## GREEN BUILDING METRICS, CODES, STANDARDS, RATING SYSTEMS

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#### AGENDA

- 1. Prior Presentations, Sustainability,
- 2. Green House Gasses, Carbon Neutrality, Adaptation
- 3. Energy and Green Building Codes and Standards,
- 4. Energy Codes/Standards/Rating Systems Compared
- 5. Green Building Rating and Certification Systems
- 6. Green Building Metrics
- 7. Green Building Rating and Certification Systems Compared





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### WHAT WE TALKED ABOUT PREVIOUSLY AND SUSTAINABILITY

- 2007 Winter Conference session covered: Sustainability, LEED NC.
- In 2012, 2015, 2016 (twice) we covered Codes and Standards applicable to telecommunications, in Canada and the US.
- Federal definition: "development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs":
  - Waste / Pollution
  - Energy / Water
  - Other Resources
- Why Buildings, not transportation or energy industries? In 2020, about 53% of stationary end-uses of energy will be for residential and commercial buildings. Space heating, cooling, hot water, etc. (excluding small equipment). Low cost solution to greenhouse gas reductions with existing technology.

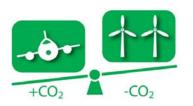












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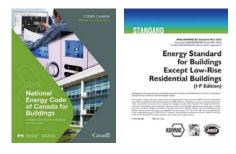
- Updates to codes, standards, rating and certification systems, and legislation.
- More widespread acknowledgement that humans contribute to and can therefore mitigate climate change (with a few notable exceptions)
- Shift of focus to Green House Gas emissions, Carbon Neutrality, Renewable Energy.
- Acceptance that we are talking about adaptation vs. avoidance.
- Buildings, Transportation, and Energy Industry all active areas.
- Federal government mandating price on carbon from 2018 to 2022, coal-fired electricity phase-out and 90% renewables government by 2030.
- BC committed to reducing GHG 80% below 2007 by 2050. Carbon Tax since 2008. Alberta phasing out coal, and mandating renewables by 2030.
- Vancouver target to reduce community-based GHG by 33% from 2007 by 2020, zero emissions new buildings by 2030, 100% renewable by 2050.
- Consideration of addressing sick-building syndrome, and other goals.



### ENERGY CODES AND STANDARDS

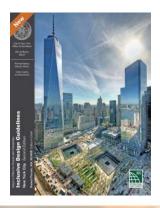
- Model National Energy Code for Buildings (NECB) 2015
- ASHRAE 90.1-2016 Energy Standard for Buildings Except Low-Rise Residential Buildings
- Model National Building Code of Canada (NBCC) 2015, BCBC 2012, VBBL 2014
  - Thermal Resistance of Assemblies, Air Leakage, Vapour Diffusion/Condensation Control, Windows, Doors, Skylights, Fenestrations, Exterior Insulation Finish Systems, Service Water Heating, CO control storage garage ventilation, HRVs, reference to NECB
- Material, Product and Equipment standards also factor into building sustainability (windows, building materials, HVAC, SWH, motors, transformers, lighting, appliances, consumer electronics, etc.). Most notable equipment standard is Energy Star or EnerGuide, but others such as CSA, UL, AHRI, AHAM, etc. include efficiency.
- Beyond Energy there isn't much in the way of a national, provincial, or local code or standard regarding sustainability (by-laws not codes or standards).





#### GREEN CODES AND STANDARDS

- International Code Council's International Green Construction Code
- ANSI/ASHRAE/USGBC/IES Standard 189.1 2014 Standard for the Design of High-Performance Green Buildings Except Low-Rise Residential
- Neither used in Canada (at least not directly)









#### LEGISLATION

- Adoption of NECB 2011 (or 2015) or ASHRAE 90.1 2010 (or 2013 or 2016) by BC, AB, MB, ON, NS, VBBL
- LEED GOLD
  - BC new and major renovations public sector buildings since 2007
  - Vancouver requires LEED Gold for rezoning, including some specific points.
- CARBON NEUTRAL
  - Federal Gov't 40% reduction in GHG by 2030, 100% renewable electricity by 2025.
  - BC mandated carbon neutral public sector (since 2011). Some local governments also. Offset.
  - Vancouver zero emissions new buildings by 2030.
- Federal restriction on manufacture, import, sell or lease restrictions on product such as incandescent bulbs (NRC Energy Efficiency Regulations, 2016 Amendment 13).



#### CODES AND STANDARDS VS. RATING / CERTIFICATION SYSTEMS

- Legislation, and other legally enforceable requirements, are generally focused on energy efficiency (regardless of type), green house gas emissions (non-renewable energy), or, in the case of LEED, discretionary sustainability.
- Neither ASHRAE 90.1 nor NECB relate specifically to carbon (GHG), rather energy efficiency (NECB Energy Used, ASHRAE Energy Cost). ASHRAE 189.1 covers more topics, as does IgCC. Written to be mandatory.
- Rating and Certification systems measure specific or a variety of sustainability measures that they felt most important but don't put a priority on objectives (discretionary). Not intended to be mandatory.
- Some rating/certification systems such as Passive House (voluntary) out-perform mandatory codes and standards – "code is the minimum standard"



# SOME CURRENT BUILDING RATING / CERTIFICATION SYSTEMS (Excluding Homes)

- LEED V4 BD+C NC, C+S, SCHOOLS, RETAIL, HOSPITALITY, DATA CENTERS, WAREHOUSES & DISTRIBUTION CENTERS, AND HEALTHCARE; LEED V4 ID+C, COMMERCIAL INTERIORS, RETAIL, HOSPITALITY; LEED V4 O&M, EB, SCHOOLS, RETAIL, HOSPITALITY, DATA CENTERS, WAREHOUSES & DISTRIBUTION CENTERS; LEED V4 HOMES & MULTIFAMILY LOWRISE, AND MULTIFAMILY MIDRISE; LEED V4 NEIGHBORHOODS
- GREENGLOBES (NC or Sustainable Interiors by ECD JLL, and Cont.Imprv.EB aka BOMA BESt in Canada for single building or portfolio)
- PASSIVE HOUSE
- LIVING BUILDING CHALLENGE (by Cascadia Green Building Council / International Living Future Institute) (incl optional Net Zero Energy Building Certification (by ILFI)
- ENERGY STAR (energy and water use)
- BREEAM (Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method)
- SITES (Sustainable SITES Initiative, by Green Building Certification Inc.)
- WELL Building Standard (by International WELL Building Institute)
- Fitwel (Center of Active Design)
- MANY Others





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# ASHRAE 90.1-2010 (2013 & 2016)

- Energy Efficiency Standard
- Building Envelope, Power, Lighting, Mechanical (HVAC, SWH)
- New bldgs., new portion of bldgs., new systems and equip. in exist. bldgs., specific new equip of industrial or manufacturing processes.
- Excludes single-family, and three stories or fewer.
- Mandatory Provisions, Prescriptive or Trade-Off (Envelope only), Energy <u>Cost</u> Budget Method
- References other standards for non-energy performance such as lighting levels and ventilation requirements

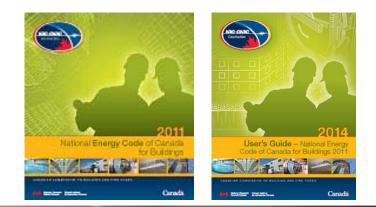




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# NECB 2011 (2015)

- Energy Code
- Building Envelope, Lighting, Mechanical (HVAC, SWH)
- Prescriptive, Trade-off (envelope, ltg, HVAC, SWH), or Performance compliance paths
- Building <u>Energy</u> Performance target (not cost)
- Written in conjunction with NBCC, NPC, NFC, CEC, etc.



# ASHRAE 90.1 vs. NECB vs. PH, LBC-NZEB

- ASHRAE balances heating and cooling efficiency; NECB is biased toward heating. In Canada the bias is toward heating (3/4 of the time) so NECB typically results in an operational saving over ASHRAE.
- ASHRAE looks at energy cost, NECB looks at energy consumed. At the building level in a low-carbon world the building uses more electricity since fossil fuels are excluded, but neighborhood energy, biomass, and other low-carbon sources are options. Low-carbon typically increases energy cost whereas heat pumps decrease energy consumed at expense of capital cost.
- Passive House typically exceed energy cost and energy use performance of either.
   Similarly a NZEB would be the best.



# ASHRAE/USGBC/IES Std.189.1 - 2014

- Standard for the Design of High-Performance Green Buildings Exc. Low-Rise Resi. Bldgs.
- Site Sustainability, Water Use Efficiency, Energy Efficiency, IEQ, Materials & Resources, Building's Impact on the Atmosphere (Construction and Operations Plans).
- Goes beyond energy requirements of ASHRAE 90.1
- Not just an energy standard, but not a rating or certification system.
- Not used in Canada directly







# **Passive House**

- Certification system: Outcome-based (not prerequisites and optional credits) design standard, low-energy consumption through passive solar design, superinsulation, high-tech windows, airtightness, premium efficiency HV, ltg., & appliances.
- Some jurisdictions are looking to Passive House as an alternative to NECB/ASHRAE 90.1 because building energy performance is so good (dramatically less heat, significantly less cooling). Well suited to Canadian climate.



# USGBC LEED V4

- Rating/Certification system: multiple construction types, multiple aspects of sustainability. Mature system. Quoting City of Vancouver such systems are "widely proven, have broad credibility, and are third party verified".
- LEED started by USGBC in 1998
- NC has multiple market segments & categories (performance areas): Sustainable sites, water efficiency, energy & atmosphere, materials & resources, indoor environmental quality, Integrative Strategies, Regional Priority, and Location & Transportation. Pre-requisites and credits. Certification levels.



# Living Building (Challenge)

- Performance-based standard (certification) with flexibility for building type and region. Seven performance areas or "petals": Place (site), Water, Energy, Health (& Happiness), Materials, Equity, Beauty. Twenty Imperatives.
- Four scales: building, neighborhood, village/campus, and city.
- Four typologies: buildings, renovations, landscape or infrastructure, neighborhood.
- Targets Net Zero (Energy, water, waste) and on-site renewable energy. Net Zero Energy Building is a certification option. Others are Full Living, Petal, & LB Challenge.
- Third-party Auditor for document review and onsite verification.



# **Green Globes**

- Online Rating/Certification System (1-5 Green Globes in Canada). Based on 1996 CSA BREEAM Canada, 2000 (EB), NC 2013 based on ANSI/GBI 01-2010, next expected GBI 01-2017. GBI an ANSI SDO. Used by DND, PWGSC and US GSA.
- Green Building Initiative (BOMA EB, NC now ECD JLL in CA).
- Seven key areas (NC): energy, indoor environment, site, water, materials & resources, emissions, and project/environmental management (emissions). No prerequisites, just credits.
- Assessment Tools: New buildings and significant renovations (NC), Office fit-up (CI -Comm.Int.), existing buildings (EB, aka BOMA BESt in Canada).
- Assessor provide 3<sup>rd</sup> party certification services.



# BREEAM

- Rating System one of the very first for buildings, basis of many others.
- Building Research Establishment's Environmental Assessment Method (developed for UK in 1990s, but now also used in EU and elsewhere).
- Multi-attribute scores for Management, Health & well-being, Energy, Transport, Water, Land use & ecology, Materials, Waste and pollution are weighted for a rating.
- Multiple schemes including Communities, Courts, Education, Health care, Offices, Prisons, Retail, etc.

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#### BREEAM®

### GREEN CONSTRUCTION RATING /CERTIFICATION METRICS

• How many key areas could the different rating/certification systems cover?

- GSA
- 27 to 28 requirements from Energy Independence Security Act (US EISA) Study in 2012:
- New Buildings: Integrated Design, Commissioning, Indoor Water, Process Water, Outdoor Water, Storm Water, Water-Efficient Products, Energy Efficiency, On-Site Renewable Energy, Measurement and Verification, Benchmarking, Recycled Content, Biobased Content, Environmentally Preferable Products, Waste and Materials Management, Ozone Depleting Compounds, Low-Emitting Materials, Ventilation, Thermal Comfort, Daylighting, Environmental Tobacco Smoke Control, Protect Indoor Air Quality during Construction, Moisture Control, Acoustic, Building System Controls, Siting, Greenhouse Gas
- Existing Buildings: as above except Integrated Assessment, Operation, and Management vs. Design, adds Integrated Pest Management
- Includes energy efficiency, greenhouse gas, & renewables covered by legislation, codes & standards.



#### SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

• UN SDG



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## CRITERIA FOR EVALUATING RATING / CERTIFICATION SYSTEMS

- So, how do you compare so many different rating systems?
- US EISA Green Building Certification System Study 2012 (ASHRAE 189.1 supplemented 2012, LEED v4 supplemented 2014) by US Gen.Svcs.Admin.
  - Robustness of the technical components of the certification system to address Federal high-performance design and operational requirements for Federal facilities: whole building evaluation, addressing key sustainable design and operations metrics
  - Independence and availability of technically qualified auditors or assessors.
  - Documented verification method
  - Transparency of certification systems' approach to collecting and addressing public comments
  - Consensus-based standard for documenting a development and revision process
  - System maturity
  - Usability of the system, especially in a particular jurisdiction
  - National recognition within the building industry



#### CRITERIA FOR EVALUATING RATING / CERTIFICATION SYSTEMS - cont'd

Whole-building Building Types Third-party Certification Certification Owner System sustainability Green Green Globes is Green Globes certifies Green Globes Assessors Green **US EISA 2012** Globes® Building comprised of seven key new buildings and provide third-party Initiative areas: energy, indoor significant renovation, certification services. (GBI) existina buildinas. environment, site, water, resources, emissions, building emergency Criteria included 3<sup>rd</sup> party and project/ management, building verification, whole-building environmental intelligence, and fit-up. management. analysis, availability in US **LEED**® U.S. Green LEED is comprised of LEED certifies new The Green Building Building five key areas: construction and major Certification Institute Council sustainable site renovations, existing (GBCI) provides third-ASHRAE 189.1, and LEED v4 (USGBC) development, water buildings, commercial party certification savings, energy building interiors, core services. added later by supplement. efficiency, materials and shell construction, selection, and indoor schools, retail, environmental quality. healthcare, and homes. To be updated in 2017 (but Living International Living Building Challenge Living Building Challenge A third-party auditor is . .) Building is comprised of seven certifies development at Living responsible for Challenge™ Building performance areas: site, four scales: building, performing document Institute water, energy, health, neighborhood, review and onsite (ILBI) materials, equity and village/campus, and city. verification. beauty.

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#### CRITERIA FOR EVALUATING RATING / CERTIFICATION SYSTEMS - cont'd

- Whole Building Design Guide (US National Institute of Building Sciences)
  - Who is assessing? First-party, second-party, or third-party?
  - Multi-attribute program?
  - Overall environmental performance: Water, energy, emissions, toxicity
- RSMeans
  - Science-based reproducible results and decisions by others
  - Transparent standard and process for recognition open and transparent
  - Objective certification body free of conflict of interest
  - Progressive should advance industry practices
- International Facility Management Association (IFMA) (2015)
  - Formal certification program?
  - Multi-attribute program?
  - Original program (vs. derivative of other system)?
  - Mature system (not in development or pilot)

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#### WBDG Whole Building Design Guide®



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# US EPA Green Building Standards



- Reviewed IgCC 2012, ASHRAE/USGBC/IES 189.1-2011, 2012 National Green Building Standard, Green Globes, USGBC LEED, ILFI LBC ver. 2.1 (2012)
- Code or Rating/Certification System, Intended Application (Mandatory/Voluntary), Building Types (e.g. Comm., Resi., . . .), Project Types (e.g. NC, Alterations, . . .), Subject Areas (e.g. Site, Energy, IEQ, . . .), Certification/Compliance Process (by AHJ, 3<sup>rd</sup> party, . . .), Relationship to Standards (ASHRAE 90.1, 189.1, etc.).





# EPA Green Bldg. Std. - List

#### **Green Building Standards**

American communities have more options: than ever for encouraging greenere building and development. Hany organizations have developed model codes or reting systems that communities can use to develop greene building ordnances. Learn about some of the major options, which are listed below. You can view a side-by-vide comparison by selecting the checkbones of options that interest you, then clicking the Compare builds or greater building ordnances.

Standard	Standard Type <sup>1</sup>	Mandatory/ Voluntary <sup>2</sup>	Building Type(s)	Project Type	Subject Areas	Compare
International Code Council's 2012 International Green Construction Code (IgCC) A model code that contains minimum requirements for increasing the emvironmental and health performance of buildings sites and structures. Generally, it applies to the design and construction of all types of buildings except single- and two-family residential structures, multi-family structures with three or fewer stories, and temporery structures. More information about 2012 IgCC	Model code	• Mandatory	Commercial: all     Industrial: all but manufacturing systems and     equipment     Index due all     Residential: multi-family with more than 3     stories	<ul> <li>New construction</li> <li>Additions</li> <li>Alterations</li> </ul>	Sustainable tites     Energy efficiency     Water efficiency     Materials and resource use     Indoor environmental quality     Emissions     Operations and maintenance	Compare IgCC with other standards
ANSI/ASHRAE/USGEC/IES Standard 189.1-2011: Standard for the Design of High-Performance Green Buildings Except Low-Rise Residential Buildings (ASHRAE 189.1) A model code that contains minimum requirements for increasing the emvironmental and health performance of buildings sites and structures. Generally, it applies to the design and construction of all types of buildings except single-family homes, multi-family homes with 3 or fewer stories, and modular and mobile homes. Mare information about ASHRAE 189.1	Model code	• Mandatory	Commercial: all     Industriat: all     Mind use all     Reidential: multi-family with more than 3     stories	New construction     Additions	Sustainable tites     Energy efficiency     Water efficiency     Materials and resource use     Indoor environmental quality     Construction and operations     plans	Compare ASH with other standards
ICC 700-2012: 2012 Notional Green Building Standard (ICC 700) A rating and cetification system that aims to encourage increased environmental and health performance in residences and residential portions of buildings. Its criteria apply to the design and construction of homes and subdivisions. More information about ICC 700	<ul> <li>Rating and certification system</li> </ul>	• Voluntary	Mixed use: residential space     Residential: all except institutional uses	<ul> <li>New construction</li> <li>Additions</li> <li>Alterations</li> </ul>	Sutainable sites     Energy efficiency     Water efficiency     Materials and resource use     Indoor environmental quality     Operations and maintenence     Building owner education	Compare NGBS with other standards
Green Globes <sup>74</sup> A series of rating and certification systems that encourage improved environmental and health performance for all types of buildings except residential structures. Green Globes <sup>74</sup> is administered in the U.S. by the Green Building Initiative. More information about Green Globes	Rating and certification system	Voluntary	Commercial: all     Mixed use: all     Residential: multi-family	New construction     Additions     Alterations     Existing     buildings	Sustainable sites     Energy efficiency     Water efficiency     Materials and resource use     Indoor environmental quality     Envision     Projectjenvironmental     management	Compare OBI with other standards
US Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED <sup>6</sup> ) A series of retirg systems simed at increasing the environmental and health performance of buildings sites and structures and of neighborhoods. LEED <sup>2</sup> covers the design, construction, and operation of all types of buildings. More information about LEED	<ul> <li>Rating and certification system</li> </ul>	• Voluntary	Commercial all     Industrial: all     Industrial: all     Second all     Residential: all	<ul> <li>New construction</li> <li>Existing buildings</li> <li>Additions</li> </ul>	Sustainable sites     Energy efficiency     Water efficiency     Materials and resource use     Indoor environmental quality     Emissions     Operations and maintenance	Compare LEED with other standards
The International Living Future Institute's Living Building Challenge <sup>®</sup> , version 2.1 (May 2012) A certification system that advocates for transformation in the design, construction, and operation of buildings. In addition to encouraging improved environmental and health performance, it supports building structures that are restorative, regenerative, and an integral component of the local ecology and culture.	Certification system	Voluntary	Commercial: ell     Inductrial: ell     Mined uce: ell     Residential: ell	• AII	Sustainable sites     Energy efficiency     Water efficiency     Materials and resource use     Indoor environmental quality     Equity     Aesthetics	Compare ILFI with other standards





# EPA Green Bldg. Std. - Comparison

#### Comparison of Green Building Standards

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Energy Star	Single- Attribute	Government certification using a benchmarking method	U.S. EPA and U.S. DOE	Building energy and water use
Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED)	Multi- Attribute	Green building cating and certification system through independent third- party verification for: New Construction (NC) Existing Buildings, Operations & Maintenance (BB O&M) Commercial Interfors(CI) Corres & Shell (CS) Schools(SCH) Real Heating, CH) Heating, CH Heating, CH Neighborhood Development (ND)	U.S. Green Building Council	Performance in: Sastainable Stes Water Efficiency Exergy & Admosphere Materials & Resources Indoor Environmental Quility Locations & Education Innovation (Besign Regional Priority through a set of prerequilities and credits
Green Globes	Multi- Attribute	Green building guidance and zoesament program for: Existing buildings New construction	Green Building Initiative in the U.S. BOMA Canada	Environmental assessment areas to earn credits inc lindoor Environment Site Water Resources Emissions Project/Environmental Management Noprerequisites
Living Building Challenge	Multi- Attribute	Performance-based standard, and certification program for: Longetts: Partial renovations and complete building renevals Neighbords, campus and community design	International Living Future Institute	Performance areas include: Site Visiter Materials Health Ecoulty Beauty All areas are requirements.
NZEB	Multi- Attribute	Certification program using the structure of the Living Building Challenge which can be applied to any building type.	International Living Future Institute	One hundred percent of the project's energy needs must be supplied by on-site remevable energy on a net around basis, without the use of on-site combustion. NEEE certified buildings must also meet the following requirements of the Living Building Children and share the following eliving the constraints of the provide the appropriate siting of buildings I Imperative 20, Inspiration and Education
SITES	Multi- Attribute	Third party verified rating system for development projects located on sites with or without buildings.	Administered by GBCI	Performance criteria in the areas of: • Water • Wildlife Habitat • Energy • Air Quality • Human Health • Outdoor recreation opportunities
WELL Building Standard	Multi- Attribute	Performance based standard and certification program for New and Dixiting Buildings One and Shell Retail Education Facilities Restaurant Commercial Kitchen Multifamily Residential	Administered by the International WELL Building Institute <sup>***</sup> (IWBI)	Measures attributes of buildings that impact occupant health by looking at seven factors: At Water, Naurishment, Light, Fitness, Comfort, Mind

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- Criteria included single and multi-attribute systems
- This summary excludes International Programs including BREEAM



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#### **5. QUESTIONS**

