | | | | | |
| 2nd floor tub Drop from Loop 1/2 1.89 12.5 | | | | | 0.185 | | | ad flow | ato of 7 | 0 an. +1 | ha |
| and shower | 6 | 1/2 | 1.89 | 1.5 | 0.105 | | es a showerhe | | | ••• | le |
| | 0 | · · · | t Water Vo | | 0.022 | maximum flow rate for WaterSense labeled | | | | | |
| | | | Vater Wait | | 6.2 | showe | rheads. | | | | |



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SYSTEMS | Demand Recirculation Hot Water Distribution





INDOOR AIR QUALITY | Goals

3-Step Indoor Air Quality Strategy

- Avoid pollutant sources
 - combustion pollutants
 - radon reduction strategies
 - VOCs, lead, etc.
 - avoidance of garage contaminants
- Ensure point-source removal
- Provide fresh air distribution





- Active sub-slab depressurization system to mitigate soil gases
- Material selection following EPA's Indoor AirPLUS to minimize indoor emissions
- Use of hard surface flooring to mitigate particulate loading





INDOOR AIR QUALITY | Whole House & Fresh Air Filtration



| | Filtere | d Airb | orne C | ontaminan | ts | | |
|--------------|---------|--------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------|----|--|--|
| | POLLEN | PET DANDER | DUST/LINT | DUST MITE MOLD SPORES | | ODOR* | |
| | | Particle Size Removal | Arrestance | Dust-Spot Efficiency Percent | | Typical Applications | Most Common Air Filter Type |
| 9 | MERV 9 | - | > 90 % | 40 - 45% | | Better Residential | Bag Filters |
| | MERV 10 | - | > 95 % | 50 - 55% | | Better Commercial Buildings Hospital Laboratories | Pleated Filters Rigid Style Box Filters |
| J | MERV 11 | - | > 95 % | 60 - 65 % | | | |
| \mathbf{m} | MERV 12 | - | > 95 % | 70 - 75% | | | |



INDOOR AIR QUALITY | Ventilation Rates

| ASHRAE 62.2 2013 | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|--------|--------|--|--|--|--|
| # BR. 5 | | | | | | |
| Sq. Ft. | 2544 | 2544 | | | | |
| Total Required Ventilation | 121.32 | 106.32 | | | | |

| ASHRAE 62.2 2010 | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|-------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| # BR. | 5 | 3 | | | | |
| Sq. Ft. | 2544 | 2544 | | | | |
| Total Required Ventilation | 70.44 | 55.44 | | | | |

| MN Energy Code 2015 | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|--------|--------|--|--|--|--|
| # BR. 5 | | | | | | |
| Sq. Ft. | 2544 | 2544 | | | | |
| Total Required Ventilation | 140.88 | 110.88 | | | | |
| Total Cont. Required | 70.44 | 55.44 | | | | |

| MN Energy Code 2015 | 3 | BR | 5 BR | | |
|----------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|
| Win Energy Code 2015 | Cont. | Total | Cont. | Total | |
| * From Table @ 2000-2500 sq ft. | 55 | 100 | 70 | 140 | |
| * From Table @ 2500-30000 sq ft. | 60 | 120 | 75 | 150 | |



INDOOR AIR QUALITY | Balanced Source-Point Ventilation




INDOOR AIR QUALITY | Energy Recovery Ventilation

Venmar ERV Duo 2.0

- 70% SRE
- 60-120 CFM



Source Point CFM (continuous/high)

- 2nd Floor Bathroom = 10-20 cfm
- 2nd Floor Laundry = 10-20 cfm
- 1st Floor Half-Bath = 20-40 cfm
- 1st Floor Kitchen = 10-20 cfm
- Lower Level = 10-20 cfm



INDOOR AIR QUALITY | Dedicated Exhaust Fans

Dedicated Exhaust Fans

- Due to high use and pollutant potential a dedicated exhaust fan is being used in:
- Primary bath
 - Mitigate odors and humidity
- Kitchen range
 - Manage gases and particulates
 - Large area for improved capture efficiency





Panasonic FV-08VKM3

50 cfm intermittent



Ispira Venmar IU600ES

• 160 cfm intermittent



ENERGY PERFORMANCE | OptiMN Impact Home

- REM/Rate Model
 - Meets DOE ZERH
 - HERS Index = 32
 - ENERGY STAR Rating of 5 Star Plus
 - Estimated Annual Energy Cost = \$1,124



| Annual Load | | MMBtu/yr |
|----------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Heating | | 29.9 |
| Cooling | | 6.4 |
| Water Heating | | 10.8 |
| Annual Consu | mption | MMBtu/yr |
| Heating | | 32.0 |
| Cooling | | 1.5 |
| Water Heating | | 11.4 |
| Lights & Appliances | 5 | 19.0 |
| Photovoltaics | | -0.0 |
| Total | | 63.8 |
| Annual Energy | / Cost | \$/yr |
| Heating | | 282 |
| Cooling | | 38 |
| Water Heating | | 97 |
| Lights & Appliances | 5 | 500 |
| Photovoltaics | | -0 |
| Service Charges | | 204 |
| ^{Total} Design Loads | DΛ | 1121 kBtu/hr |
| Space Heating | | 20.2 |
| Space Cooling Utility Rates | | 10.3 |
| Electricity | Xcel Energy Elec | |
| Gas | Xcel Energy Gas | |



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ENERGY PERFORMANCE | OptiMN Impact Home with PV

REM/Rate Model

- Meets DOE ZERH
- HERS Index = 0
- ENERGY STAR Rating of 5 Star Plus
- Estimated Annual Energy Cost = \$124



| Annual Load | | MMBtu/yr |
|--------------------|------------------|----------|
| Heating | | 29.9 |
| Cooling | | 6.4 |
| Water Heating | | 10.8 |
| | | |
| Annual Consu | mption | MMBtu/yr |
| Heating | | 32.0 |
| Cooling | | 1.5 |
| Water Heating | | 11.4 |
| Lights & Appliance | S | 19.0 |
| Photovoltaics | | -37.8 |
| Total | | 26.0 |
| | | |
| Annual Energ | y Cost | \$/yr |
| Heating | | 282 |
| Cooling | | 38 |
| Water Heating | | 97 |
| Lights & Appliance | S | 500 |
| Photovoltaics | | -997 |
| Service Charges | | 204 |
| Total | | 124 |
| | | |
| Design Loads | | kBtu/hr |
| Space Heating | | 20.2 |
| Space Cooling | | 10.3 |
| | | |
| Utility Rates | | |
| Electricity | Xcel Energy Elec | |
| Gas | Xcel Energy Gas | |



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PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEM | Aerial View

Maximum southern exposure allows for optimal energy generation

Total Area = 735 SF

Inclination angle = 28.4°

Azimuth angle = 180°



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PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEM | Solar Array Analysis

- tenK is Minnesota made, allowing for a Made in Minnesota rebate for 10 years
- Model XT-A 410W system utilizes parallel architecture, a redundant inverter bus, and polycrystalline cells
- 20 410 watt panels
- Maximum power generation of 8.2 kW
- Cost before rebates = \$41,000
- Cost after federal tax credit = \$28,700
- Annual energy savings = 10,337 kWh
- At \$0.10/KWh, the PV system will save approximately \$1,034 per year
- HERS Score with PV = 0







PHOTOVOLTAIC ARRAY | Costs & Payback

| Year | KWh Produced | MiM Rebate | Annual PV savings | Total Annual Savings | Annual Payback (\$) |
|------|-----------------|---------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 0 | 11,086 | \$2,772 | \$1,033 | \$3 <i>,</i> 805 | 24896 |
| 1 | 11,086 | \$2,590 | \$1,138 | \$3,728 | 21168 |
| 2 | 11,086 | \$2,421 | \$1,140 | \$3,560 | 17607 |
| 3 | 11,086 | \$2,262 | \$1,142 | \$3,404 | 14203 |
| 4 | 11,086 | \$2,114 | \$1,144 | \$3,258 | 10945 |
| 5 | 11,086 | \$1,976 | \$1,145 | \$3,121 | 7824 |
| 6 | 11,086 | \$1,847 | \$1,147 | \$2,994 | 4830 |
| 7 | 11,086 | \$1,726 | \$1,149 | \$2,875 | 1955 |
| 8 | 11,086 | \$1,613 | \$1,150 | \$2,763 | -808 |
| 9 | 11,086 | \$1,508 | \$1,151 | \$2,659 | -3466 |
| 10 | 11,086 | \$1,409 | \$1,153 | \$2,562 | -6028 |

- kWh production was given by NREL calculator using local weather data and assumed to be constant
- PV information can be found in energy analysis
- Made in Minnesota (MIN) rebate is given for 10 years & awarded for using local MN solar panels
- Payback is in year 8



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LIGHTING | Annual Electricity Cost Comparison

| LED Lights | | | | | | Incandesc | ent Lights |
|-----------------|-------|----------|------------------|----------------|----------------|------------|----------------|
| FIXTURE | Units | LED Watt | Hours/Day | Total Watt/Day | Total kWh/year | Watts/Unit | Total kWh/year |
| Track Lighting | 1 | 16 | 8 | 128 | 46.72 | 65 | 189.8 |
| Island Lighting | 1 | 60 | 8 | 480 | 175.2 | 65 | 189.8 |
| Ceiling Lights | | | | | | | |
| (Bed 1) | 1 | 16.92 | 3 | 50.76 | 18.5274 | 65 | 71.2 |
| (Bed2) | 1 | 16.92 | 5 | 84.6 | 30.879 | 65 | 118.6 |
| (Bed3) | 1 | 16.92 | 3 | 50.76 | 18.5274 | 65 | 71.2 |
| (Closets) | 4 | 16.92 | 2 | 135.36 | 49.4064 | 65 | 189.8 |
| (Foyer) | 2 | 16.92 | 5 | 169.2 | 61.758 | 65 | 237.3 |
| (Hall) | 1 | 16.92 | 5 | 84.6 | 30.879 | 65 | 118.6 |
| (Bath) | 3 | 16.92 | 4 | 203.04 | 74.1096 | 65 | 284.7 |
| (Living/Dining) | 2 | 16.92 | 8 | 270.72 | 98.8128 | 65 | 379.6 |
| Sconce Fixture | 2 | 13 | 12 | 312 | 113.88 | 65 | 569.4 |
| Vanity Fixtures | 3 | 13 | 4 | 156 | 56.94 | 65 | 284.7 |
| Wall-Mounts | 2 | 11.6 | 12 | 278.4 | 101.616 | 100 | 876.0 |
| | | | | Total | 877.2556 | | 3580.65 |
| | | | | Cost (\$/kWh) | \$0.10 | | \$0.10 |
| | | | | Total (\$/yr) | \$87.73 | | \$358.07 |
| | | 1 | Fotal Sav | vings (\$/yr) | | \$270.34 | l i |



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APPLIANCE CHOICE | Balancing Cost & Performance







Ventless washer-dryer combo for ZERO impact on house pressure during operation

Efficient fan motors for air handler, ERV, bath fan, and range hood

ENERGY STAR rated appliances and fans



CONSTRUCTABILITY | Familiar Systems & Materials





Approachable and Appropriate Construction Materials and Methods

- Simplified shape in 4' modules
- Use of traditional framing techniques
- Use of prefabricated roof trusses
- Use of readily accessible building materials
- Simplified duct and hot water systems
- A "Construction Quality Management Plan" for unique and sequence sensitive details



| | Annual | Monthly |
|--|------------------|------------|
| Medium Family Income (MFI) | \$63,900 | \$5, 325 |
| Home Ownership Affordability | \$24,282 | \$1,650.75 |
| Utility Costs | \$1, 121 | \$93 |
| Property Tax | \$1, 917 | \$108 |
| Insurance | \$780 | \$92 |
| Mortgage Insurance | \$1 <i>,</i> 598 | \$133.13 |
| Down Payment | \$62,369 | |
| Monthly Household Debt | \$320 | \$26.63 |
| Amount Available for Mortgage Payment | \$18,547 | \$1,546 |

Monthly Payment of Opti-MN House What can the Homeowner Afford?

- Using a median family income (MFI) of \$63,900 for a family of four, which is 80% of Hennepin County's MFI of \$82,300
- Utility costs found by REM/Rate estimates
- Down Payment is paid in year 1, and is calculated to be 20% of home's value

82% of what the family of four can afford



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\$1,264

| | Annual | Monthly |
|--|----------|------------|
| Medium Family Income (MFI) | \$63,900 | \$5,325 |
| Home Ownership Affordability | \$24,282 | \$1,650.75 |
| Utility Costs | \$1, 121 | \$93 |
| Property Tax | \$1, 296 | \$108 |
| Insurance | \$780 | \$92 |
| Mortgage Insurance | \$1,600 | \$90 |
| Down Payment | \$7,600 | |
| Monthly Household Debt | \$320 | \$26.63 |
| Amount Available for Mortgage Payment | \$14,894 | \$1,241.13 |

Monthly Payment of Opti-MN House with Special Financing

What can the Homeowner Afford?

- Using the maximum median family income of \$63,900
 Minnesota Housing Finance
 Agency as the cap for "Low income" category of mortgage
 products for first-time
 homebuyers
- Utility costs found by REM/Rate estimates
- Down Payment is 5% of mortgage amount

Well within reach of the future homeowner

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\$731.65

Hard Cost Preliminary Cost Estimate

\$226,800 or \$133 per ft²

\$318,900 TOTAL project cost after adding the competition 40.6% for soft costs





| Preliminary Budget | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|---------|--|--|
| Line Item | Base Model Cost | Opti-MN House Cost | Cost/SF | | |
| Site Preparation | | | | | |
| Lot Cost | \$5,000.00 | \$5,000.00 | \$2.22 | | |
| Utility Connections | \$7,800.00 | \$8,827.05 | \$3.47 | | |
| Concrete | \$20,500.00 | \$23,199.29 | \$9.12 | | |
| Misc. Prep Costs | \$13,500.00 | \$15,277.58 | \$6.01 | | |
| Subtotal Prep Costs | \$46,800.00 | \$52,303.91 | | | |
| | | | | | |
| General Construction | | | \$0.00 | | |
| Framing | \$27,501.00 | \$21,098.09 | \$12.23 | | |
| Windows and Doors | \$8,694.80 | \$10,294.80 | \$3.87 | | |
| Insulation | \$12,604.00 | \$12,418.59 | \$5.61 | | |
| Drywall | \$2,784.45 | \$2,160.72 | \$1.24 | | |
| Misc. General Construction Costs | \$2,278.15 | \$2,831.87 | \$1.01 | | |
| Subtotal General Construction | \$53,862.40 | \$48,804.07 | | | |

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| Preliminary Budget | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|---------|--|--|
| Line Item | Base Model Cost | Opti-MN House Cost | Cost/SF | | |
| Interior Finishing | | | | | |
| Finish Carpentry | \$14,098.25 | \$10,636.40 | \$6.27 | | |
| Tile Work | \$1,430 | \$1,078.86 | \$0.64 | | |
| Flooring | \$10,345 | \$7,804.77 | \$4.60 | | |
| Painting | \$3,000 | \$2,263.35 | \$1.33 | | |
| Misc. Interior Painting Costs | \$1,500 | \$1,131.67 | \$0.67 | | |
| Punch List | \$2,000 | \$1,508.90 | \$0.89 | | |
| Subtotal Interior Finishes | \$32,373.25 | \$24,423.95 | | | |
| Exterior Finishes | | | | | |
| Exterior Cladding | \$6,455 | \$7,304.95 | \$2.87 | | |
| Porches | \$3,300 | \$3,3734.52 | \$1.47 | | |
| Landscaping Improvements | \$1,500 | \$1,697.51 | \$0.67 | | |
| Misc. Exterior Finishing Costs | \$100 | \$113.17 | \$0.04 | | |
| Subtotal Exterior Finishes | \$11,355 | \$12,850.14 | | | |
| Garage Construction | \$12,885 | \$12,885 | | | |



| Preliminary Budget | | | | | |
|------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|---------|--|--|
| Line Item | Base Model Cost | Opti-MN House Cost | Cost/SF | | |
| Roofing | | | | | |
| Roofing | \$5,662.44 | \$11,815.77 | \$2.52 | | |
| Gutters | \$1,120 | \$844.98 | \$0.50 | | |
| Subtotal Roofing | \$6,782.44 | \$12,660.75 | | | |
| Electrical Systems | | | | | |
| Lighting Package | \$2,250 | \$2,946.26 | \$1.00 | | |
| Electrical Labor | \$7,395 | \$8,368.72 | \$3.29 | | |
| Subtotal Electrical Systems | \$9,645 | \$11,314.98 | | | |
| Plumbing Systems | | | | | |
| Plumbing Fixtures | \$2,000 | \$3,908.90 | \$0.89 | | |
| Plumbing Labor | \$13,000 | \$9,807.83 | \$5.78 | | |
| Misc. Plumbing Systems Costs | \$250 | \$188.61 | \$0.11 | | |
| Subtotal Plumbing Systems | \$15,250 | \$13,905.34 | | | |

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| Preliminary Budget | | | | |
|------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|---------|--|
| Line Item | Base Model Cost | Opti-MN House Cost | Cost/SF | |
| HVAC Systems | | | | |
| Heating and Cooling | \$14,000 | \$10,600 | \$6.23 | |
| Ventilation | \$1,100 | \$1,544.84 | \$0.49 | |
| Subtotal HVAC Systems | \$15,100 | \$12,144.84 | | |
| | | | | |
| Energy Conservation | | | | |
| Appliances | \$2,700 | \$2,595 | \$1.20 | |
| Subtotal Energy Conservation | \$2,700 | \$2,595 | | |
| | | | | |
| Other | | | | |
| General Requirements | \$8,830 | \$9,992.67 | \$3.93 | |
| Builder's Profit | \$2,849.72 | \$3,224.95 | \$1.27 | |
| Overhead | \$7,064 | \$7,994.14 | \$3.14 | |
| Warranty Accrual | \$1,500 | \$1,697.51 | \$0.67 | |
| Subtotal Other | \$20,243.72 | \$22,909.26 | | |
| | 1 | | | |
| GRAND TOTAL | \$226,996.81 | \$226,797.24 | | |
| 5% Contingency | | \$11,339.86 | | |



Department of Energy's CHALLENGE

to build a Zero Energy Ready Home

Urban Homeworks' MISSION

to produce equitable, dignified, communities

Green Homes North INITIATIVE

to revitalize North Minneapolis neighborhoods with affordable, sustainable, and quality homes

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is to design a home that makes an **IMPACT** by achieving all of the above

HERS score of 32 without PV **HERS score of 0** with PV

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An affordable house design that is larger, more flexible, and higher performance.



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Giving new life to a vacant lot with a highly efficient home design for the future



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We successfully met these goals by creating an affordable, highperformance home that truly benefits the owner, the community, and the environment



CONCLUSION | And One Last Thing...

"Urban Homeworks plans to propose the "Impact Home" in their next funding cycle for Green Homes North!"



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