

#### Saving Energy in Multifamily Buildings

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#### **Building Technologies Program**





**Building America: Introduction July 26, 2011** 

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#### Introduction to Building America





- Reduce energy use in new and existing residential buildings
- Promote building science and systems engineering / integration approach
- "Do no harm": Ensure safety, health and durability are maintained or improved
- Accelerate adoption of high performance technologies www.buildingamerica.gov

#### 15 Industry Research Teams





Alliance for Residential Building Innovation (ARBI)

Building

Corporation

DSC Science







NorthernSTAR Building America Partnership





**Building America Retrofit Alliance (BARA)** 



USA







Building Energy Efficient Homes for America (BeeHa)



Residential Retrofit



**Building Solutions** 

Habitat Cost Effective Energy Retrofit Program



#### Today's Speakers



Larry Brand is an R&D Manager at the Gas Technology Institute working in the area of building energy efficiency, product development, codes and standards, and technology deployment. He has 30 years of experience managing building systems research and product development programs for public and private companies, launching more than 20 products into the marketplace, Mr. Brand is currently the lead investigator for the Partnership for Advanced Residential Retrofit Building America team and principal investigator for the California Energy Commission Measured Home Performance project.



**Peter Ludwig** is the Energy Efficiency Programs Manager at CNT Energy. His primary focus is to manage the Energy Savers multifamily retrofit project. Peter has a BA in Geology and Earth Science from Wesleyan University and is a Certified Energy Manager.



#### Introduction to PARR

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#### **PARR Overview**



- > Midwest region, cold climate focus
  - Seven-state Midwest region with a Chicago "hub"
  - Systems and whole home solutions for cold climate
  - Targeting high potential building stock with opportunities for energy savings AND scalability



COLD CLIMATE

3.



# PARR Team Lead – Gas Technology Institute



- Not-for-profit research, with 65+ year history in Energy R&D
- > Facilities
  - 18 acre campus near Chicago
  - 200,000 ft²,28 specialized labs
- > Staff of 250
- > 1000 patents; 500 products
- > Research staff with 60 + years combined experience in building systems









Flex-Fuel Test Facility



**Energy & Environmental Technology Center** 



#### **PARR Team Members**





- > Community-based organization using EE to promote urban sustainability
- > Runs largest residential retrofit program in Chicago
- > Lead author of the Chicago Climate Action Plan
- > Piloting a residential real-time electricity pricing program



- Nonprofit EE agency operating in 13 Midwest states
- > Training and certification
  - HVAC performance
  - Building operators
- > Residential focus areas
  - Whole home programs
  - Lighting & appliances
  - Codes & standards
- > EE policy expertise



#### **PARR Team Members**

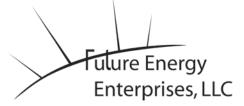






#### **Building Research Council**

- > University of Illinois researchers focusing on building energy, HVAC, moisture, safety and IAQ
- > Over 60 years combined experience in residential retrofit including research, evaluation, monitoring
- > Illinois weatherization trainers



- Consulting company advising on EE portfolio and program design, administration, implementation and evaluation
- Manages large-scale EE stakeholder process (US and abroad) to build support for and optimize EE portfolios



#### **PARR Partners**



- > Over 40 industry partners (at time of original bid, list continues to grow)
  - Manufacturers of building materials and equipment including:
    - > DuPont, Owens Corning, Carrier, Rinnai, AO Smith, Trane, Serious Materials
  - Developers, contractors, and realtors including:
    - > DNR Construction, Checkmate Development, DNR Const, Solar Services
  - Utilities, Agencies, and Programs including:
    - > ComEd, Columbia Gas of Ohio, PG&E, Vectren, CenterPoint, DTE Energy
  - EE program implementers
  - Government agencies including:
    - City of Chicago, City of Champaign, IL DCEO, Indiana Energy Office, Iowa Energy Center, Michigan Bureau of Energy Systems, CMAP
  - Neighborhood organizations and hybrid home owner associations
  - Universities and others



#### **Research Areas**



- > Task 6 Evaluation of Retrofit Delivery Practices
- > Task 7 Evaluation and Testing of Individual Retrofit Measures
- > Task 8 Evaluation of Whole House Retrofit Packages of Energy Efficiency Measures (Prototype Homes)
- > **Task 9** Evaluation of Community-Scale Implementation of Retrofit Energy Efficiency Packages
- > Task 11 Other Research Activities

#### **Energy Savers Program**

**Efficiency in Multifamily Buildings** 

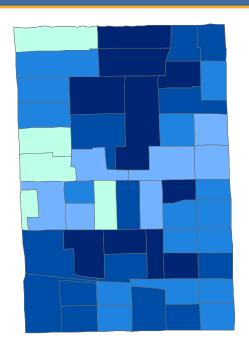


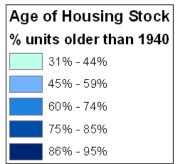
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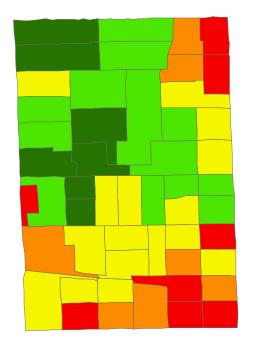
- "Think and do" tank for urban sustainability
- Focus on transportation, land use, energy, green infrastructure, community development and climate change
- Strategies that benefit the environment and economy

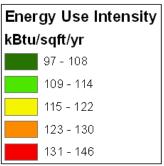


#### Data synthesis and analysis









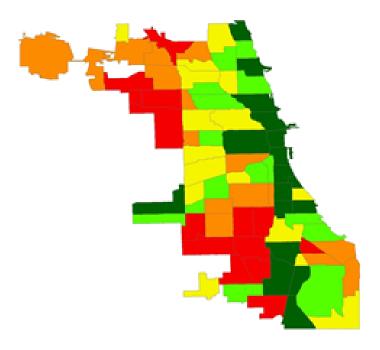


# **CNT Energy**

# Community focused innovation

- Smart grid and dynamic pricing
- Energy Planning
- Policy, research and analysis

City of Chicago Energy Usage Intensity





# Programs & projects

- Commercial and municipal buildings
   Regional Green Building Case Study Project
- Residential
  - MyHomeEQ for single family homeowners
  - Green MLS listings
  - Small 2-4 unit buildings
  - Multifamily



#### **Green and Healthy Buildings**



Collaborating on HUD research studies
MIGHHTY
WATTS to Well-Being





#### ECMs: exciting vs reliable







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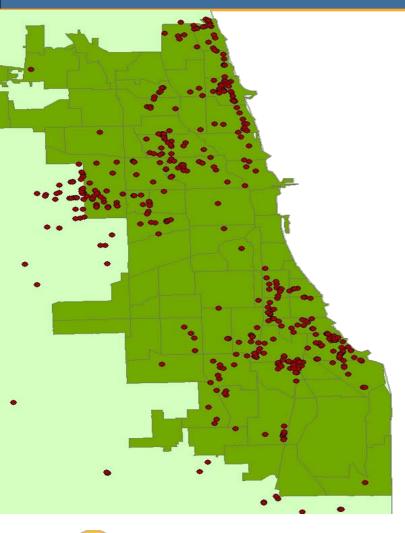
A one-stop energy efficiency shop for multifamily building owners



- Both the private and subsidized markets
- Combines technical services energy audits, construction management and financing low-interest revolving loan fund
- Post retrofit performance monitoring



# **Energy Savers-Results**



- 6,000 apartments updated for efficiency
- 30% average annual energy savings
- \$10,000 in annual utility bill savings for the typical 24-unit building
- Aggregate energy savings of \$3M and growing
- \$2.7M loan portfolio



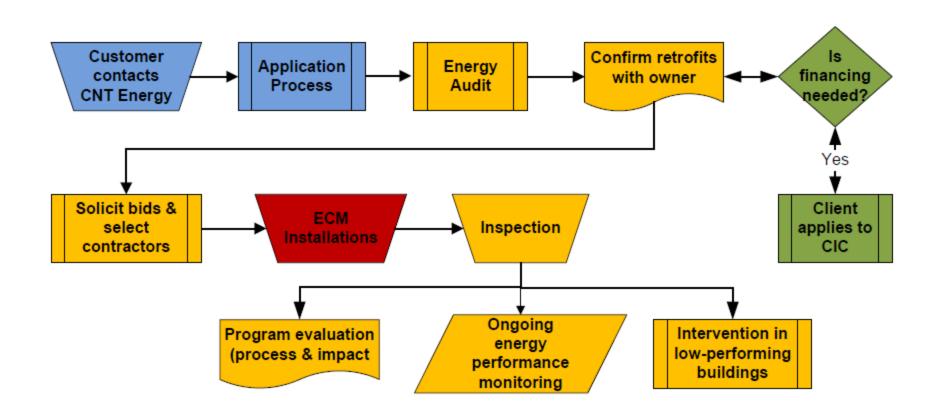
#### The Owner's Point of View





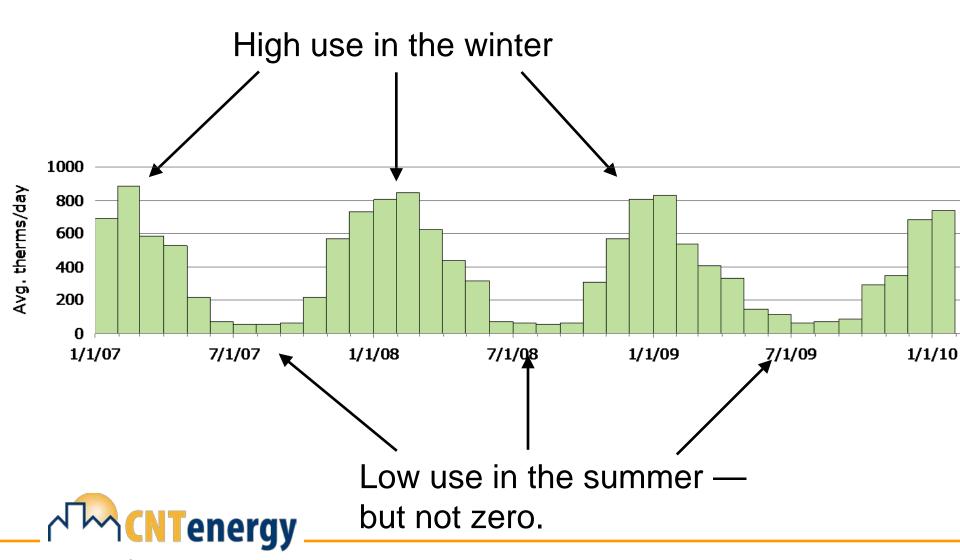
# How Energy Savers Works

# **Energy Savers Process**

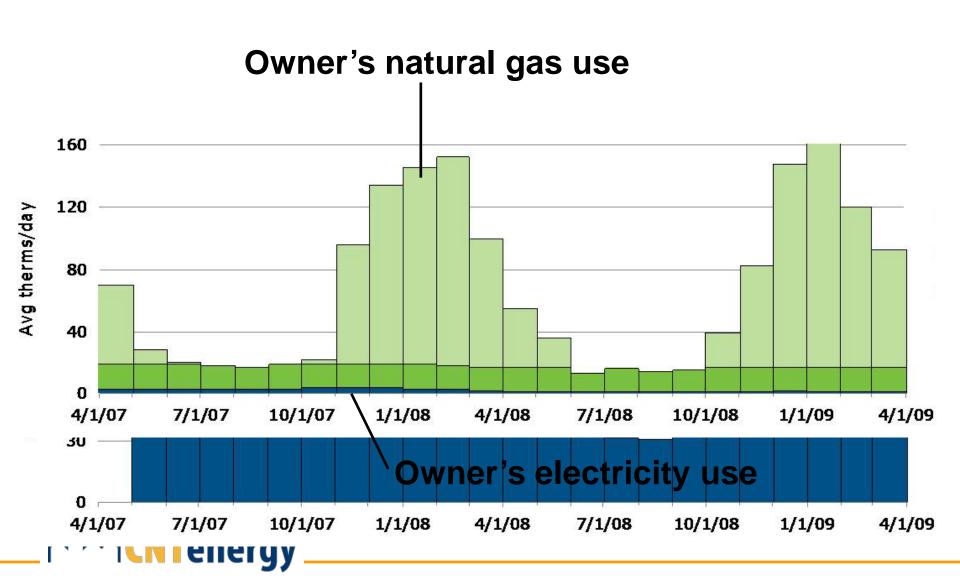




# Natural gas use



# What about electricity?



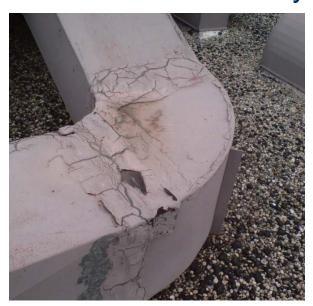
# **Energy Audit**

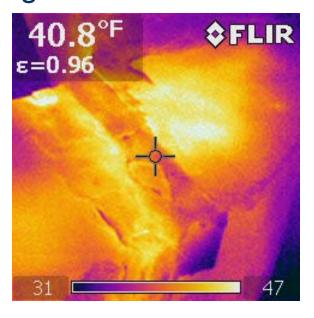
- Analyze fuel bills-patterns and Energy Use Intensity (EUI, energy usage/square footage)
- Interview occupants/operators
- Visual inspection
- Instrumented Analysis: infrared thermography, thermometer, blower door
- Modeling/common sense



# Infrared Thermography

Identifies surface temperature: applicable to assess existing insulation, pipes in chases, air leakage in tandem with blower door test, etc. Quantitative value limited for Multi-family buildings







# Timing mainline steam vents

Boiler turns on 8 minutes later 30 minutes later



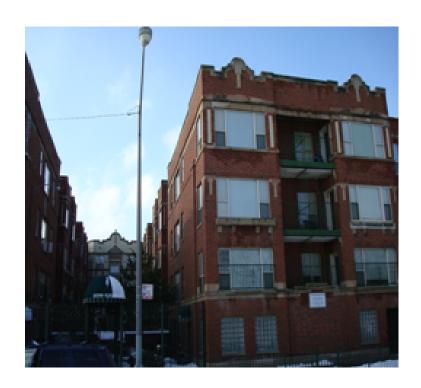




Auditor: Do you know how to ONTenergy Operate this? Super: Nope.

#### Final report with recommendations

Energy Audit 5158 S. King Boulevard, Chicago, IL



Pirepared for: Chicago Metropolitan Housing Development Corporation

Performed by: CNT Energy, a division of the Center for Neighborhood. Technology



# Sample Measure Package

	Cost	Annual savings	Simple payback
Building envelope			
Ceiling cavity insulation	\$7,049	\$1,531	4.6 years
Seal air leaks	\$400	\$70	5.7 years
Mechanical systems			
Replacement high-efficiency boiler	\$24,000	\$4,542	5.3 years
Boiler controls	\$4,500	\$901	5.0 years
Outdoor reset control	\$2,000	\$1,770	1.1 years
Repair condensate return lines	\$2,000	\$460	4.3 years
Replace radiator and line vents	\$1,270	\$755	1.7 years
Electrical/lighting			
Compact fluorescent lamps	\$152	\$55	2.8 years
Total for all measures	\$41,371	\$10,084	4.1 years



# Financial support

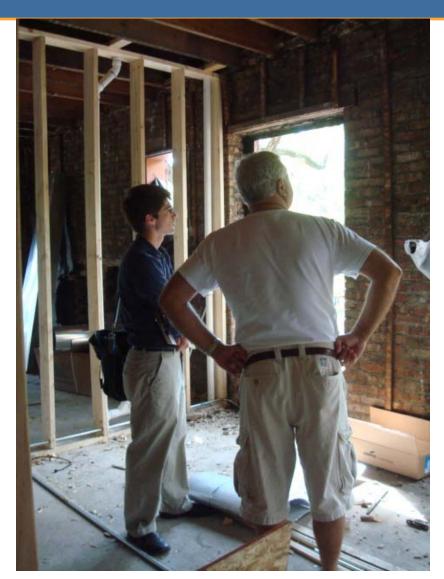


- Established a revolving loan fund
- Can combine with grant sources
- Can combine with rehab
- Can combine with acquisition
- Creates a more flexible program



# **Construction Management**

High quality installation makes a difference.





#### Owners like and trust the program

"I saved over \$30,000 on my operating costs with the Energy Savers Program. This is the best investment I've made in my buildings in 10 years" Don Wenzel, building owner.



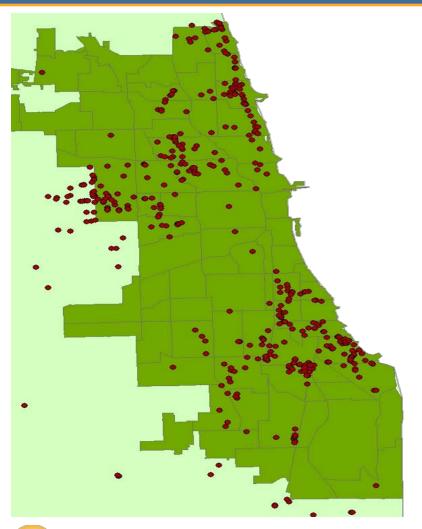


# **Energy Efficiency pays back**

- Portfolio of 5 buildings, 93 units
- Total loan Amount: \$117,000
- Scope of work includes: insulation, air sealing, balancing heating systems
- Monthly Loan Payment \$1,519.73
- Monthly Savings due to ECM \$2,129.5



# Questions



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