

# Green Energy Rater Training

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# Introduction

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- Welcome
- Introductions
- Review of Agenda

# Agenda

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- Module 1: Why Green Energy Raters Are Needed
- Module 2: Typical Steps in the Verification and Certification Processes
- Module 3: Green Energy Rater's Role in Durability
- Module 4: Green Energy Rater's Role with Accountability Forms
- Module 5: Performance Tests

## Agenda (cont.)

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- Module 6: Review of Non-Energy Calculations Req'd by Green Home Rater
- Module 7: Detailed Overview of Green Inspections
- Module 8: Documentation Requirements
- Module 9: Professionalism

# What is a Green Energy Rater?

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A HERS rater that has been trained to conduct inspections, testing and verification for a green home building program.

## Sample Programs:

- LEED for Homes
- EarthCraft House
- GreenPoint Rated
- Austin Energy
- Earth Advantage
- Build Green



# Why Green Building?

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## Buildings Use:

- 30-40% of total US energy
- 60-70% of electricity
- 35-40% of municipal solid waste
- 25-30% of wood & raw materials
- 25% of water



# Why Green Energy Raters?

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- Preliminary Rating
  - What is a green home?
  - What is the marketplace looking for?
  - Setting homebuyer expectations: features, benefits and costs





# What do Consumers Want?

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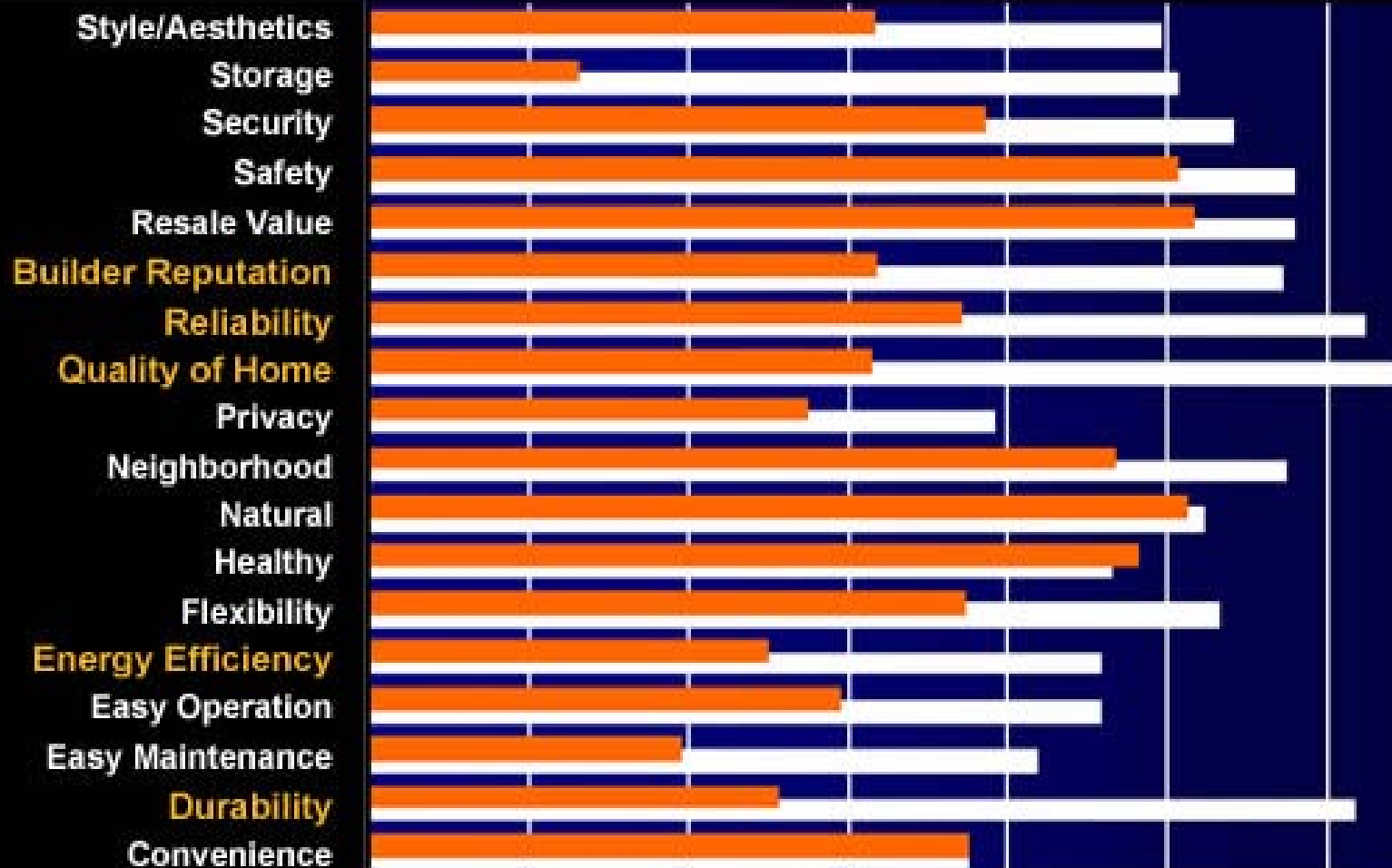
- 91% want energy efficiency
- 61% want ENERGY STAR ratings
- 80% say that current construction practices do not meet their interest in sustaining the environment
- 96% are willing to pay more for “green” features
  - 32% are willing to pay \$2,500 more
  - 36% are willing to pay \$5,000 more
- When asked to pick 3 out of 8 upgrades:
  - 94% picked energy efficient features
  - 59% picked improved indoor air quality features
  - 40% picked kitchen cabinet upgrades



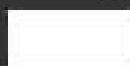
Survey published in November 2001 issue  
of *Professional Builder*  
[www.housingzone.com](http://www.housingzone.com)



# Home Owner's Priorities



What did they expect?



How satisfied were they?



# Why Green Energy Raters?

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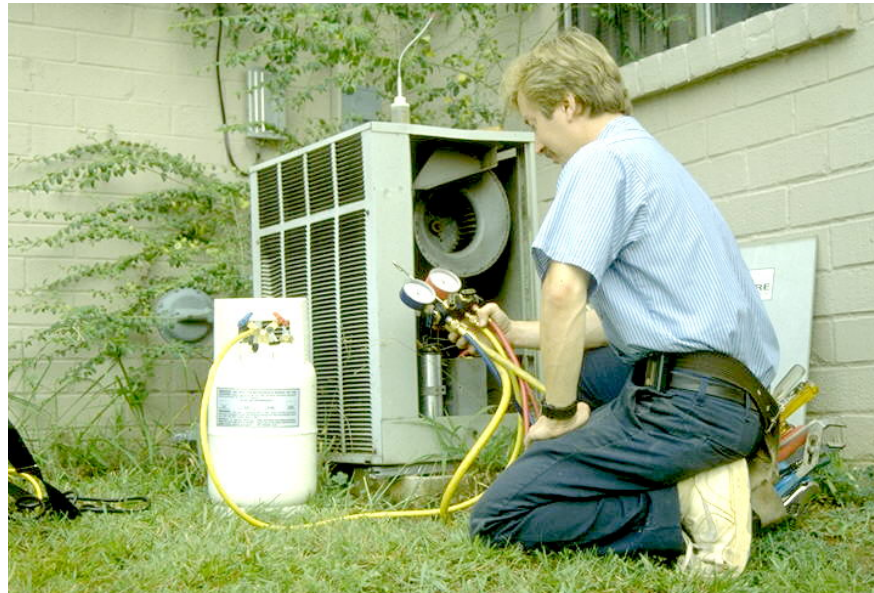
- Program Performance Tier Selection
  - Alignment of builder's current level of green building with a green home program
  - Identify additional cost effective measures



# Why Green Energy Raters?

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- Quality Assurance
  - Reduce/minimize call-backs
  - Enhance builder's credibility and reputation
  - Discourage “green washing”



# Why Green Energy Raters?

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- Consistent Message showing Value of Green Homes
  - Homebuyer benefits
  - Builder benefits





# Builder Benefits

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- Improved Customer Satisfaction
- Market Differentiation
- Reduced Callbacks
- Increased Value



# Home Buyer Benefits

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- Higher quality/durability
- 30-70% energy savings
- Environmentally Responsible
- Healthier Living
- Increased Value





# “BECAUSE HE MATTERS MOST”



*I chose an EarthCraft home because indoor air quality is important to the health of my son, Drew. He has allergy related asthma and since we've lived in our new Hedgewood home, he's really improved. If I can buy a new home and get both great design and a healthier environment for my family, then it's the right choice for us.*

**Pam Carrington**  
*Kingsboro Home Owner*

It Has To Be  
**HEDGEWOOD**

**COMMITTED TO OUR BUYERS AND TO OUR ENVIRONMENT**  
*Our EarthCraft homes are healthier for your family, save energy, require less maintenance, AND are environmentally responsible.*



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# Typical Steps in the Verification and Certification Processes

# Verification & Certification Process

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- Preliminary Ratings
  - Design Charettes
- Participation in Project Team Meetings
  - Communications
  - Consulting
- Site Visits for 3rd Party Visual Inspections
- Performance Tests for 3rd Party Inspections
- Documentation & Submittals

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# Green Energy Rater's Role in Durability

# Defining Durability

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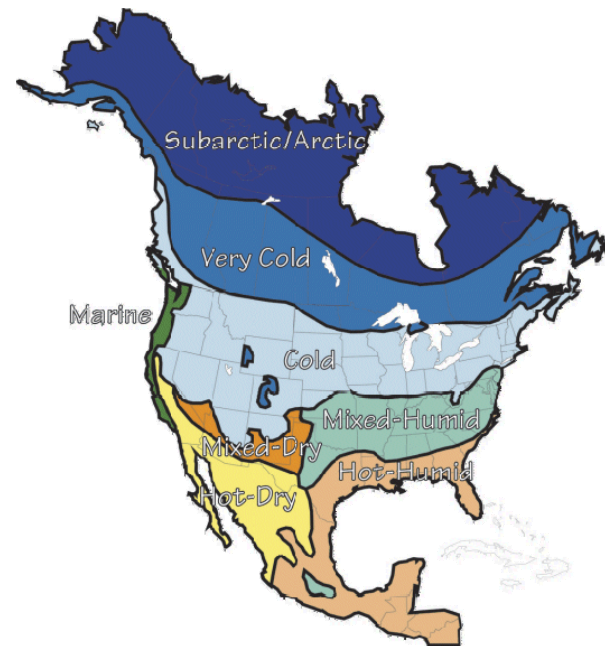
- Building a house for the lifetime it was intended to be used for
- Planning needs to be done at the front end
- Design in durability
- Selection of materials
- Installation of materials



# Basics to Know for Durability Planning

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- In addition to airsealing and insulation from HERS:
  - Climate
    - Liquid
    - Vapor
  - Moisture Flow in Buildings
  - Site
  - Materials



# Synergies

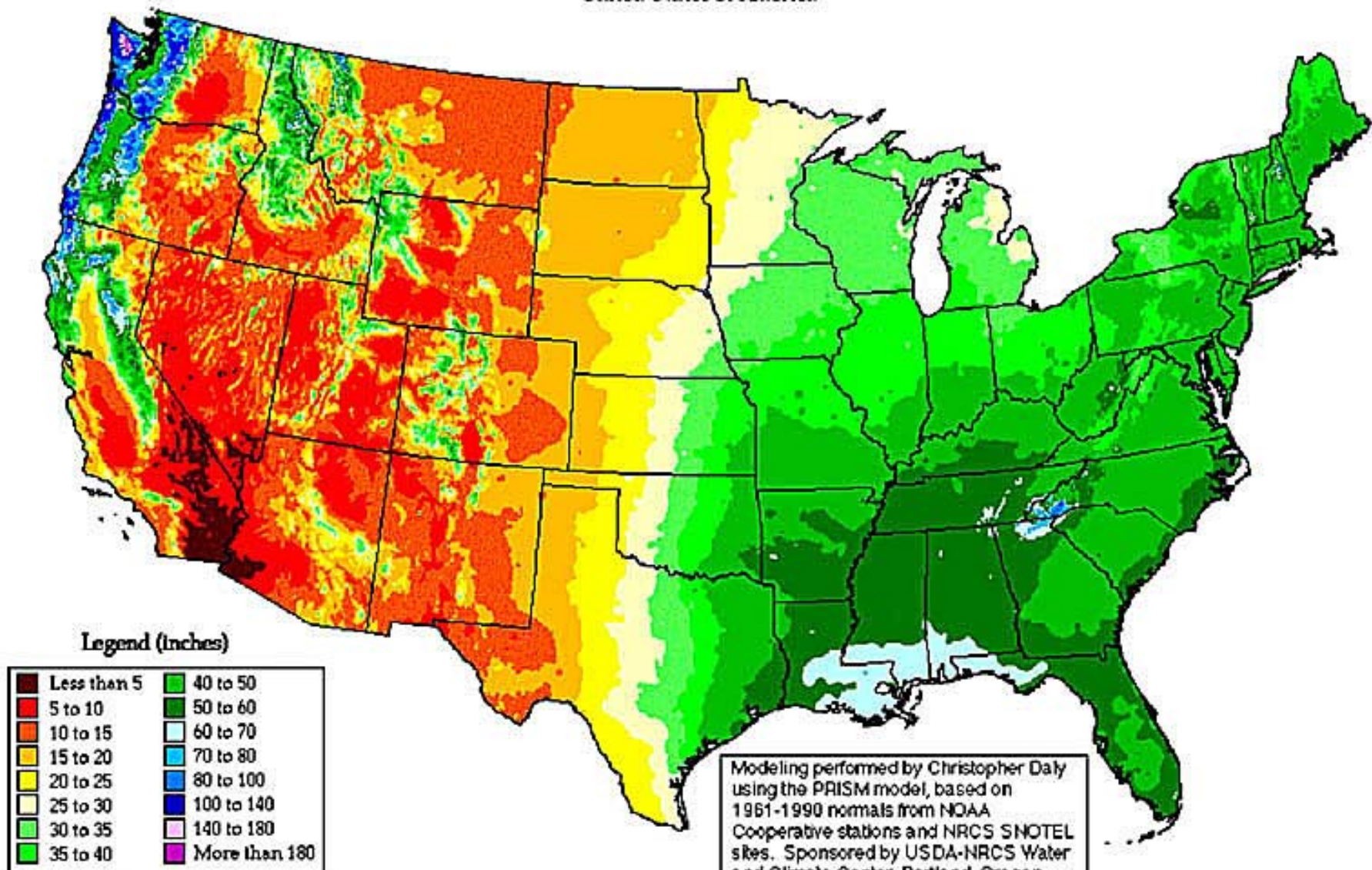
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- Durability relates to:
  - Energy efficiency
  - Water management
  - IPM
  - IAQ
  - Safety



# Annual Average Precipitation

United States of America



Period: 1961-1990

Modeling performed by Christopher Daly using the PRISM model, based on 1961-1990 normals from NOAA Cooperative stations and NRCS SNOTEL sites. Sponsored by USDA-NRCS Water and Climate Center, Portland, Oregon.

Oregon Climate Service  
George Taylor, State Climatologist  
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# Moisture Flow in Buildings

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Moisture flows in two forms: liquid and vapor

- **Bulk**

Liquid water (rain, drainage, plumbing leaks)

- **Capillarity**

Wicking through porous materials (concrete, fiberglass and cellulose insulation, wood)

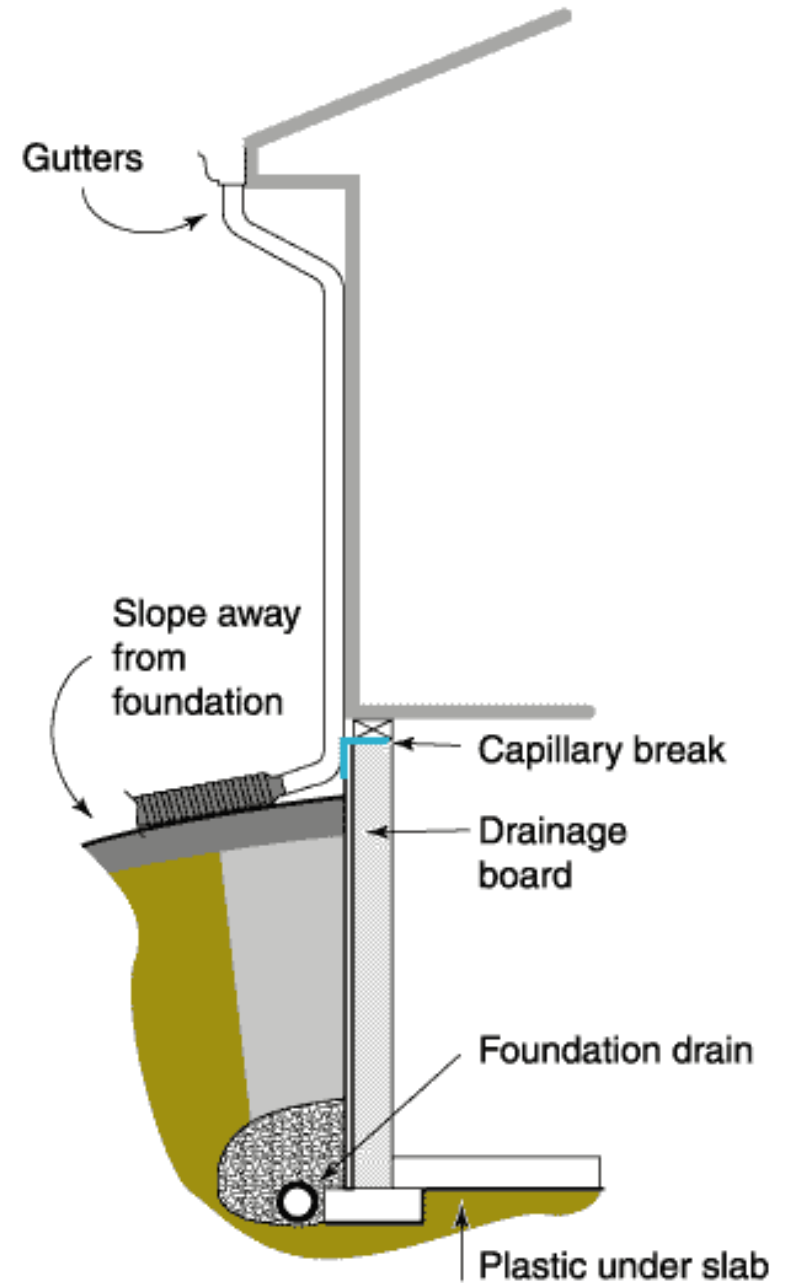
- **Diffusion**

Molecules of water moving through porous materials

- **Infiltration**

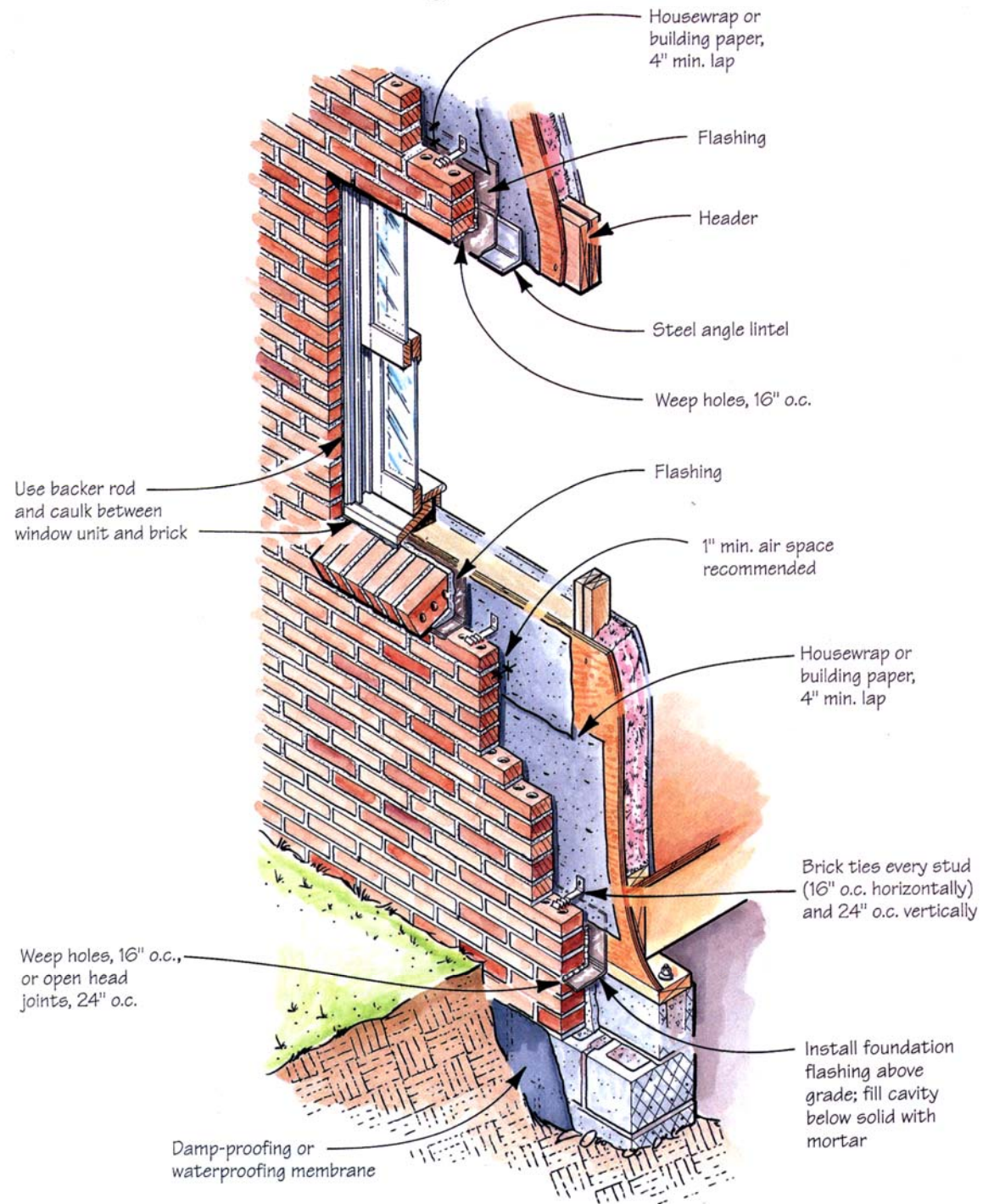
Moisture laden air brought into or out of the house

# Liquid Water Management



# Liquid Water Management

- Don't let any water in
- When water gets in, let it get out



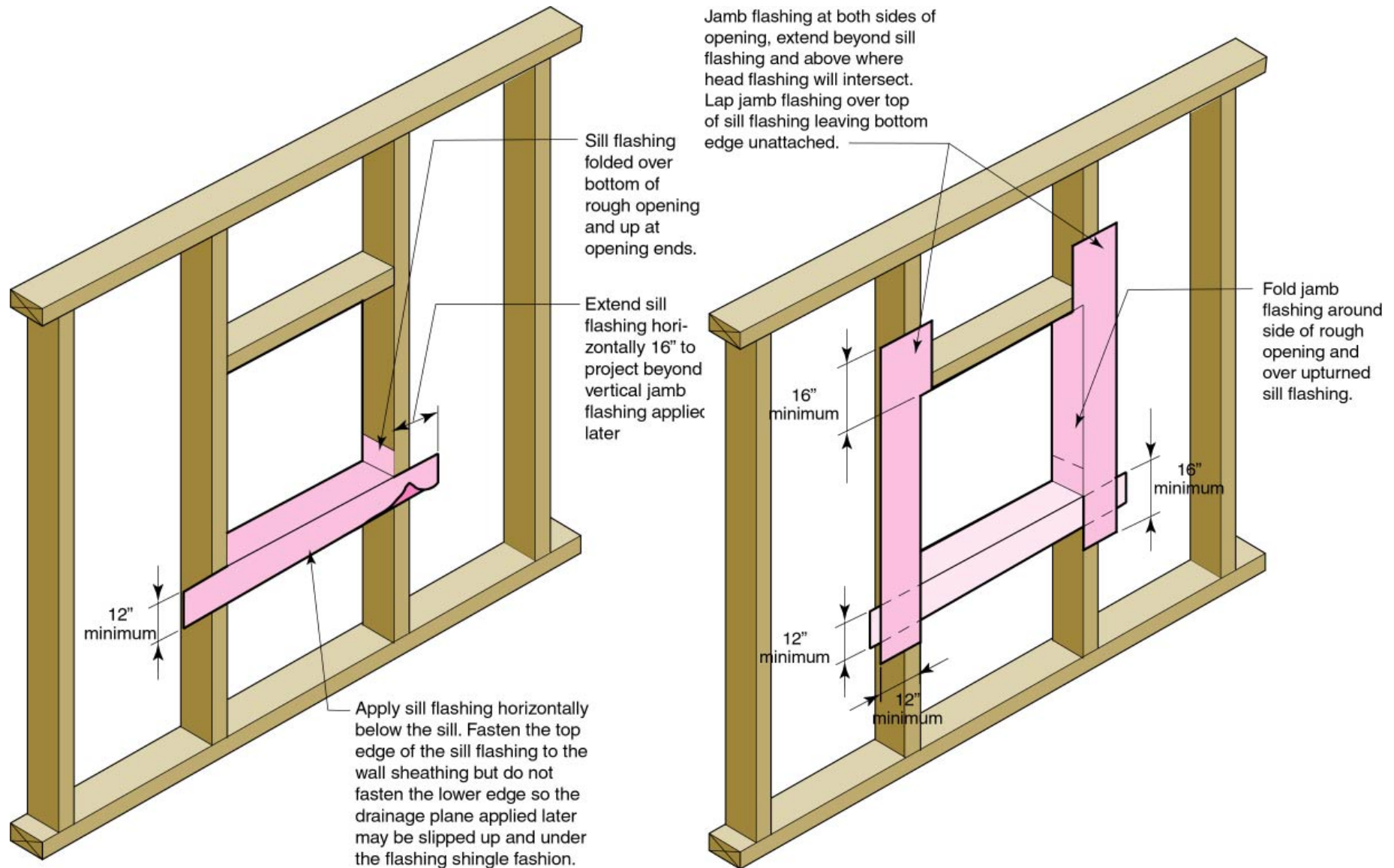


# Drainage Planes

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# Window Flashing – Steps 1 & 2 LU4



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LU4

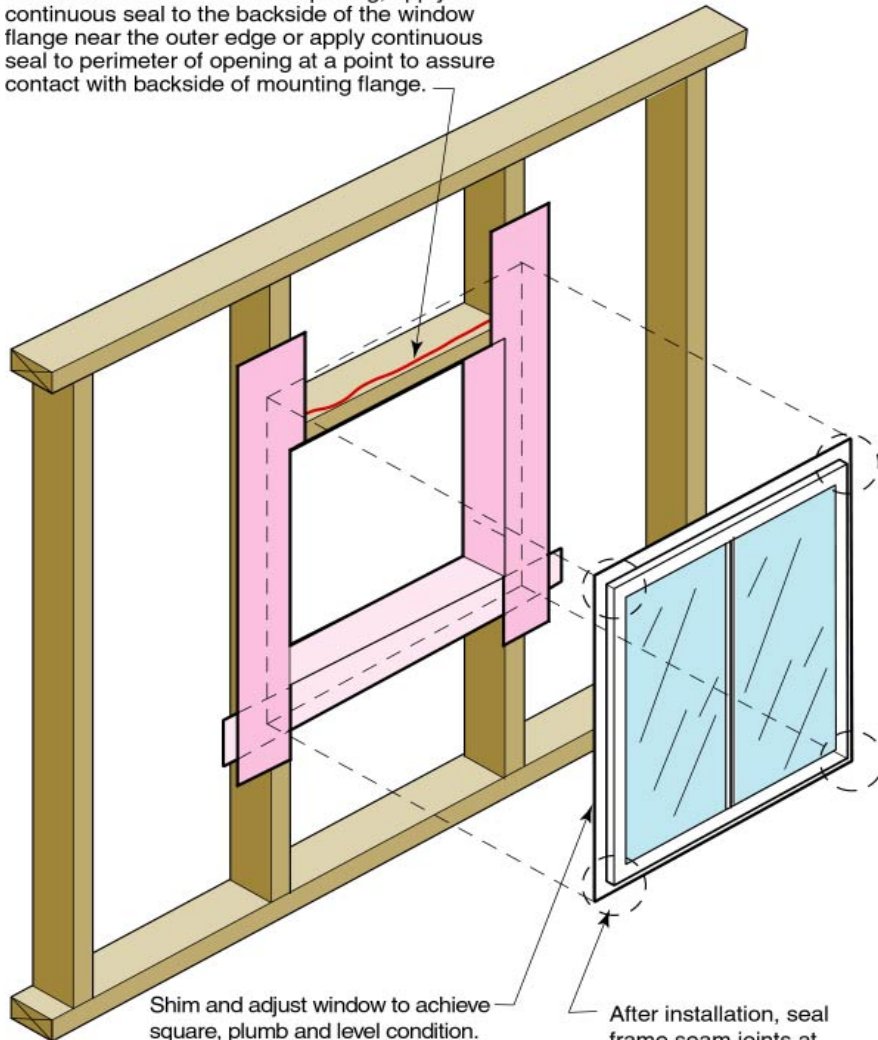
If you have better details on flashing, please put them in.

Laura Uhde, 1/1/2008



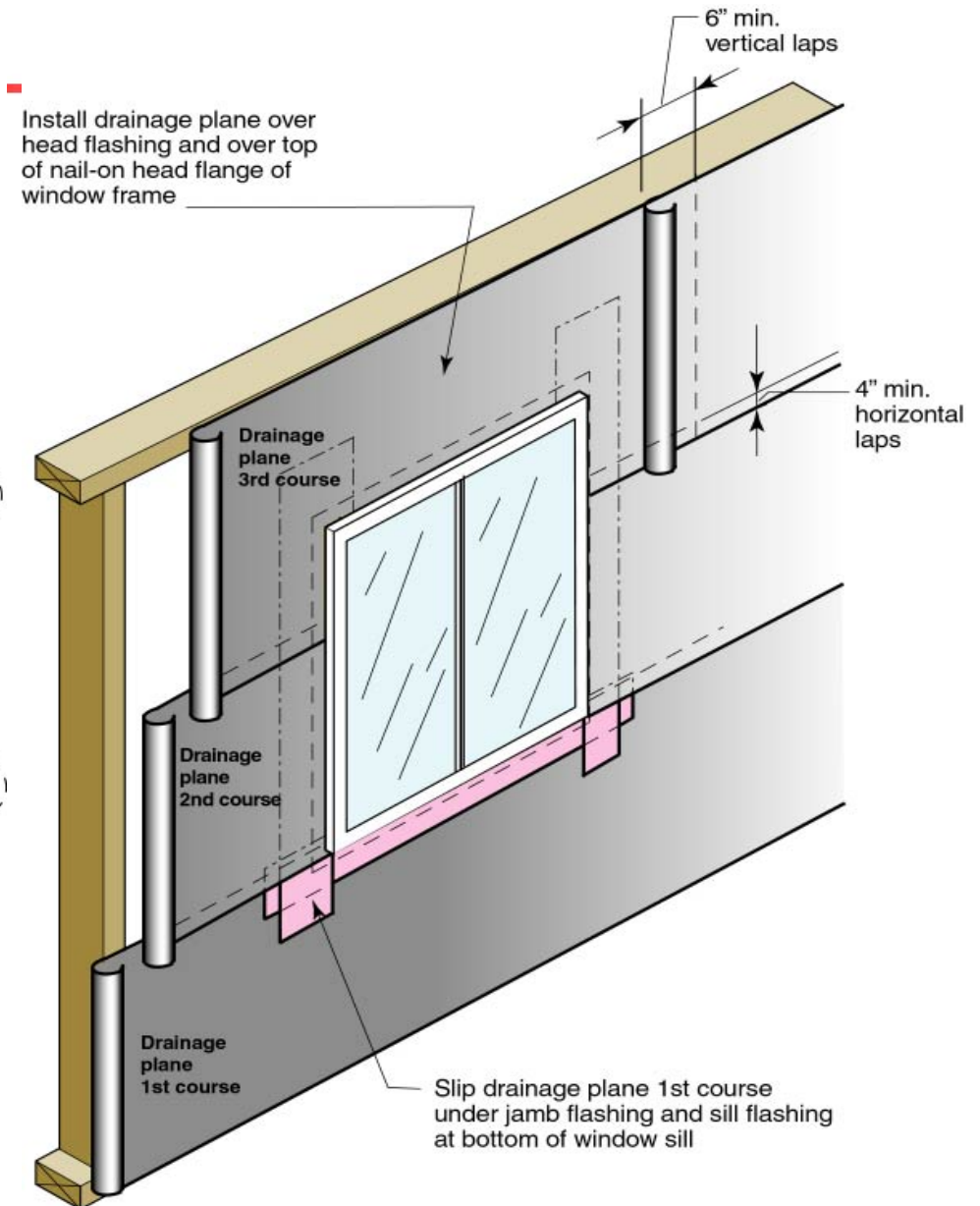
# Window Flashing - Steps 3 & 4

To seal the window frame to opening, apply continuous seal to the backside of the window flange near the outer edge or apply continuous seal to perimeter of opening at a point to assure contact with backside of mounting flange.



Shim and adjust window to achieve square, plumb and level condition. Use corrosion resistant fasteners within 10" but no closer than 3" in direction from every corner. Secure window around frame opening with equivalent of 6d fasteners at 16" o.c. maximum.

After installation, seal frame seam joints at corners.





# Humidity Problems

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- Building decay ..... 100% RH
- Interior mold.....RH > 70%
- Dust mites.....RH > 50%
- Static electricity, dry sinus..... RH < 25%

Ideal health & comfort is 30%-50% RH at room temperature (~72° F)



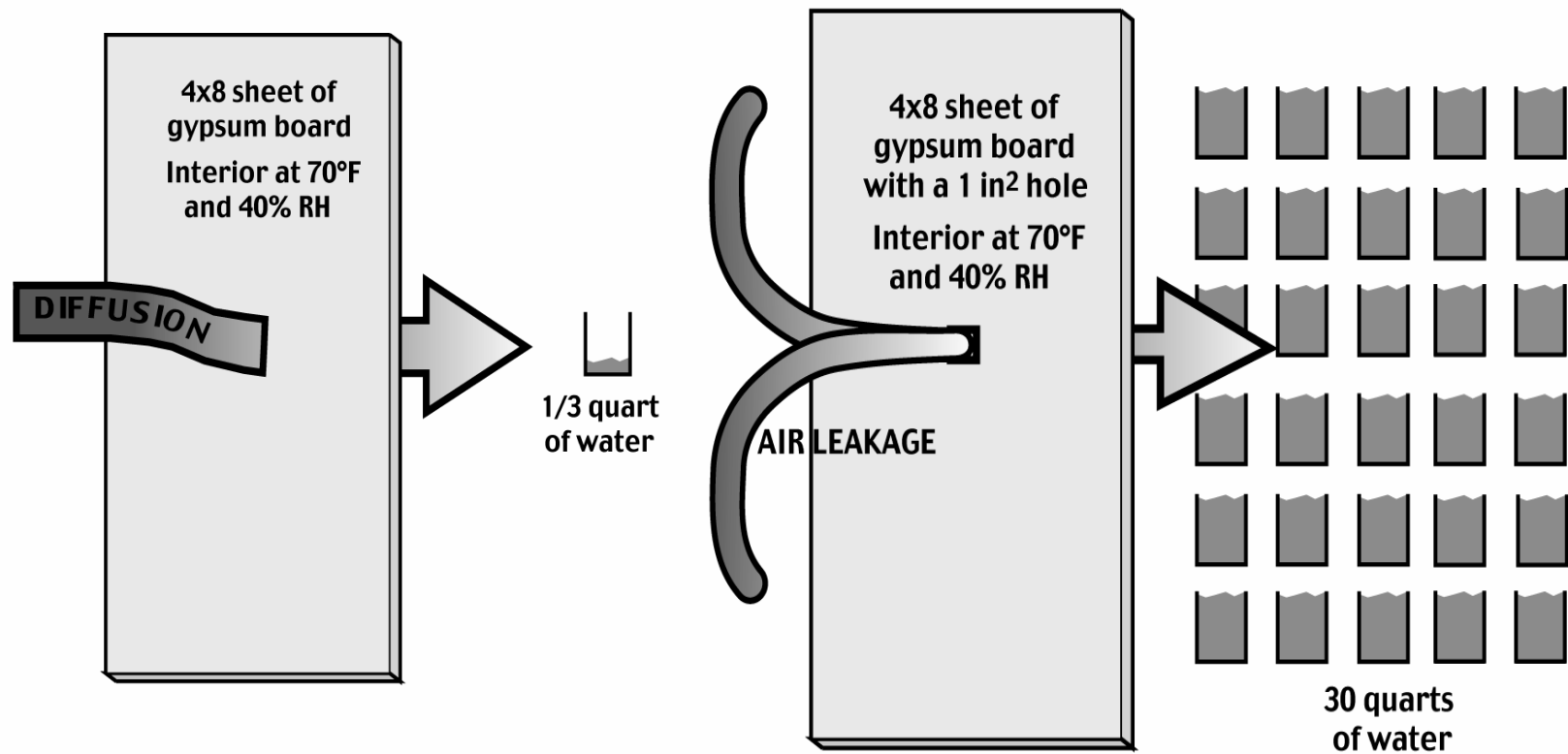
# Conditions for Mold Growth

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- Food: Organic materials
  - Wood, paper, sheetrock
- Temperature: 40° F to 100° F
- Excess moisture is the primary cause
  - Water: flooding, roof and plumbing leaks
  - Water vapor: Mold grows above 70% RH



# Vapor Diffusion vs. Air Leakage



# Perm Ratings of Materials

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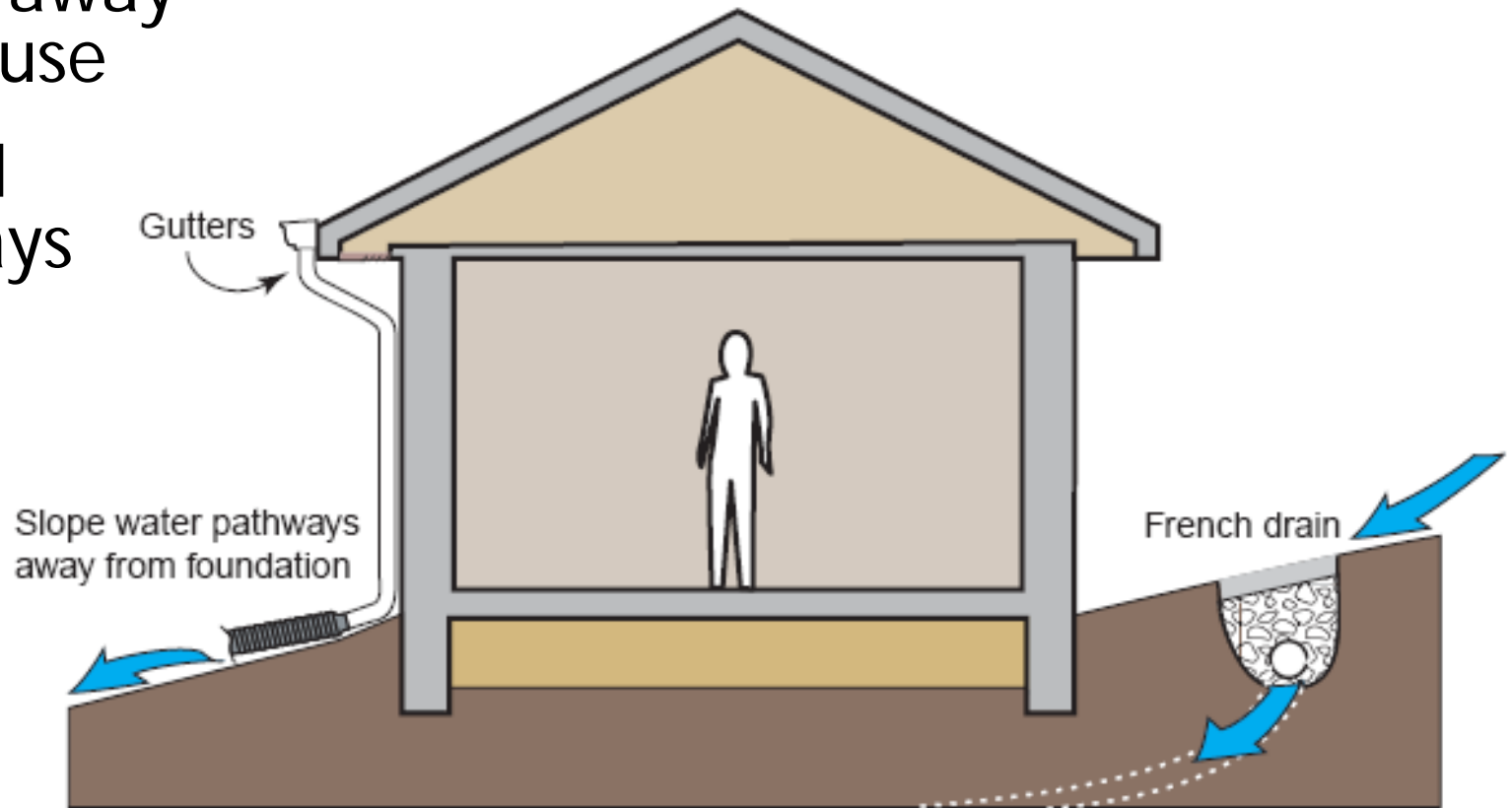
- Drywall.....30-50
- Housewrap.....5-50
- Semi-gloss latex enamel.....6.6
- Primed & Painted Drywall.....2-3
- Interior plywood.....1.9
- 15 pound asphalt felt.....1-4
- Insulated foam sheathing.....0.4-1.2
- Exterior plywood/OSB.....0.7
- Vapor retarder paint.....0.6-0.9
- Asphalt coated kraft paper.....0.4
- Polyethylene.....0.06

# Durability

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Grade and  
Gutters away  
from house

Covered  
entryways



# Durability

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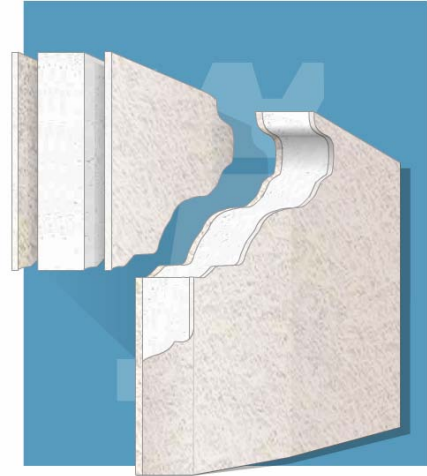
Integrate flashing





# Durability

- Gravel bed beneath slabs
- Humidity controls
- Drain tile location; capillary breaks
- Wet rooms
- Spot ventilation





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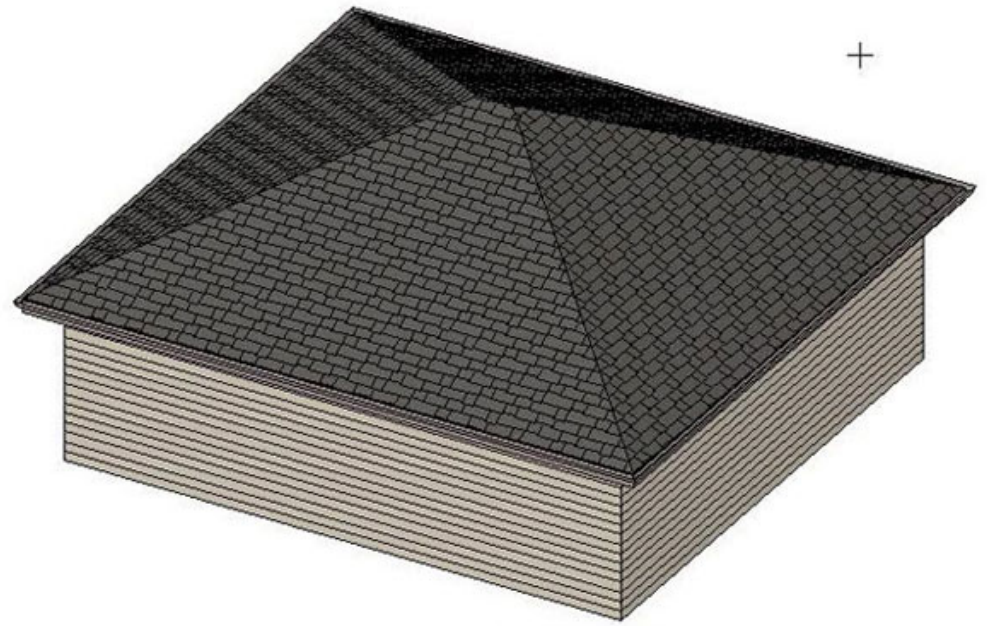
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- Continuous termite shield



# Durability

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# Durability Planning

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- Team creates a durability plan
  - Prescriptive Approach
    - Provides detailed guidance on durability strategies
    - Project teams can pick and choose appropriate measures
    - Some measures are often required
  - Planning Approach
    - The team develops a durability plan based on best practices
    - Team will need prior knowledge of best practices

# Prescriptive Sample

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## DURABILITY

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REQUIRED: flashing at wall/roof intersection integrated with wall and roof drainage planes

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REQUIRED: flashing at deck/wall or porch/wall intersection integrated with drainage planes

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REQUIRED: maintain 2" clearance between wall siding and roof surface (or per product manufacturer installation specification)

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REQUIRED: for roofs that slope along an adjoining wall surface, kick-out flashing is installed

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REQUIRED: all roof valleys direct water away from walls, dormers, chimneys, etc.

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REQUIRED: double layer of builder paper or housewrap behind cementitious stucco or stone veneer or synthetic stone veneer (no drainage cavity necessary) on framed walls

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REQUIRED: framed walls covered with drainage plane (drainage membrane, builder paper, housewrap or XPS foam)

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sealed crawlspace (unless house is in 100-year flood plain)

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roofing (min 30-year warranty)

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roofing (min 40-year warranty)

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roofing (min 50-year warranty)

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roof drip edge

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exterior cladding (min 3 sides) with 40-year warranty or durable natural material

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drainage plane installed with all seams and edges sealed per manufacturer's recommendation

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siding with vented rain screen

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back-primed siding and trim (or vented rain screen behind siding)

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windows with minimum 25-year warranty

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# Planning Sample

Durability Strategies by Issue Type				
For each of the high and moderate risk areas indicated in the Risk Evaluation Form, list the durability strategies used in the home. If none are used for a particular durability issue, provide a brief statement explaining why not. Remove example strategies and add lines as needed.				
Exterior Water	Location in Drawings, Specs, and/or Scopes	Pre-work Verified (Builder/trade )	Completion Verified (Builder/trade)	Construction Verified (Rater)
<i>Example: Site graded to drain rainwater away from building</i>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Interior Moisture	Location in Drawings, Specs, and/or Scopes	Pre-work Verified (Builder/trade )	Completion Verified (Builder/trade)	Construction Verified (Rater)
<i>Example: Clothes washer uses stainless steel hoses &amp; position washer on drainage basin</i>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Air Infiltration	Location in Drawings,	Pre-work Verified	Completion Verified	Construction Verified



# Durability Planning

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- Team integrates plan in to drawings (if required)
- Team assigns responsibility to team members to ensure plan is implemented in the field
- Builder oversees that plan is implemented correctly
  - Some programs may require rater to check final work to make sure it is installed properly and provide recommendations for improvement if needed. May also require a follow-up site visit to confirm changes were made correctly.

# Additional Information

## ENERGY STAR Indoor Air Package Verification Checklist

Address or Div/Lot#:			City:		State:		
Section	#	Requirements (see IAP for details)	N/A	Builder Verified	Rater Verified	Flex Spec	
ENERGY STAR Qualified Home		verification complete, including Thermal Bypass Checklist		<input type="checkbox"/>			
Moisture Control Features	Water Managed Foundations	1.1 Surface water management system		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
		1.2 Drain tile system at all footings		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
		1.3 Capillary break below concrete slabs (Ex. see Spec)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
		1.4 Below grade walls damp-proofed (Ex. slab-on-grade)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
		1.5 Sump pump covers air sealed (Ex. no sump)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
		1.6 Crawl spaces unvented, insulated, conditioned (Ex. see Spec)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
		1.7 No vapor barrier on inside of basement/crawlspace walls	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Water Managed Wall Assemblies	1.8 Flashing system (or equivalent) at bottom of wall		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
		1.9 Continuous drainage plane behind cladding		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
		1.10 Air seal & align thermal/air barriers (E* TBC)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
		1.11 Fully flash windows and doors		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
		1.12 Deck ledger board drainage system	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Water Managed Roof Assemblies	1.13 Air seal & align thermal/air barriers (E* TBC)			<input type="checkbox"/>		
		1.14 Step & "kickout" flashing		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
		1.15 Gutter system or equivalent (Ex. Dry)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
		1.16 No. 30 roof felt underlayment		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		1.17 Drip edge at roof decking edges (Ex. Dry)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		1.18 Bituminous membrane at valleys & penetrations (Ex. Dry)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
1.19 Top flashing at eaves (Ex. Zones 1-4)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			

# Additional Information

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RESNET - [www.natresnet.org](http://www.natresnet.org)

US Green Building Council – LEED for Homes -  
[www.usgbc.org/leed/homes](http://www.usgbc.org/leed/homes)

Building Performance Institute - [www.bpi.org](http://www.bpi.org)

Energy and Environmental Building Association -  
[www.eeba.org](http://www.eeba.org)

ENERGY STAR – [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov)

Building Science Press – [www.buildingsciencepress.com](http://www.buildingsciencepress.com)

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# Detailed Overview of Green Inspections



# Definitions

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**Verify:** To establish the truth, accuracy, or reality of “*claim*”

**Inspect:** To view closely in critical appraisal, to look over, to survey, or to test the condition of

# The truth of the "claim"

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**What is the "claim"?**

- A. Design is good**
- B. Materials are good**
- C. All design features are installed**
- D. Workmanship is good**
- E. All of the above**

*What is "good"?*

# To view “closely”

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## How Close?

“View” measures via:

### Remotely:

- A. Observe paper documentation of specs.
- B. Observe design documentation
- C. Verbal communication

### On-Site:

- D. Visual eye contact
- E. Photo-documentation

### Other:

All of above

# Other rater activities

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## More detailed forms of review:

- Calculations
- Testing
- Other Certifications
  - HERS
  - ENERGY STAR for Homes
  - IAP
  - ALP
  - etc.



# Purpose of inspections

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## The basic approach:

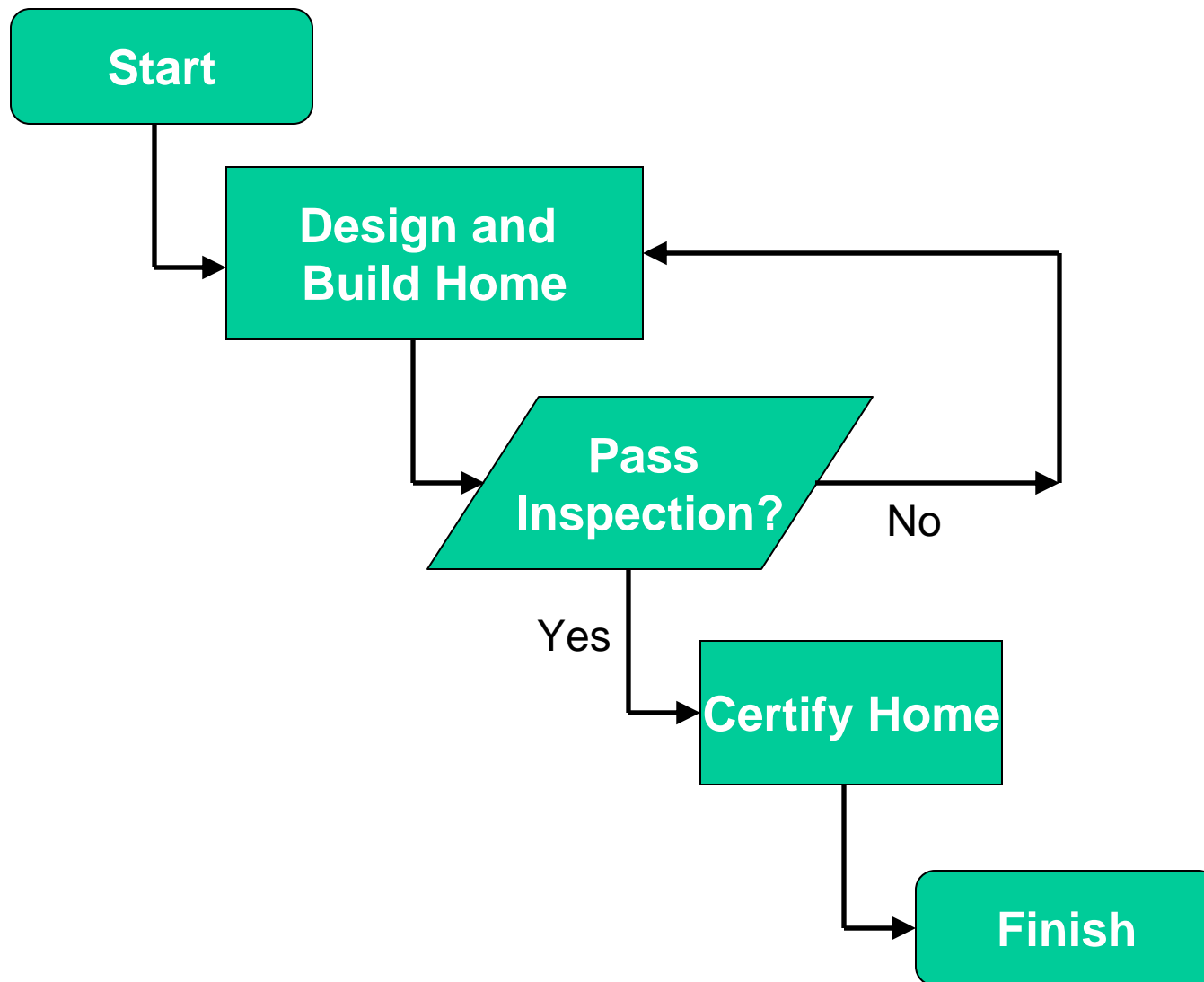
- Identify problems

## Benefits:

1. Compliance with program requirements
2. Potential risks assessed

# Basic Inspection Process

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# Types of risks

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## **Common Problems**

- Unclear instructions (docs. and drawings)
- Unfamiliar / untrained trades

## **Unplanned outcomes**

- Wrong measures installed
- Poor performance
- Un-met expectations
- Multiple callbacks
- Unsatisfied homebuyers

# **Purpose of inspections (cont'd)**

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## **A more successful model:**

- Suggest solutions (independent expert advice)

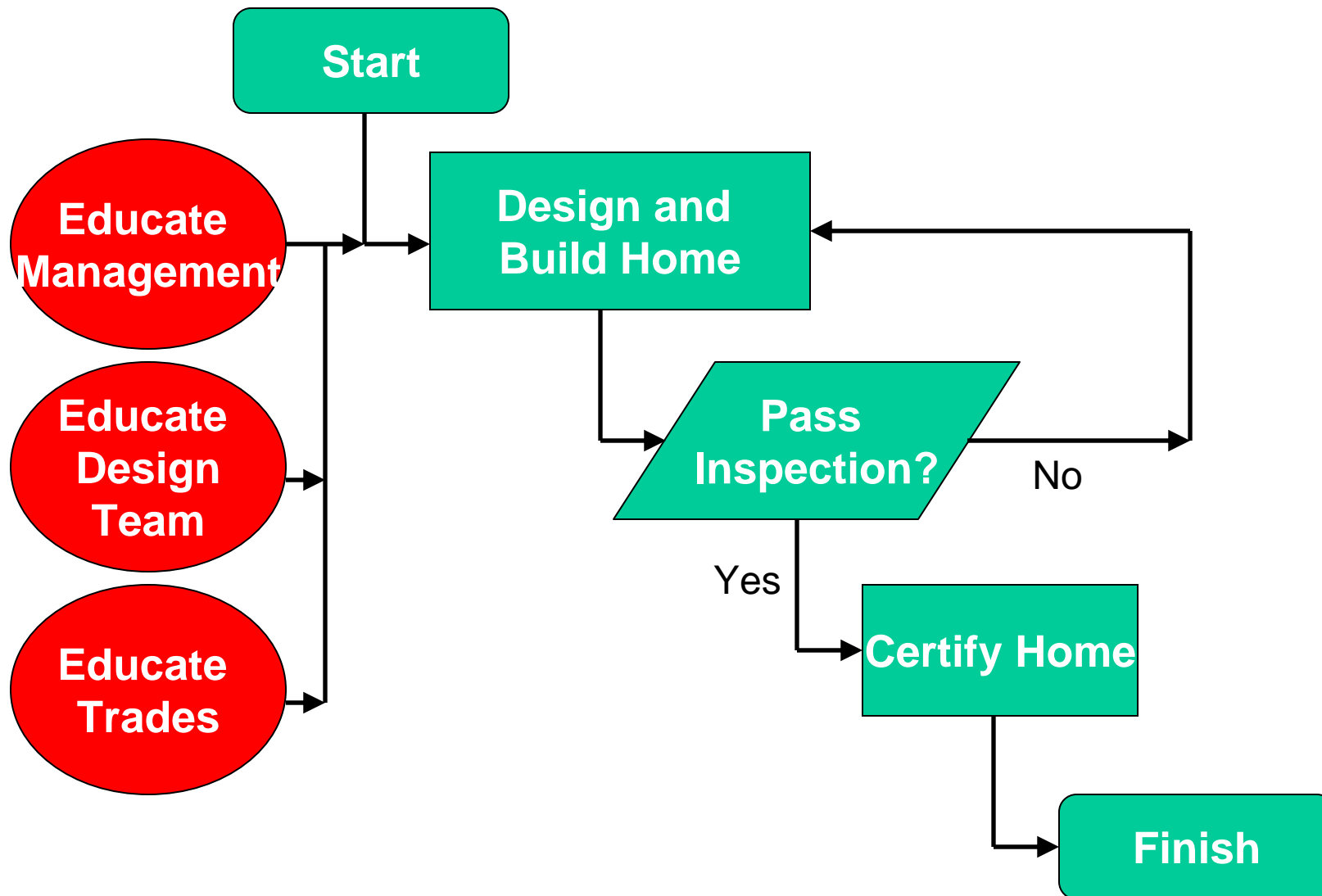
### **Benefits:**

1. Reduce call-backs
2. Save builder money



# Enhanced Inspection Process

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# Design Process

Type of Measure	Type of Inspection					
	Paper Review	Design Doc.	Verbal	Visual	Other	All
Quals of project team						

## Site / Location

Type of Measure	Type of Inspection					
	Paper Review	Design Doc.	Verbal	Visual	Other	All
Envir. preferable sites						
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# Water Efficiency


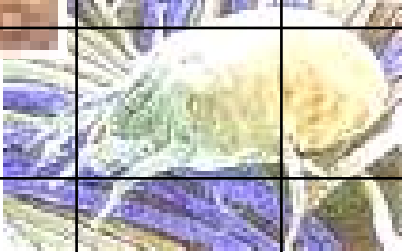
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Rainwater harvesting						

# Materials

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Advanced framing						

# IEQ

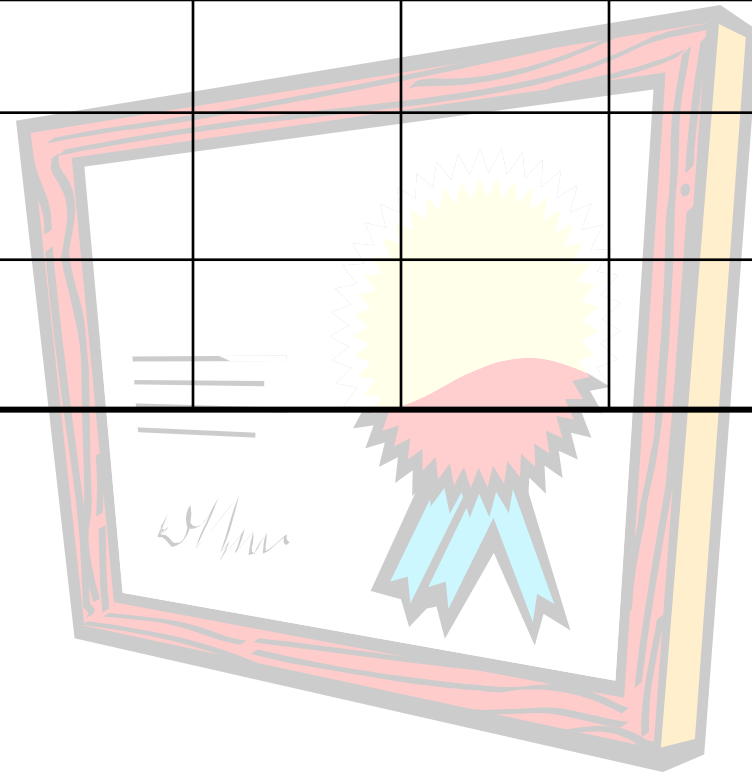
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Combustion safety						
						
						



# Public Awareness

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Type of Measure	Type of Inspection					
	Paper Review	Design Doc.	Verbal	Visual	Other	All
Home owners manual						



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A stylized lightbulb with an atomic symbol inside, set against a grid background. The lightbulb is gray and has a white filament. The atomic symbol is also gray and features a central nucleus with three protons and two neutrons, surrounded by three elliptical electron orbits. The entire image is overlaid on a grid of thin black lines.

# Summary

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- Clearly understand program's goal (i.e., claims)
- Ask builder about "needs"
- Sell benefits of "inspections"
- Offer to save builder money
- Inspection approach may vary by Program

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# Performance Tests

# Environmental Quality Room Flow Testing

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**Manual-J 8<sup>th</sup> Edition**

**Load Calculation are required by**

- LEED for Homes (EQ-6.1)
- ENERGY STAR
- American Lung Association HEALTH HOUSE

# Environmental Quality Room Flow Testing

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## **ROOM to ROOM Flow Measurements and Manual-J 8<sup>th</sup> Edition**

**Load Calculation are required by or given  
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# Environmental Quality Room Flow Testing

Rhvac - Residential & Light Commercial HVAC Loads

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System 1 Room Load Summary

Room No	Room Name	Area SF	Htg Sens Btuh	Htg Nom CFM	Run Duct Size	Run Duct Vel	Clg Sens Btuh	Clg Lat Btuh	Clg Nom CFM	Air Sys CFM
---Zone 1---										
1	Entry	97	894	12	1-5	444	865	0	52	60
2	Bed 3	142	2,184	30	1-8	436	2,176	200	130	152
3	WIC 3	35	447	6	1-4	151	188	0	11	13
4	Hall Bath	53	688	9	1-4	271	338	0	20	24
5	Bed 2	146	971	13	1-5	430	838	200	50	59
6	WIC 2	38	73	1	1-4	49	61	0	4	4
7	Master WIC	78	362	5	1-4	190	237	0	14	17
8	Master Bath	131	919	12	1-4	456	569	0	34	40
9	Master Bedroom	263	3,533	48	2-7	484	3,696	400	220	258
10	Living	337	2,900	39	2-6	519	2,916	0	174	204
11	Breakfast/Kitchen	266	4,278	58	3-7	429	4,913	0	293	344
12	Pantry	22	204	3	1-4	76	95	0	6	7
13	Utility	47	980	13	1-5	523	1,020	0	61	71
14	Dining	199	2,623	36	2-6	421	2,366	0	141	165
15	Hall	70	123	2	1-4	91	113	0	7	8
Ventilation			3,109				1,423	1,002		
AED Excursion							1,656			
Duct Loads			4,847				3,541	307		
System 1 total		1,924	29,135	287			27,011	2,108	1,214	1,426
System 1 Main Trunk Size:			18x18 in.							
Velocity:			675 ft/min							

# Environmental Quality Room Flow Testing


**Manual-J 8<sup>th</sup> Edition  
Room-by-Room  
Load calculations  
provides  
HVAC tonnage.**

**ENERGY STAR allows  
15% oversize  
or the next available size.**

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Loss per 100 ft.:			0.042 in.wg							
Cooling System Summary										
		Cooling Tons	Sensible/Latent Split		Sensible Btuh	Latent Btuh		Total Btuh		
Net Required:		2.43	93% / 7%		27,011	2,108		29,120		
Recommended:		2.92	77% / 23%		27,011	8,068		35,080		

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# Environmental Quality Room Flow Testing

**ENERGY STAR allows 15% oversize  
or the next available size.**

EPA is developing clarification language

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Recommended 2.92 tons, that is a 3 ton, next available size is 3.5 ton.

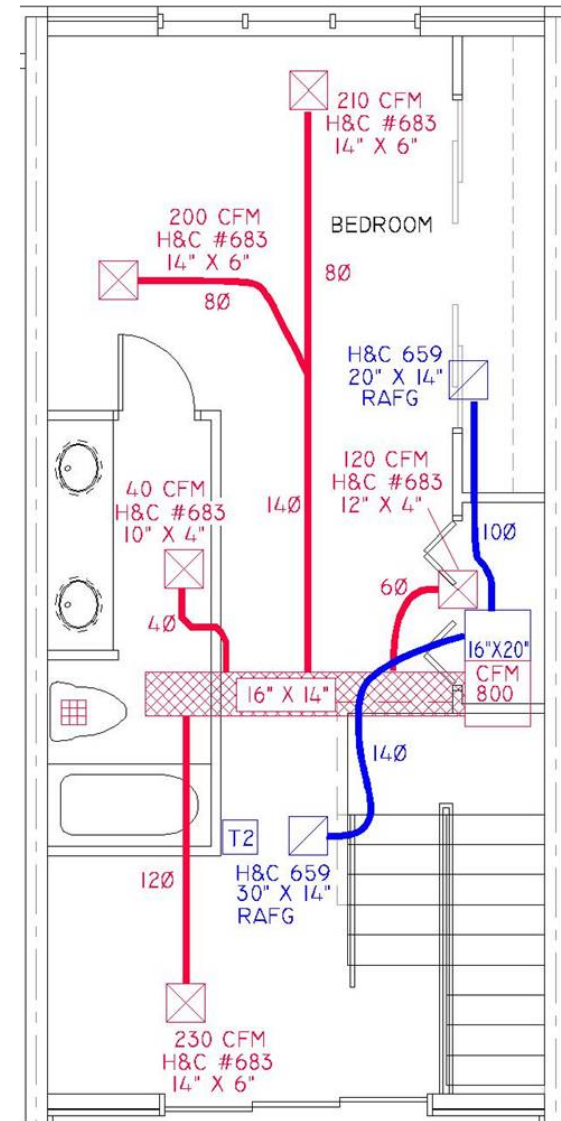
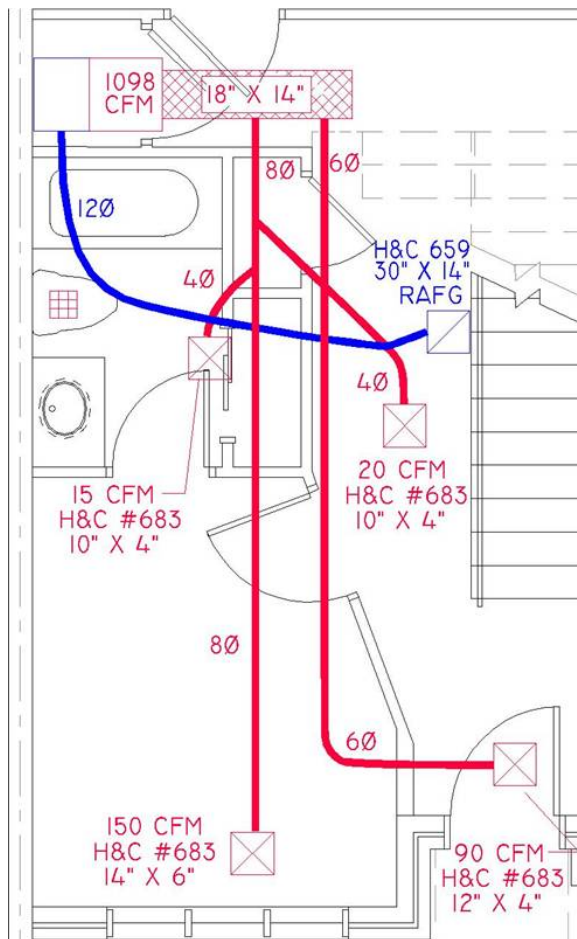
15% oversize means

$$2.92 \times 1.15\% = 3.4 \text{ tons}$$

**That is a 3.5 ton**

# Environmental Quality Room Flow Testing

## Manual-D HVAC Layout Design





# Environmental Quality Room Flow Testing

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- Insert the white foam flow conditioner into the round transition piece between the fan and the flex duct
- Choose a flow ring to match the proposed supply cfm and insert it between the fan and the flex duct



# Environmental Quality Room Flow Testing

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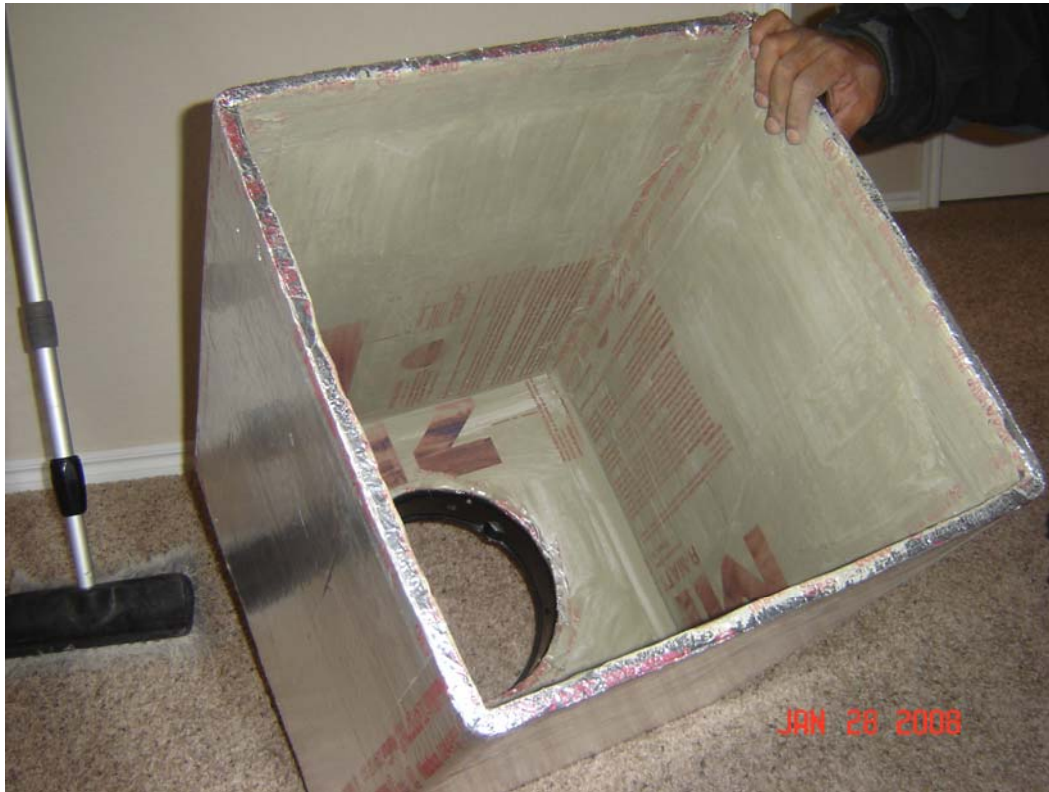
- Attach the duct blaster to the transition piece mounted on the flex duct
- The fan should be set to depressurize (The metal fan cover should be away from the flex duct when mounted)





# Environmental Quality Room Flow Testing

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# Environmental Quality Room Flow Testing



- Add a pressure probe in the corner of the flow box and attach it to channel A Input

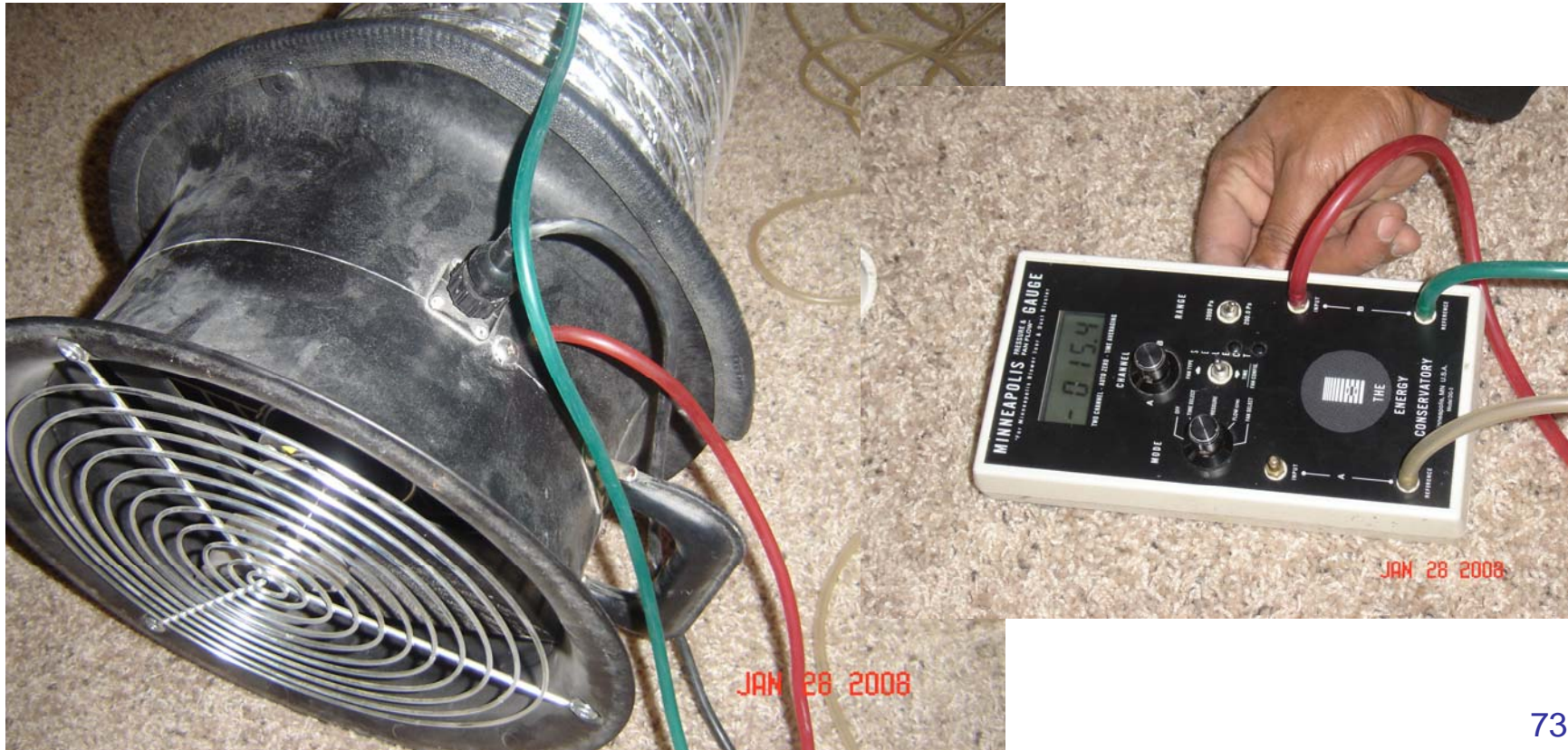


- Leave Channel A reference open



# Environmental Quality Room Flow Testing

- Connect a hose to the brass pressure tap on the duct blaster and to the Channel B Input (red)



# Environmental Quality Room Flow Testing

- Connect a third hose to the Channel B Reference and to the plastic pressure tap on the duct blaster (green)





# Environmental Quality Room Flow Testing



- Make sure the Flex duct is stretched
- Turn on the HVAC fan
- Adjust the duct blaster fan speed until the pressure on Channel A equals zero



# Environmental Quality Room Flow Testing



- Determine the flow through the Duct Blaster fan on Channel B





# Environmental Quality Room Flow Testing

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## Exhaust Fan Flow Meter

The Energy Conservatory

10-120 cfm



# Environmental Quality Room Flow Testing

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Meter Pressure (Pa)	Flow (CFM)			
	E1		E2	E3
1.0	44		21	10
1.2	48		23	11
1.4	52		25	12
1.6	55		26	13
1.8	59		28	14
2.0	62		29	14
2.2	65		31	15
2.4	68		32	16

Meter Pressure (Pa)	Flow (CFM)			
	E1		E2	E3
4.4	92		43	21
4.6	94		44	22
4.8	96		45	22
5.0	98		46	23
5.2	100		47	23
5.4	102		48	23
5.6	103		49	24
5.8	105		50	24
6.0	107		51	25
6.2	109		52	25

# Environmental Quality Room Flow Testing

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## Balometer

### Hand held Flow meter



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# Review of Non-Energy Calculations Required by Green Home Rater

# Sustainable Site Calculations

Green Subdivision to the City of Clean Living

**Lot 8, Blk 4**

120' wide

150' deep

**Length x width**

$$120 \times 150 = 18,000 \text{ sf}$$



**Easy Street**

# Sustainable Site Calculations

Green Subdivision to the City of Clean Living

Lot 8, Blk 4  
120' wide

18,000 sf lot

There are  
43,560 sf per Acre

18,000 SqFt

150' deep

$$43,560 / 18,000 = 2.4 \text{ Lots / Acre}$$

$$1/7 \text{ of an Acre} = 43,560\text{sf} / 7 = 6,223 \text{ sf}$$

LH (SS1.2) Build on Lot < 1/7 Acre

Easy Street

# Sustainable Site Calculations

Green Subdivision to the City of Clean Living

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$$43,560 / 18,000 = 2.4 \text{ Lots / Acre}$$

150' deep

18,000 SqFt

Since there could only be 2 lots this size per Acre  
And if only one house per Lot

Then the density is 2 houses per acre

However, this is not the  
“Buildable”  
Land or Lot Density

Easy Street

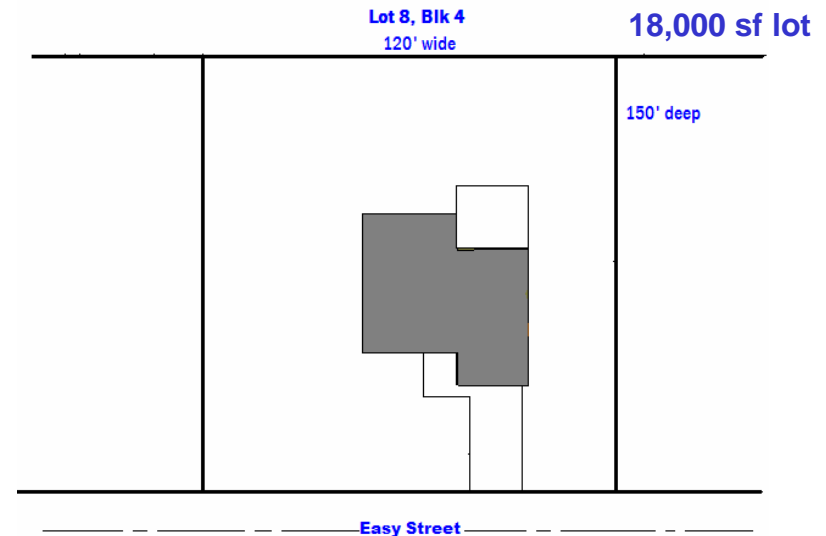


# Sustainable Site Calculations

What is the “Buildable” SqFt of this Lot?

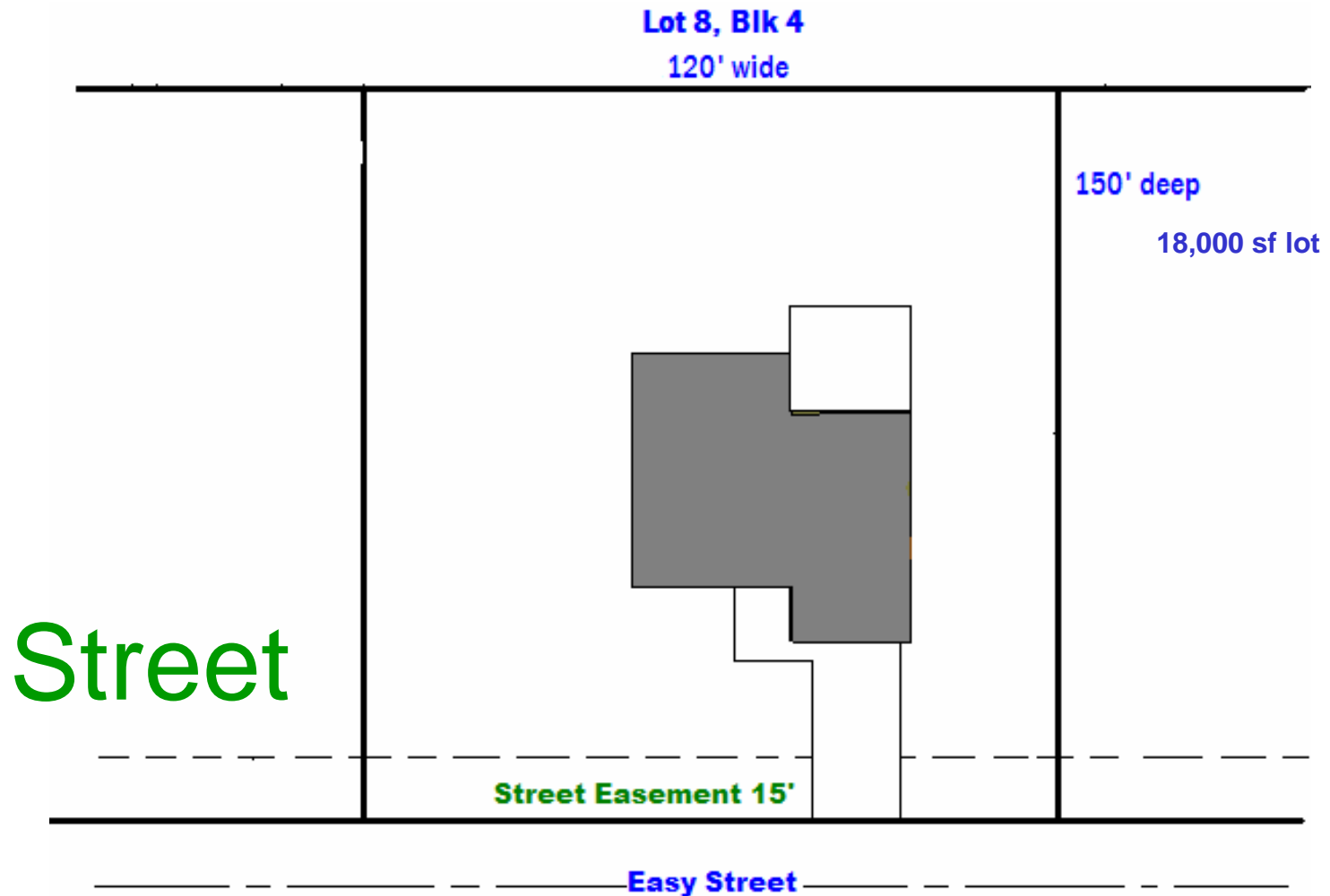
**LH (SS-6.3) defines Buildable land as Excluding:**

- Public Parks
- Public Streets
- Public Rights of Way
- Land excluded by law
- Land occupied by nonresidential structures
- Only the lots being built for LEED for Homes



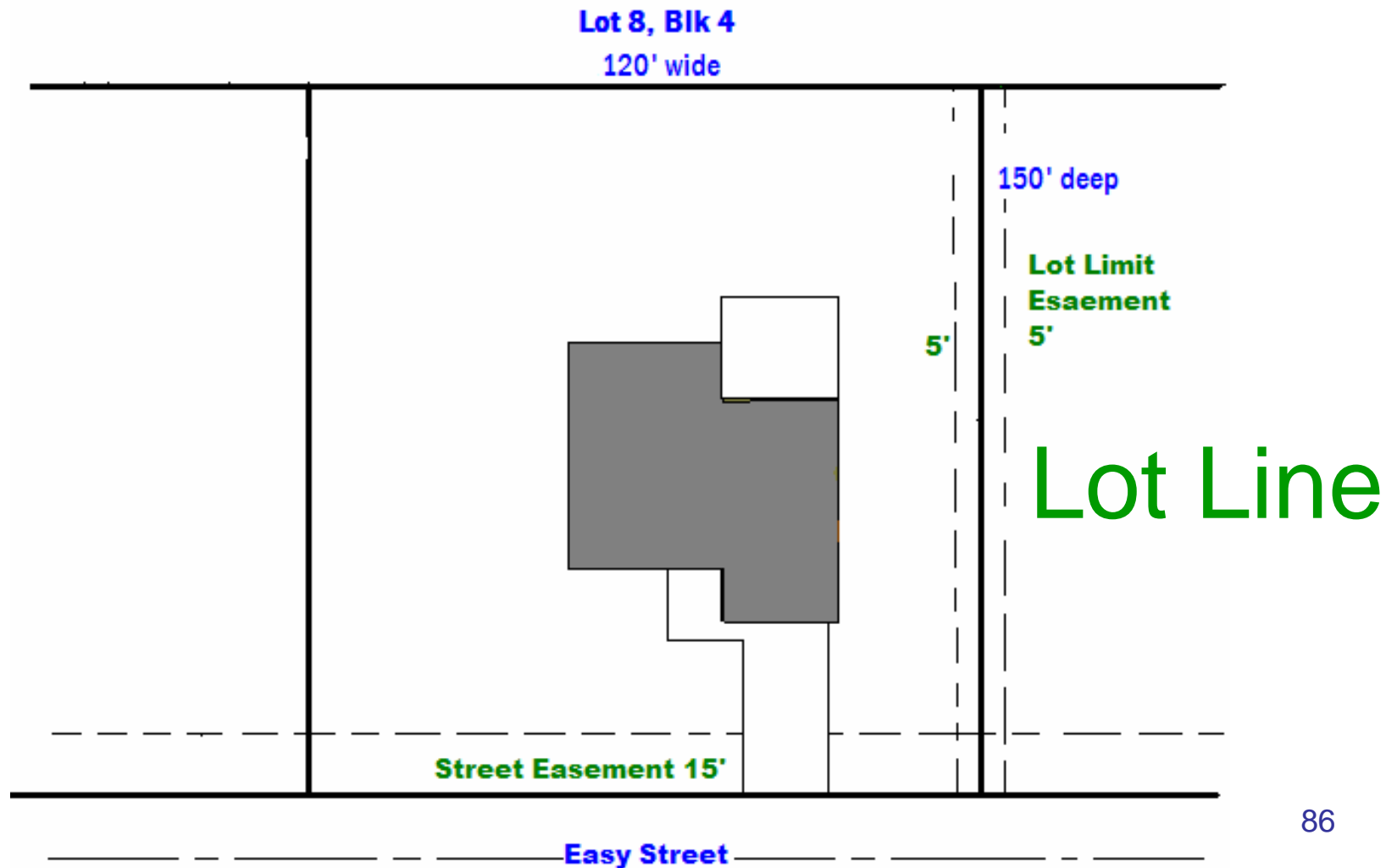
# Sustainable Site Calculations

## Public rights-of-way or Easements



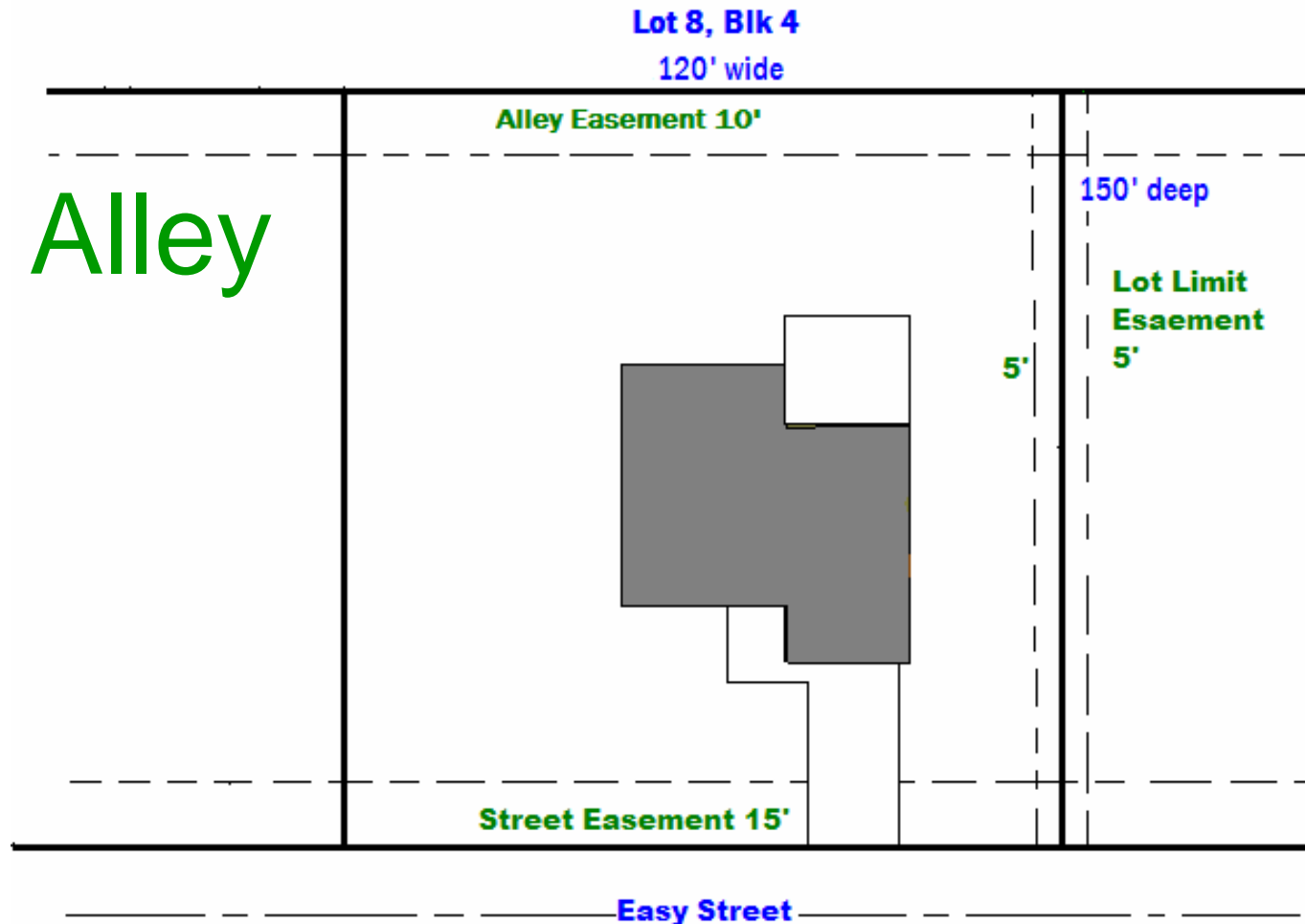
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## Public rights of way or Easements



# Sustainable Site Calculations

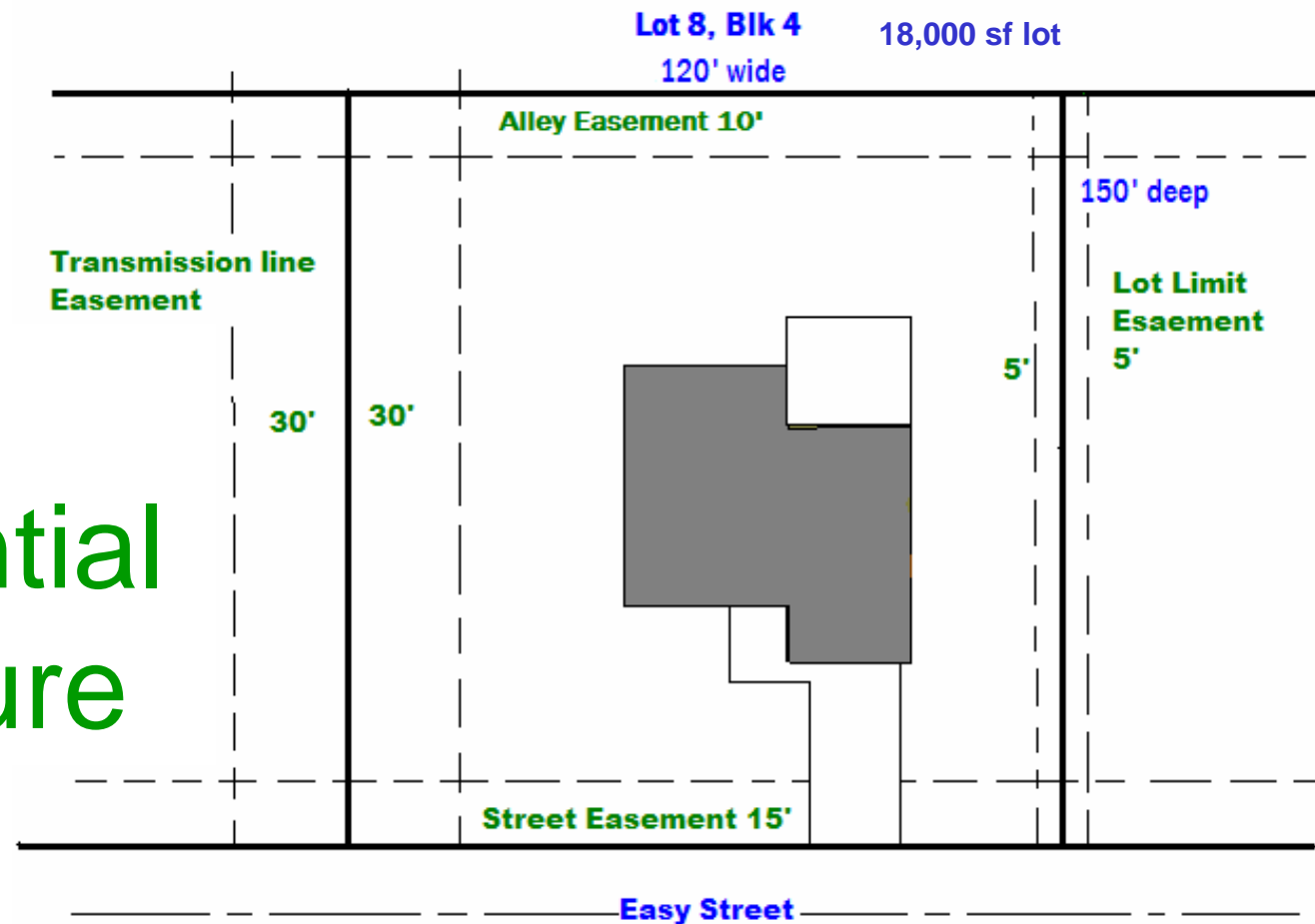
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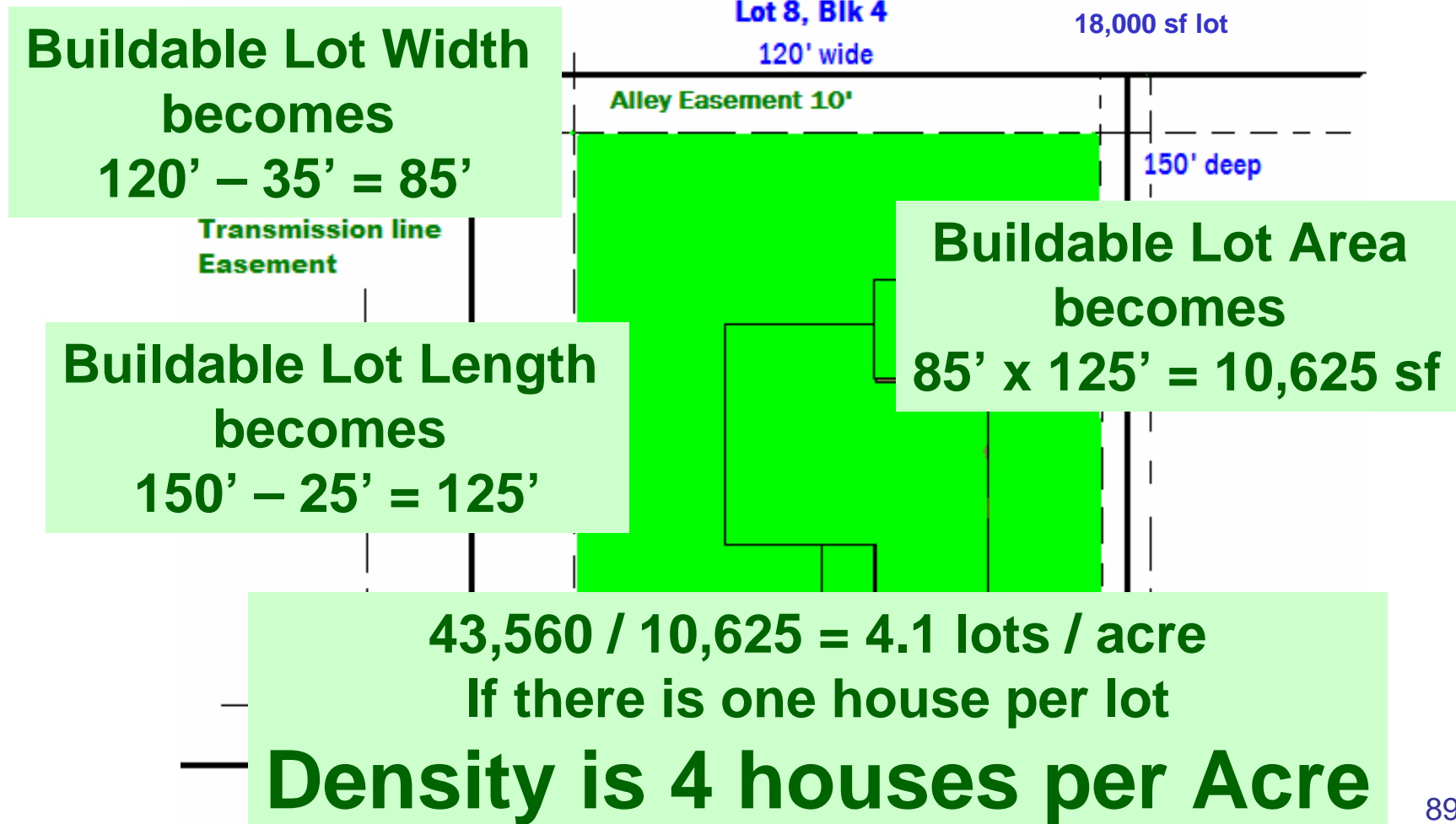
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Non  
Residential  
Structure



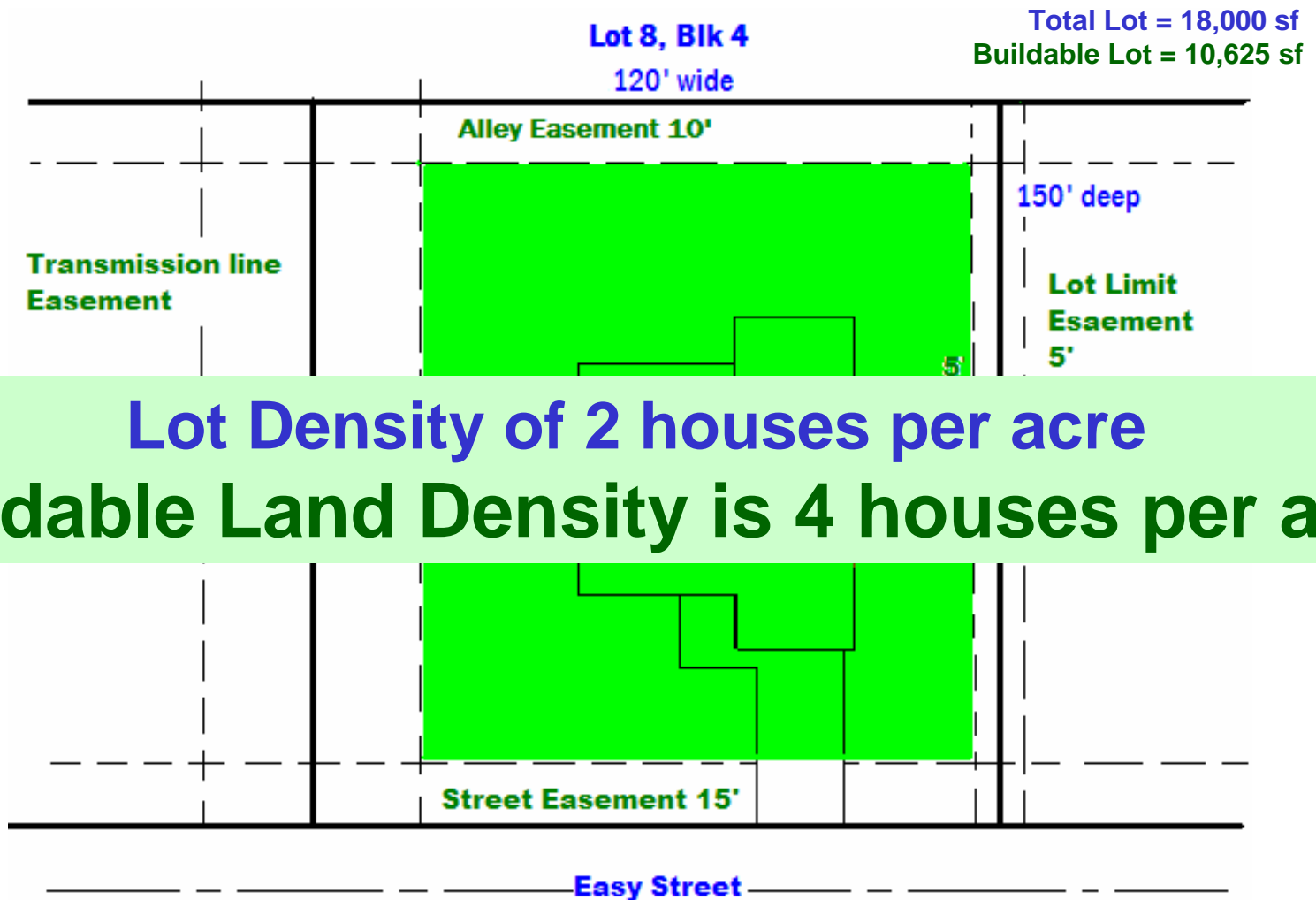
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What is the Buildable Land or Buildable Lot?



# Sustainable Site Calculations

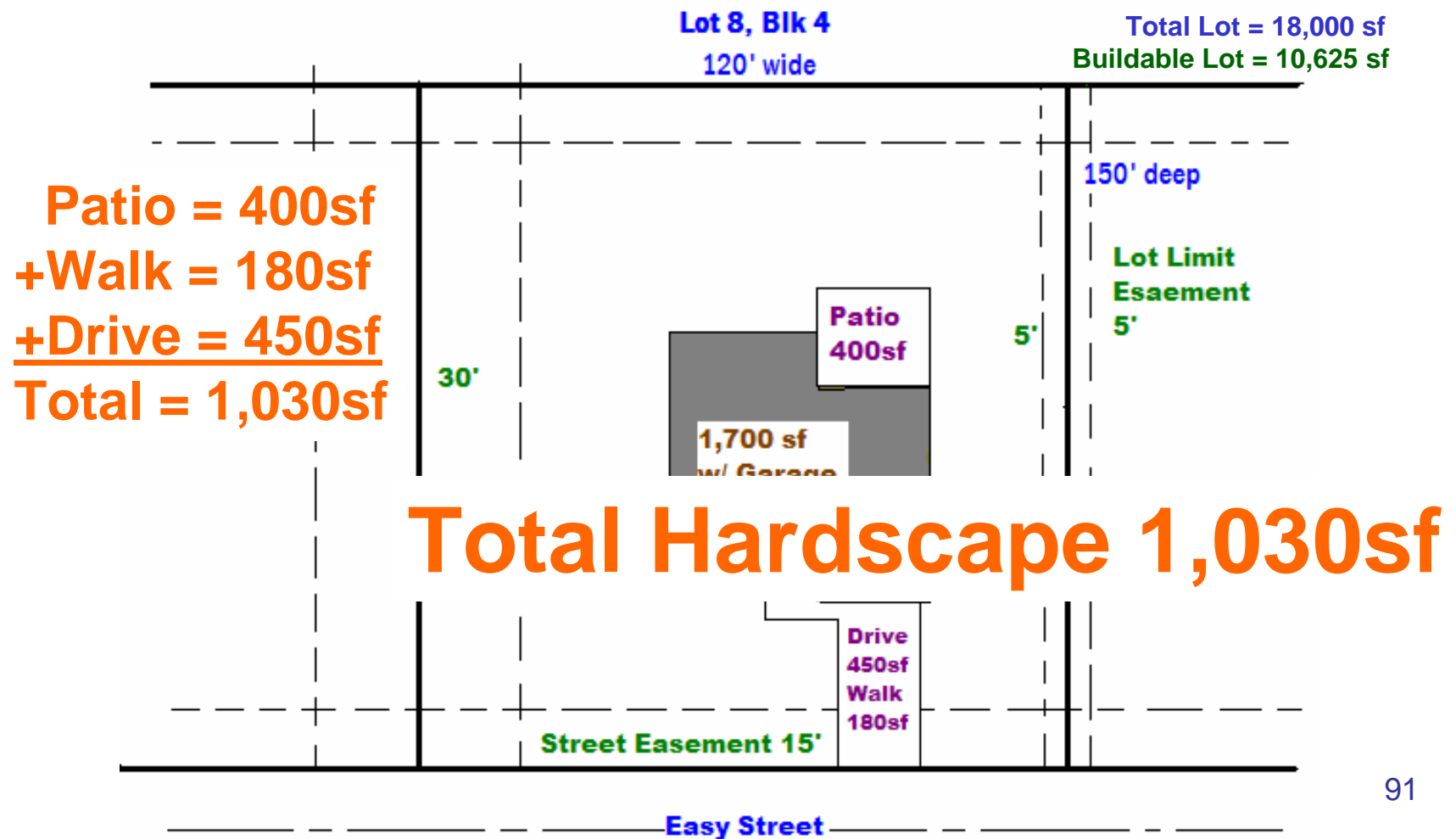
## Housing Density





# Sustainable Site Calculations

## Permeable Sites What is not Permeable?



# Sustainable Site Calculations

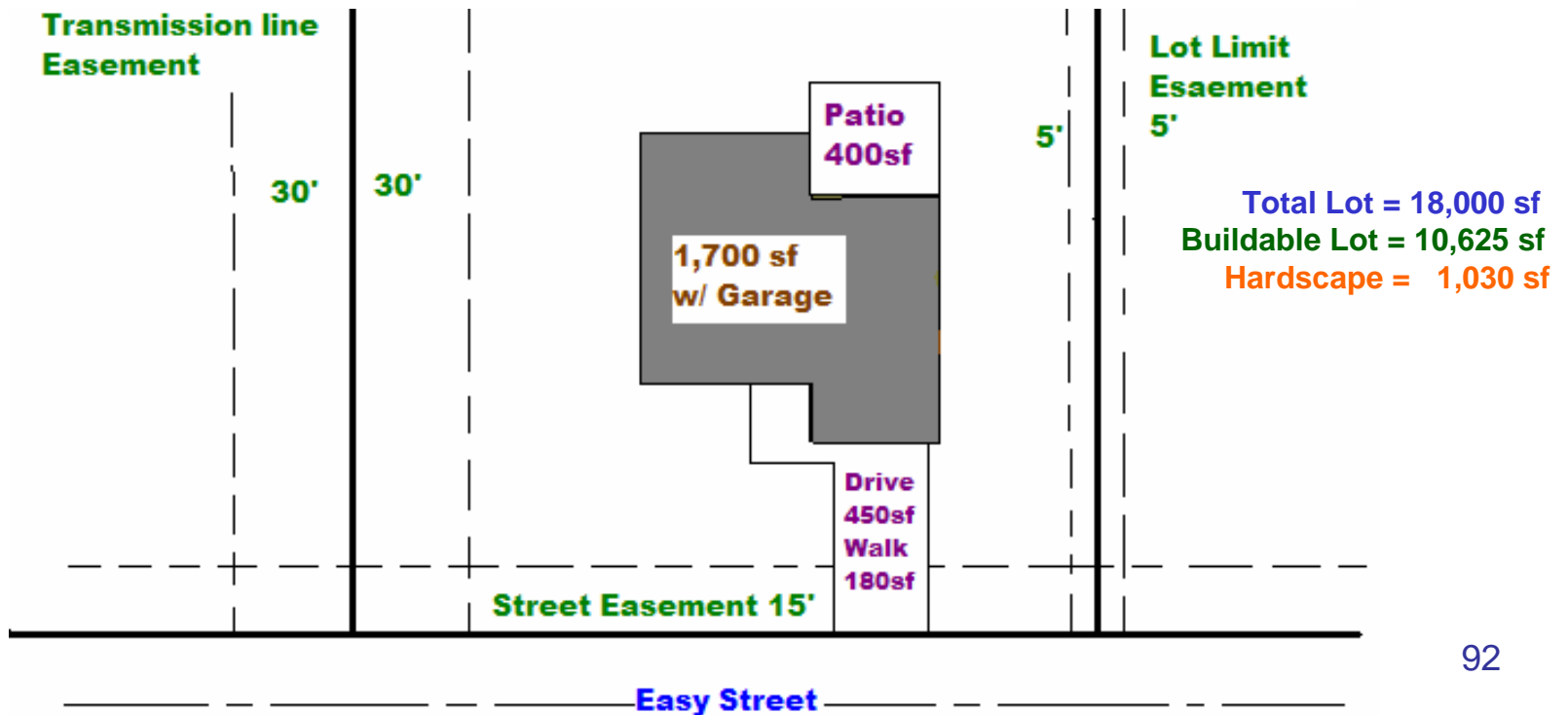
## Permeable Sites

LH SS-4.1 Design a lot so 70% is permeable

Lot 8, Blk 4

120' wide

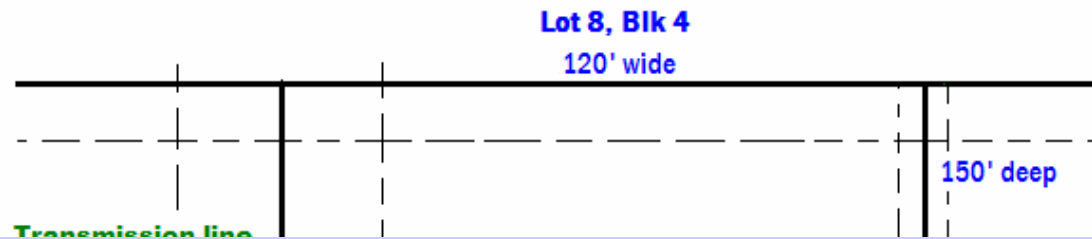
Not including area under roof



# Sustainable Site Calculations

**Buildable lot**      **10,625 sf**  
- Roof area      - 1,700 sf  
**= Net Bld lot**      **8,925 sf**

**Net Bld Lot**      **8,925 sf**  
- Hardscape      - 1,030 sf  
**= Permeable area**      **7,895 sf**



Total Lot = 18,000 sf  
 Buildable Lot = 10,625 sf  
 Hardscape = 1,030 sf  
 Roof Area = 1,700 sf

Permeable area / Net Bld lot =  
 The % Buildable lot that is Permeable

$7,895 / 8,925 = 88\%$  Permeable Site

# Sustainable Site Calculations

## Permeable Sites

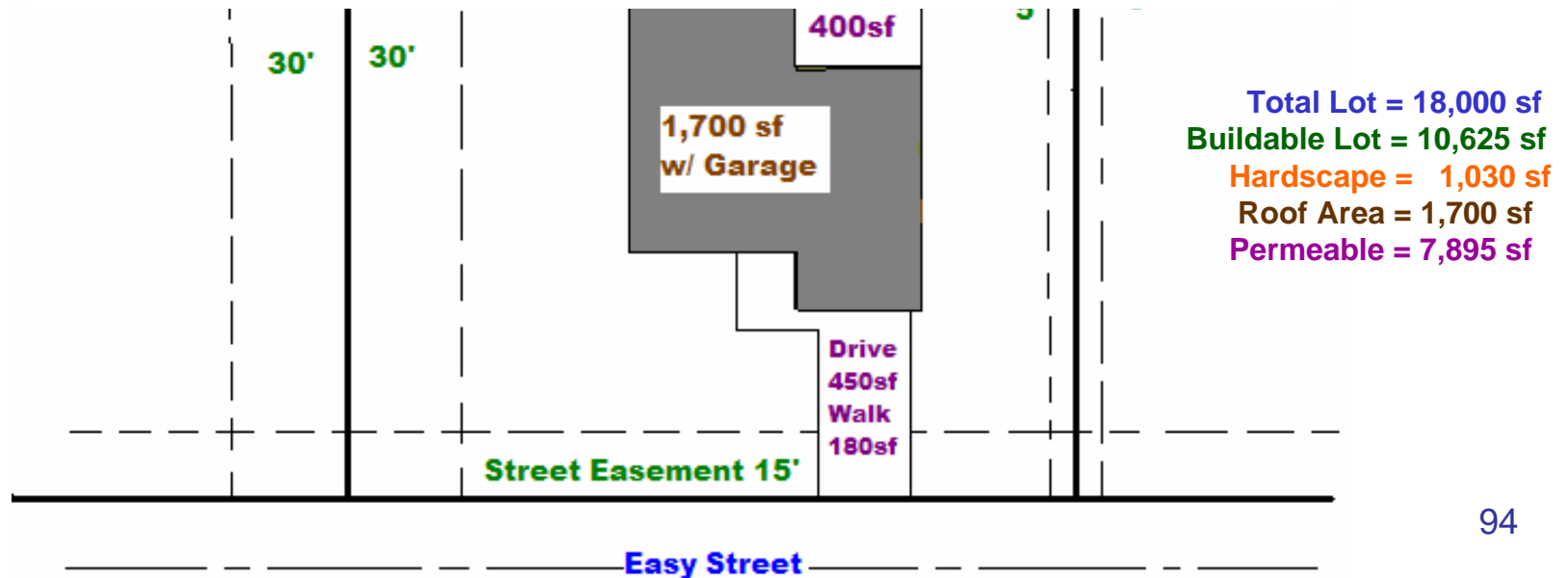
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120' wide

150' deep

# 88% Permeable Site

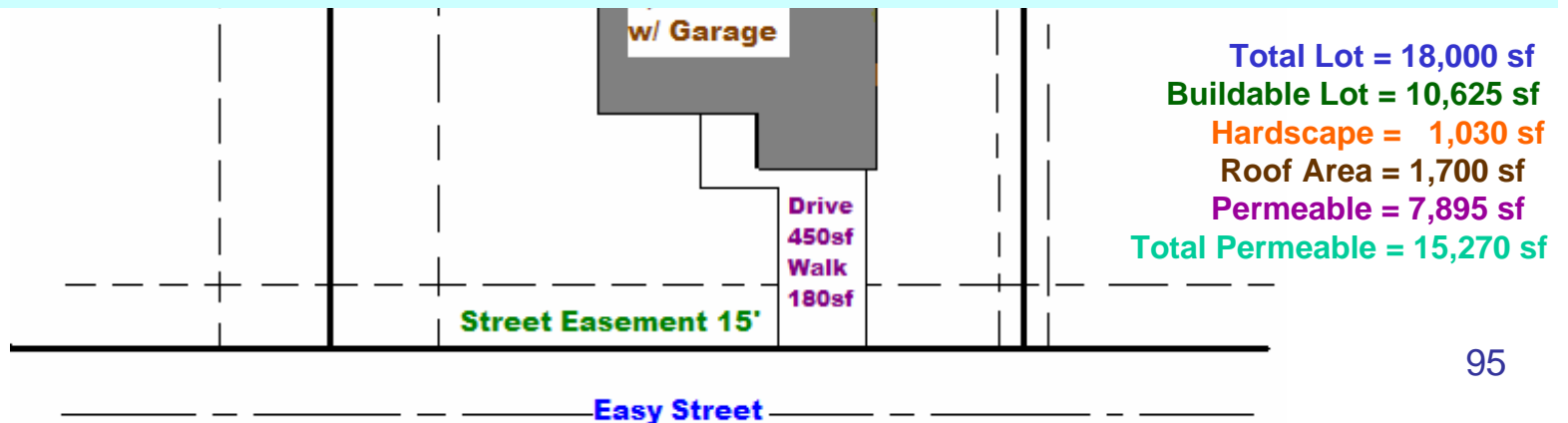


# Sustainable Site Calculations

<b>Total lot</b>	<b>18,000</b>	<b>Net Bld Lot</b>	<b>16,300</b>
<b>- Roof area</b>	<b>- 1,700</b>	<b>- Hardscape</b>	<b>- 1,030</b>
<b>= Net Bld lot</b>	<b>16,300</b>	<b>Total Permeable area = 15,270</b>	

Lot 8, Blk 4  
120' wide

Permeable area / Net Bld lot =  
% Buildable lot that is Permeable  
 $15,270 / 16,300 = 94\%$  Permeable Site



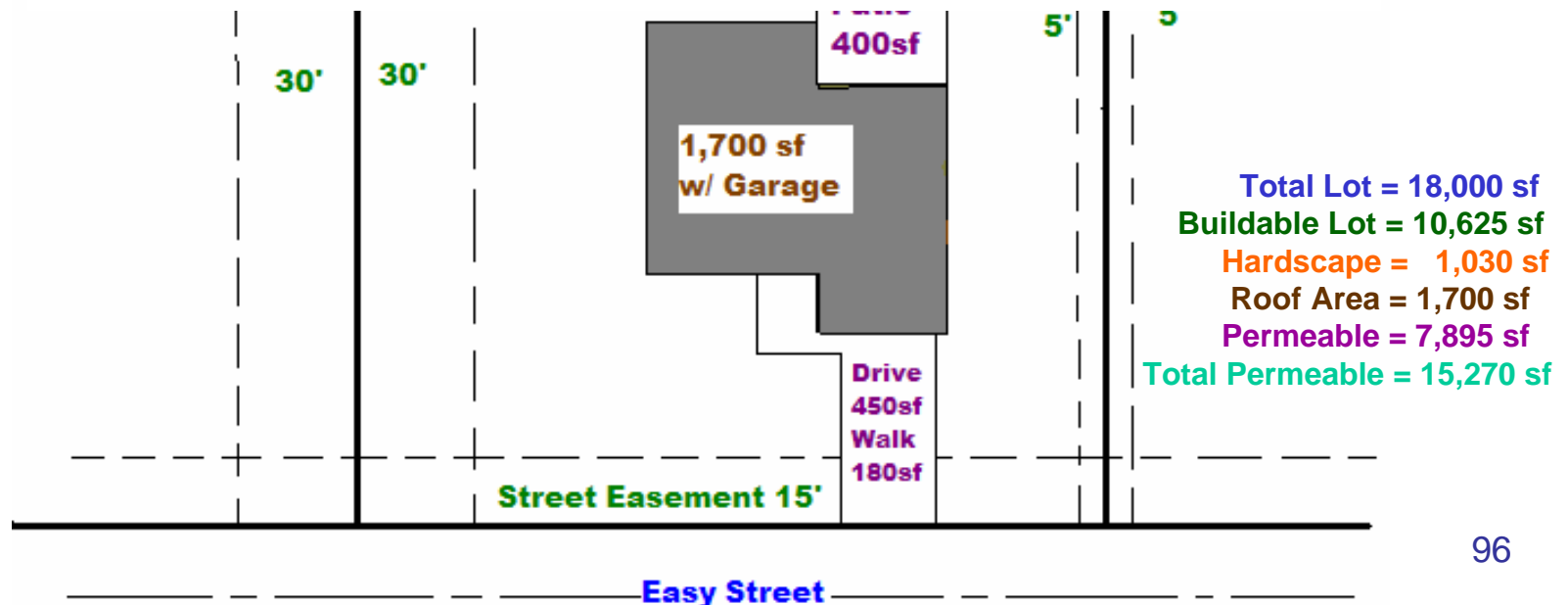
# Sustainable Site Calculations

Minimize disturbed Area of Site  
LH SS-1.2b 40% of **Buildable** Lot Undisturbed

Lot 8, Blk 4

120' wide

Not including area under roof  
nor old hardscape

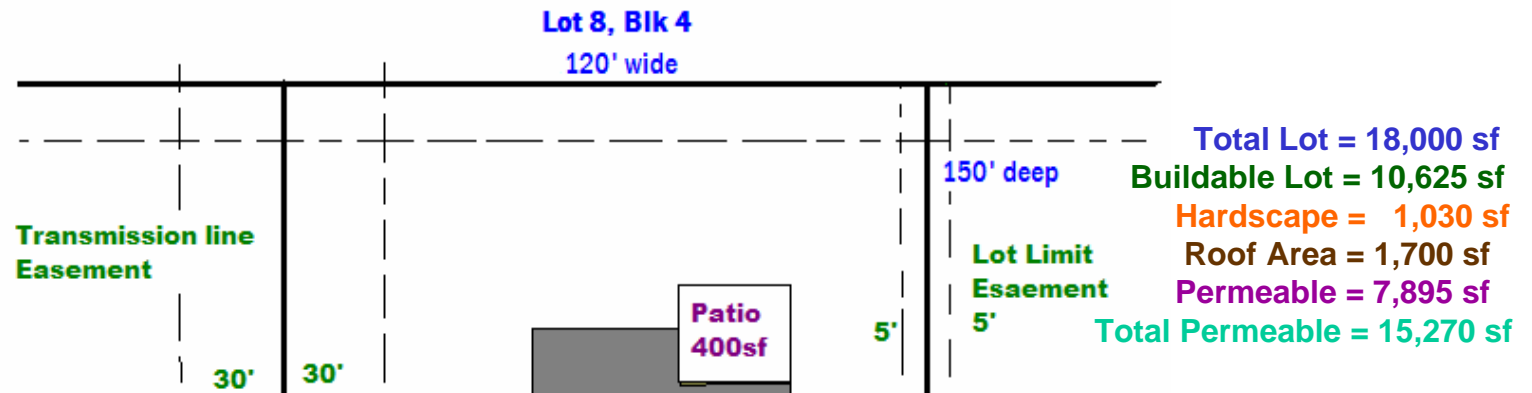




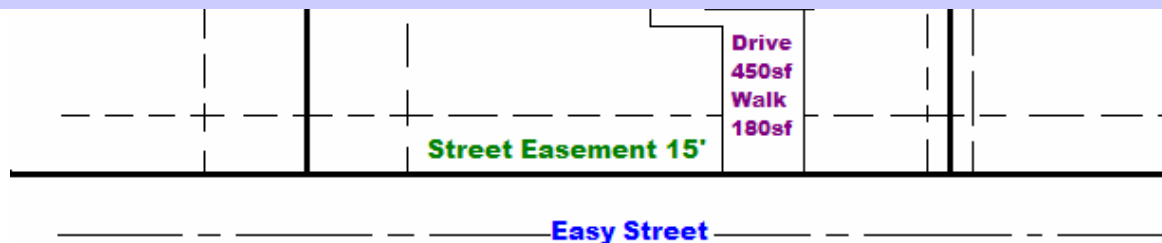
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**- Roof area**      **- 1,700 sf**  
**= Net Bld lot**      **8,925 sf**

**Net Bld Lot**      **8,925 sf**  
                                  **X40%**  
**Undisturbed area = 3,570 sf**



**85 x 42 = 3,570sf = 40% Undisturbed  
 Buildable Area**



# Sustainable Site Calculations

## LH SS-2.3 Limit Conventional Turf in the designed Landscape Softscapes

Lot 8, Blk 4

120' wide

Softscape

150' deep

Designed Landscape (Total Lot)

Not the Area under roof

Not the Hardscape

Total Lot = 18,000 sf

Buildable Lot = 10,625 sf

Hardscape = 1,030 sf

Roof Area = 1,700 sf

Permeable = 7,895 sf

Total Permeable = 15,270 sf

Drive  
450sf  
Walk  
180sf

Street Easement 15'

Easy Street

# Sustainable Site Calculations

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<b>= Net Bld lot</b>	<b>16,300</b>	<b>Total Permeable area = 15,270</b>	

Lot 8, Blk 4  
120' wide

**Total Permeable area = Designed Softscape**

Transmission line

Lot Limit

**Limit Turf to 20% Softscape**

**20% x 15,270 = 3,054 sf  
of Conventional Turf**

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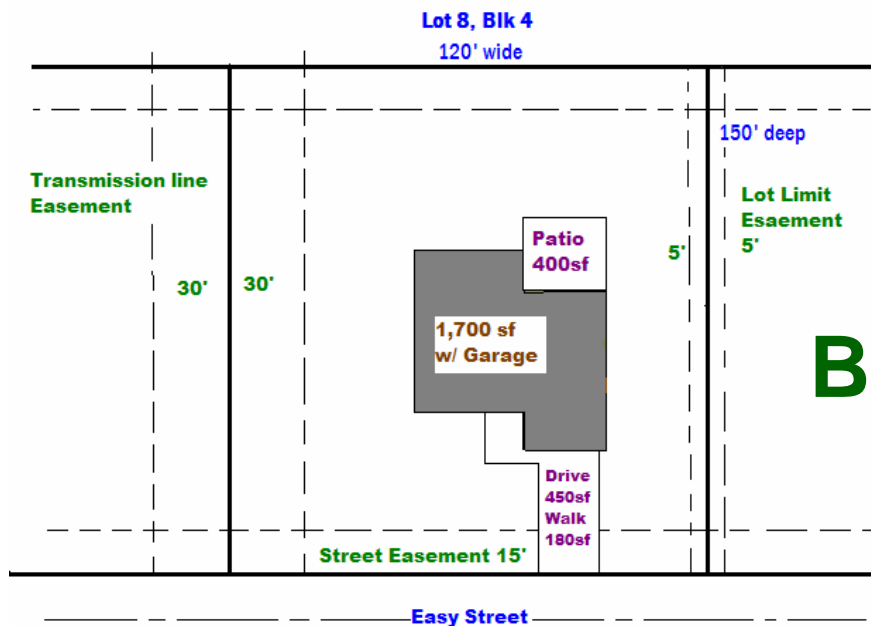
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Easy Street

# Sustainable Site Calculations



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**Total Permeable = 15,270 sf**

**Designed Softscape = 15,270 sf**

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# Documentation Requirements

# Documentation

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- What is the information used for?
  - Verification & Certification
  - Homeowner education
  - Data collection
- Levels of documentation
  - Light
  - Medium
  - Heavy



# Documentation

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Each program varies

- Visual verification
- Photo documentation
- Product literature
  - Cut sheet
  - Spec sheet
  - MSDS
- Test results
- Inspection reports






# Photo Documentation

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- When should you use pictures?
- When are they valuable?
- Connection to accountability



- Sample Form

		<b>Pre-Drywall :</b> ____/____/____										<b>Final :</b> ____/____/____																																					
		<b>House:</b>																																															
		Inspector:										Builder Name:																																					
		Phone/Radio:										Phone/Radio:																																					
Asst. Tech:										Builder Signature:										Not Present																													
<b>Plan name:</b>										Total Cond. Sq. Ft.										HVAC ARI Certified? Y / N										Plans: Y / N										Load Calc: Y / N									
<b>Address:</b>										<b>Min. thermal bridging technique (e.g.OVE, ICF, SIP):</b>																																							
<b>AIR SEALING and INSULATION</b>																				<b>HEATING AND COOLING SYSTEMS</b>																													
Y	N	N/A	VF																	Y	N	N/A	VF																										
				1	Attic kneewalls sheathed, encapsulated and insulated to R-19																			38	Air handler properly sized per load calc																								
				2	Joist cavities under kneewalls blocked																			39	Joints and seams sealed with mastic																								
				3	Stud cavities blocked from attic																			40	>6 in. btwn ducts & A/H & end caps																								
				4	Attic subfloor limited or raised																			41	Ducts supported every 5 ft.																								
				5	Recessed can lights air-tight and sealed																			42	Flex ducts free of pinches																								
				6	Skylight shaft walls insulated plus air barrier on attic side																			43	Sharp turns use metal elbows																								
				7	Roof vented properly with solid baffles																			44	No ducts in panned joists/studs/cabinets																								
				8	Floors over garage sealed																			45	No ducts in insulated cavities																								
				9	Porch roof sealed at exterior wall															<b>WINDOWS</b>										Windows					Doors					Skylights									
				10	Exhaust fan penetration sealed															SHGC																													

# Documentation

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- Sample items:
  - Man J & Man D
  - ARI Certificate
  - Erosion control measures
  - Advanced framing techniques
  - Realistic calculations (e.g. undisturbed lot area)
  - Material specifications
  - Durability measures
  - Homeowner manual



# Documentation Binders/Files

- Keeping papers/photos organized is key
- Auditing of files

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# Sample Homeowner Manual Items

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- Contact info
  - Builder
  - HVAC
  - Landscape
  - Recycling
  - Waste
- Calculations
- Durability measures
- Construction photos
- Material & equipment specifications
- Warranty information
- Maintenance Guidelines / Schedule
- How to live in a green home



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# Green Energy Rater's Role with Accountability Forms



# Accountability

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- We cannot be everywhere and know all things
- Each program has a balance
- Accountability Forms, Affidavits, Disclaimers and Sign-offs





# Accountability

- Sample Form

	Include in AF below?	Party Responsible for Each Prerequisite / Credit	Internal Notes
<b>Sustainable Sites</b>			
SS 2.1 No Invasive Plants			
<b>Materials &amp; Resources</b>			
MR 2.1 FSC Certified Tropical Wood			
<b>Indoor Environmental Quality</b>			
EQ 4.1 Outdoor Air Ventilation			
EQ 5.1 Basic Local Exhaust			
EQ 6.1 Room by Room Load Calculations			
<b>Awareness &amp; Education</b>			
AE 1.1 Basic Operations Training			

**Step 4.** Return a signed copy to the Provider and/or project team leader.

Project Information	
Home Address:	Return to:
Builder:	

Accountability Sign-off (to be completed by party responsible for the credits above)	
By affixing my signature below, the undersigned does hereby declare and affirm to the USGBC that the LEED for Homes requirements, as specified in the LEED for Homes Rating System, have been met for the indicated credits and will, if audited, provide the necessary supporting documents (drawings, calculations, etc.).	
Printed Name	Company
Project Role / Title	
Signature	Date

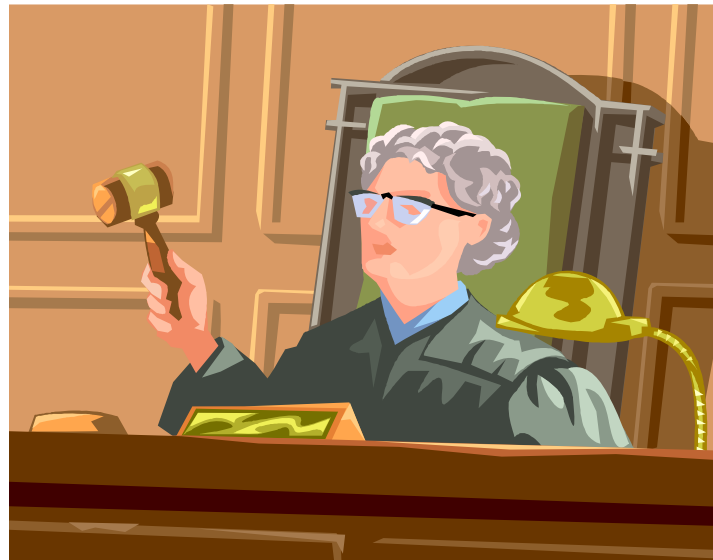
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# Professionalism

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- Conflict of interest
- Liability / Insurance
- Antitrust



# Additional Information

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- RESNET
- US Green Building Council
- ENERGY STAR
- Local Green Building Program
- EEBA
- BPI



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# Questions?

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Thank you!

Remember to Sign Out!!