



ALLEY HOUSE

Using Phius Certification to Steer Student Design Decisions in Solar Decathlon Build Challenge

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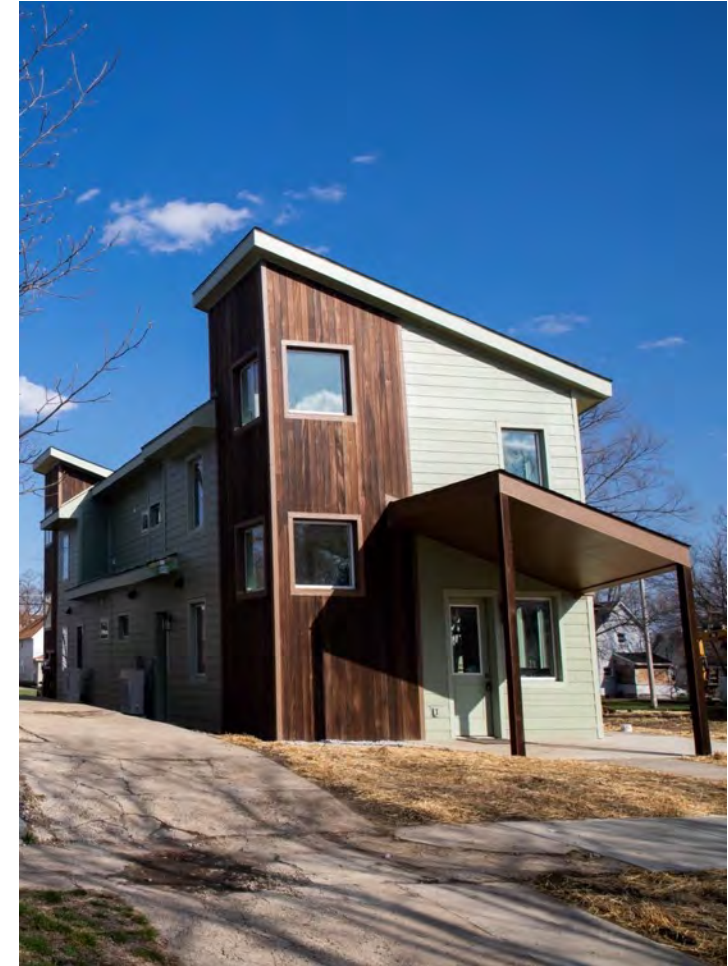
First & Foremost, Alley House...

Is a **local affordable** housing solution to a **global climate crisis**, which disproportionately impacts the poor, vulnerable, and disenfranchised.

Employs **high-performance** building design to **ensure the comfort, health, & well-being** of low-income residents who often struggle to find **quality affordable housing** in the area & are being **displaced** due to gentrification pressure from market-rate urban development.

Uses **onsite renewable energy** production & other **resource conservation measures** to dramatically reduce monthly **utility bills** for residents, which can be a significant portion of their monthly income.

Acts as a **catalyst** for **sustainable** urban infill housing in an area struggling from decades of disinvestment, vacancy, & property abandonment to **enhance quality of place & community interactions**.



Introduction: The Alley House Design-Build



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SOLAR DECATHLON

BUILDING IMPACT FOR 20 YEARS

2002-2022



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IMPROVEMENT LOCATION PERMIT
1200 MADISON AVE. STE 100, INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46225
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Permit No: **IP22-01881**
Location: **201 N TEMPLE AVE**
Township: **CENTER**

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Project: **2050**
Points: **100**

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Tree Protection	No	Straw Bales	No
RRB Raps	No	Vegetation	Yes
Silt/Sand Traps	Yes		

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ABBREVIATIONS

GENERAL SPECS

US DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
SOLAR DECATHLON BUILD CHALLENGE 2023
BALL STATE UNIVERSITY
ALLEY HOUSE

NOT FOR CONSTRUCTION

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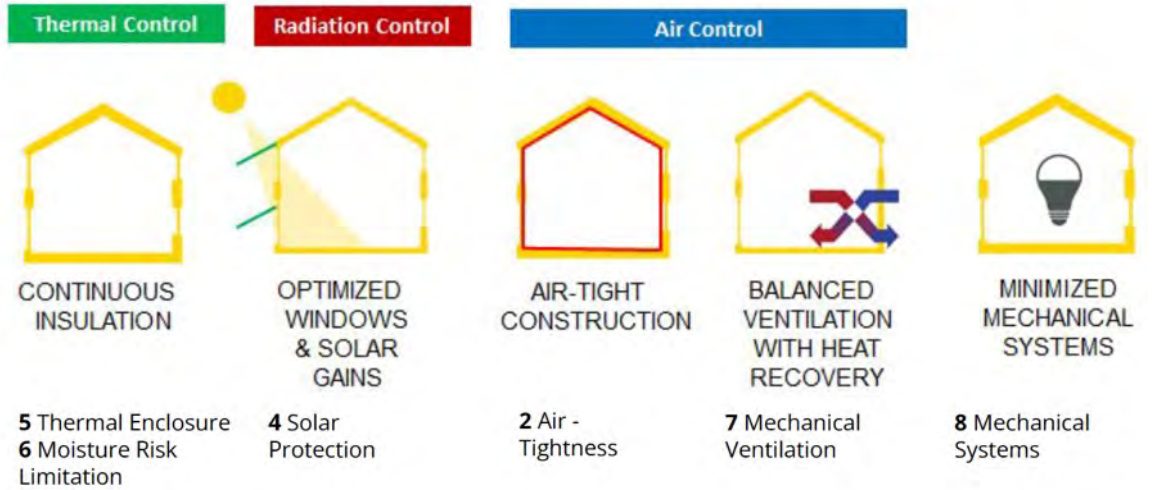


10 CONTESTS



PASSIVE BUILDING PRINCIPLES

Phius Prescriptive Path



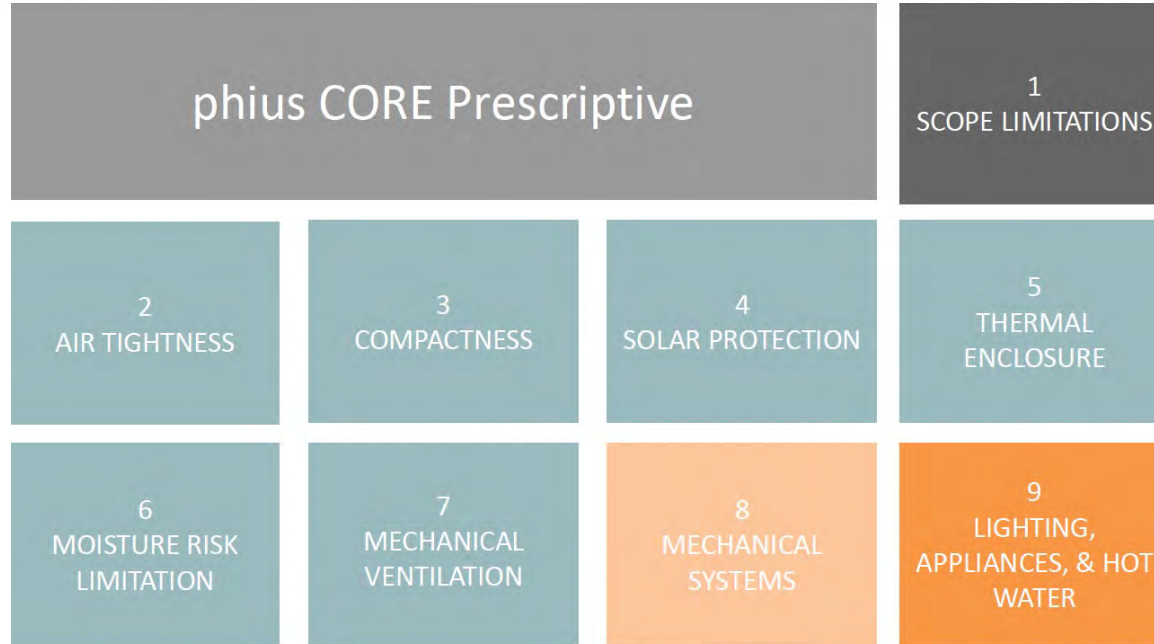
phius CORE Prescriptive 2021 Snapshot



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State	INDIANA
City	INDIANAPOLIS INTL
ASHRAE Climate Zone	4A
iCFA* (ft ²)	1386
Number of Bedrooms*	3
Number of Stories	2

*per dwelling unit



1. GENERAL

1.1.2 ICFA divided by Number of Bedrooms
(Calculated Value based on Inputs)

Maximum Limit	900	ft ²
OK, Meets Limit	450	ft ²

3. COMPACTNESS

3.1 Maximum Envelope Area
(Maximum Envelope to Floor Area Ratio)

4670	ft ²
3.46	

4. SOLAR PROTECTION

4.1.1 Maximum Whole Window SHGC
4.4.1 Projection Factor for Fixed Overhangs

0.40
NR

5. HEAT TRANSMISSION

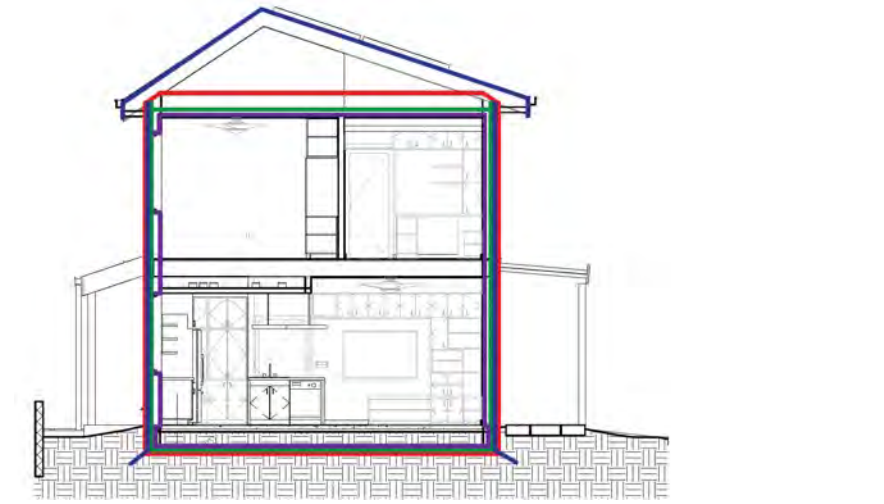
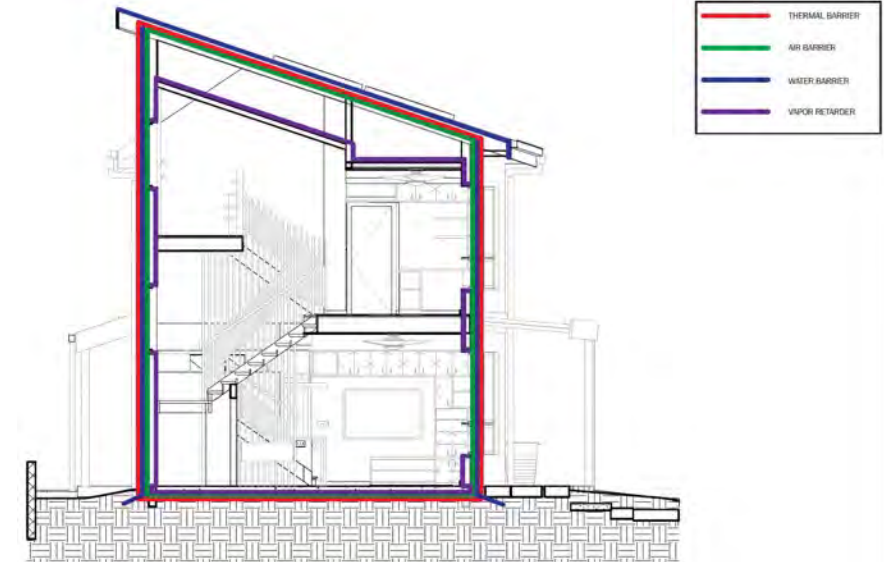
5.1.1a Fenestration/Opening
5.1.1b Walls & Overhang Floors
5.1.1c Roofs, Ceilings
5.1.1d Whole Slab Foundations & Below-Grade Walls and Floors of Conditioned Basements and Crawl Spaces

Maximum Whole Component U-Value	0.17	(BTU/h.ft ² .°F)
Minimum Effective R-Value	37	(ft ² .°F.h/BTU)
Minimum Effective R-Value	68	(ft ² .°F.h/BTU)
Minimum Effective R-Value	18	(ft ² .°F.h/BTU)



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0 Project Information										
phius Project Number:		2050		Project Name:		The Alley House		Date:		4/15/21
0.3 Climate Information										
State / Province:		INDIANA		City:		INDIANAPOLIS INTL AP		Climate Zone:		4A
0.4 Project Location										
City:		Indianapolis		Street Address:		201 N Temple		Zip Code:		46201
0.5 Project Team										
Submitter/CPHC Name:		Walter Grondzik		phius Number:		1234		phius Number:		1235
Builder Name:		Dan Porzel		phius Number:		1235		phius Number:		1236
Rater Name:		Best Rater		phius Number:		1236		phius Number:		1236
0.6 Project Specifics										
Project Type:		Duplex - New Construction		Interior Conditioned Floor Area (ICFA) [ft ²]:		1,386		Number of Stories:		2 1/2
				Exterior Enclosure Area [ft ²]:		4,670		Number of Bedrooms:		3
1 General										
1.1 Scope										
1.1.1 The proposed building is a single-family detached or attached residence ¹ (one dwelling unit ² where the occupants are primarily permanent in nature.)										
1.1.2 The ICFA (minus excluded floor levels) divided by the number of bedrooms < 900 [ft ²]. Excluded Floor Levels are floor levels without egress windows/doors.										
1.1.2.1		Area of Excluded Floor Levels [ft ²]		ICFA/Bedroom		< 900 [ft ²]:				
		0		462		YES				
1.1.3 No fossil fuel combustion equipment is to be installed.										
1.1.4 No jetted tubs or indoor pools are planned.										
1.1.5 No natural draft fireplaces are to be installed.										
1.2 Co-Requisites³										
1.2.1 ENERGY STAR Certified Homes										
1.2.2 DOE Zero Energy Ready Homes										
1.2.3 EPA Indoor airPLUS										
2 Air-Tightness										
2.1 Measured building airtightness $q50 \leq 0.04$ cfm/ft2 enclosure area. ⁴										
2.1.1 Testing agent identified for preliminary blower door test. ⁵										
2.1.2 Airtightness detail drawings must be comprehensible and show a continuous uninterrupted air barrier that forms from different materials and components at all junctions.										
3 Compactness										
3.1 Building Enclosure Area ⁶										
3.1.1		Does not exceed the calculated maximum limit [ft ²].		4,837						
4 Solar Protection										
4.1 Glazed Fenestration Solar Heat Gain Coefficient ⁷ (SHGC)										
4.1.1		Does not exceed the calculated maximum requirement. ⁸		0.40						
4.2 Glazed Fenestration Area										
4.2.1		The overall window-to-wall (WWR) area ratio ⁹ is $\leq 18\%$.								
4.2.1.1		Orientation (within 90°)		North		East		South		West
		Window Area [ft ²]		78		0		147		75
		Above-grade Wall Area [ft ²]		803		426		708		491
		Total		299		2.427		Calculated WWR		11%
										YES



ALLEY HOUSE OVERVIEW

Sustainability: Equity – Economy - Environment

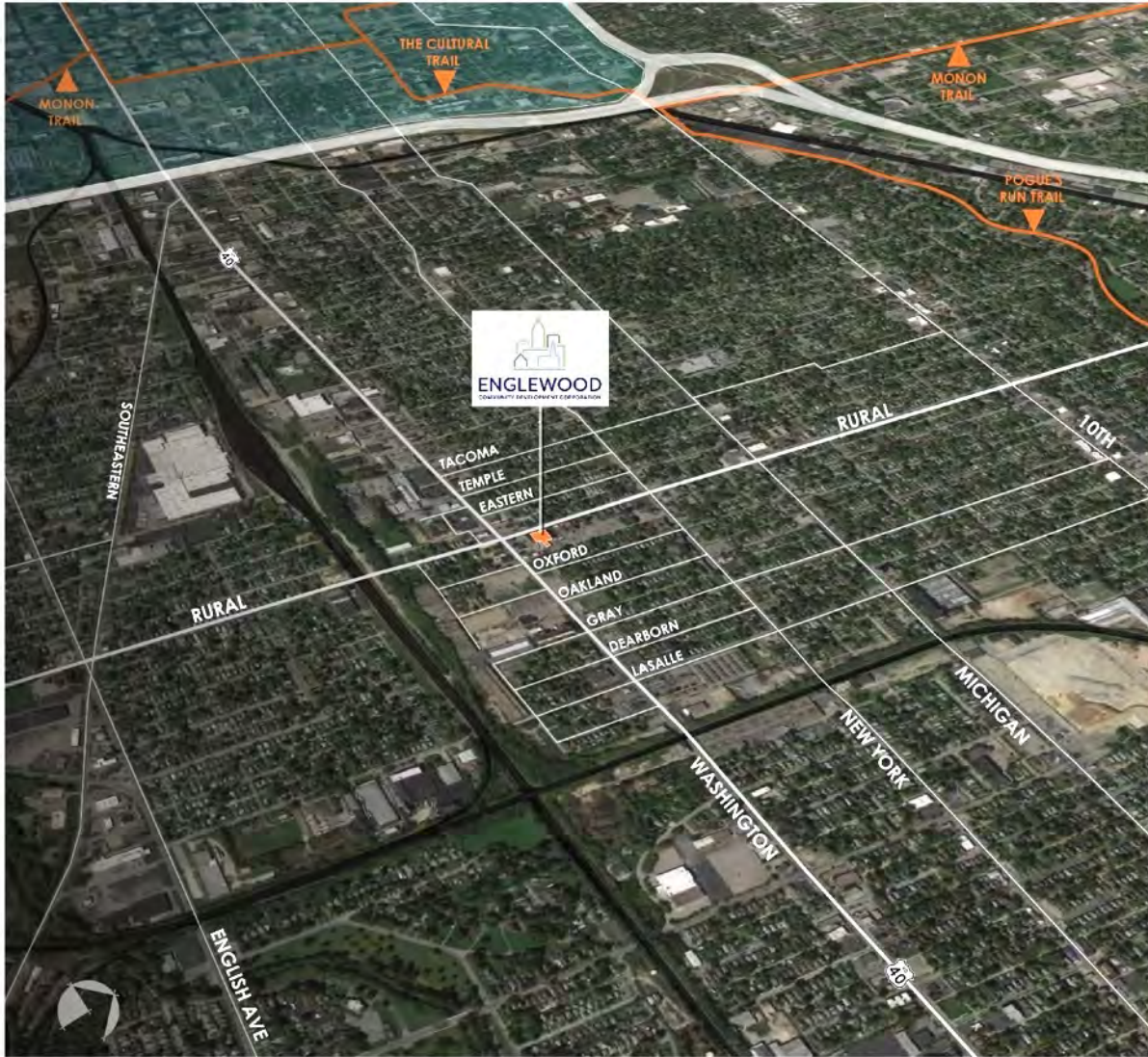


Engaged Student Involvement

The **student engagement** and **community partnership** over this two-year design build process has been transformative. Our community brought **invaluable feedback** to the team. We held **open houses**, **exhibit displays**, **community participation** sessions and **work days, workshops** with professional consultants, **groundbreaking** and **ribbon cutting** ceremonies, and a **two-week public exhibit** with over 1000 attendees to the Alley House. Students were engaged in every aspect of this project from design to construction to performance testing.

- Open House to solicit feedback on design Fall 2021
- "Advance to Build" Team Presentation Spring 2022
- Groundbreaking Ceremony Summer 2022
- Full-scale layout of house and educational centers
- DayStar children full-scale mockup of play space
- House Occupancy Testing Spring 2023
- Grand Opening to give thanks to over 200 partners
- Ribbon cutting with all having part of the ribbon
- Public exhibit student led tours Spring 2023
- Performance testing of the Alley House continues





Livability

Promoting authentic and unique aspects of the area, utilizing PR Mallory as a central green space, providing a walkable environment for all ages, and improving basic infrastructure.



Opportunity

Encourage new development being walkable and attractive, promoting urban food growing and production, encouraging small businesses, and building off of the areas strengths.



Vitality

Supporting current neighbors while reducing vacancy. Welcoming new residential housing types to add density.



Education

Enhancing existing offerings, providing a community-focused local school, and providing education opportunities for all ages and to those who have fallen behind.

Community and Student Engagement



Ground Breaking Ceremony July 2022



DayStar Childcare Visit and Interaction with Prototype Modular Storage Bins June 2022



Community Open House CAP:INDY Fall 2021



Soil Sample Collection July 2022



State Farm Neighborhood Assist Grant July 2022



THE ALLEY HOUSE

201 N TEMPLE AVE., INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46202

Just east of downtown Indianapolis is the lively neighborhood of Englewood, a multi-cultural, multi-generational place to live, work, worship, learn, and play. Like many post-industrial communities in the Midwest, Englewood has experienced population decline, reduced rates of educational attainment, decreasing median household incomes, and high vacancy rates. The recent affordable housing crisis and deteriorating existing building stock have made this neighborhood a target for outside developers who are building at a fast pace using low-quality construction materials and are contributing to rising property values. Higher property values bring a positive impact such as an influx of capital into the area and increased beautification efforts in the neighborhood; however, they also negatively impact residents in the displacement of original households and by changing in the social character of the neighborhood. Although affordable senior housing has been developed in the Near Eastside (NES) of Indianapolis, this has not effectively addressed the shortage of affordable housing for families.

Research indicates that vacant and abandoned properties in the Near Eastside neighborhood continue to disturb the communities' economy, health, welfare, and safety. Indianapolis is not sheltered from these harsh realities. Yet, communities often respond to difficulties by finding opportunities. One such opportunity is the plan of Cardinal Studio and Englewood Community Development Corporation (ECDC) to re-engage this neglected community by constructing multiple family housing units on vacant lots owned by Englewood CDC.

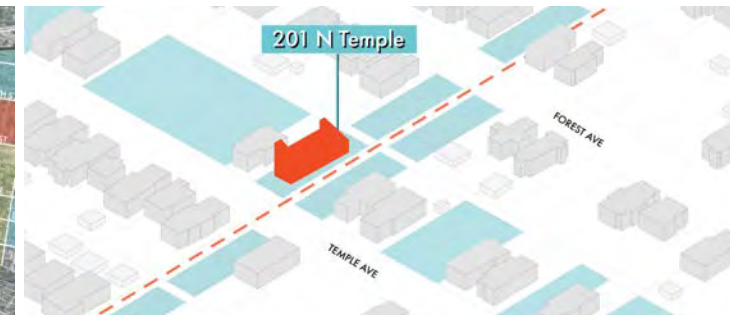
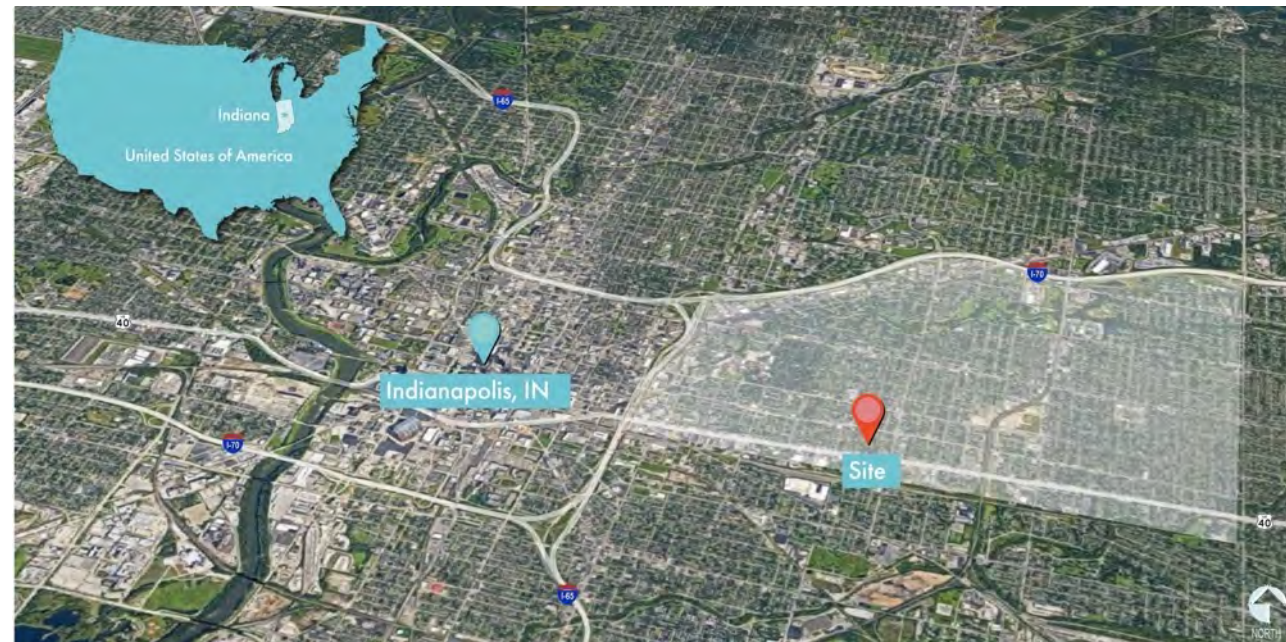
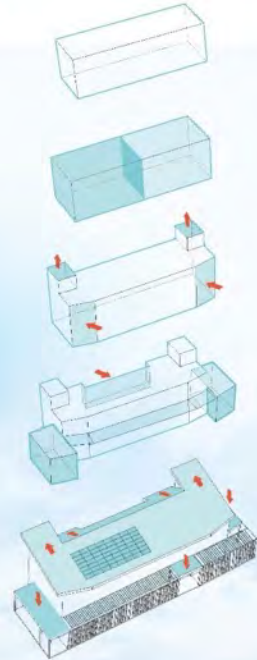
INITIAL VOLUME
Long south face toward alley

CREATE TWO UNITS
Short demising wall between units

EXTEND STAIR CORE & ACTIVATE THE ALLEY
Elevate stair angled wall for view to alley

DEFINING ENTRANCES & SECOND FLOOR SPACES
Porch placement and secondary entries

ROOF PITCH STUDY & ADDITION OF EAST AND WEST PORCHES
Addition of PV array on 4/12 pitch facing south



SOUTHWEST PERSPECTIVE

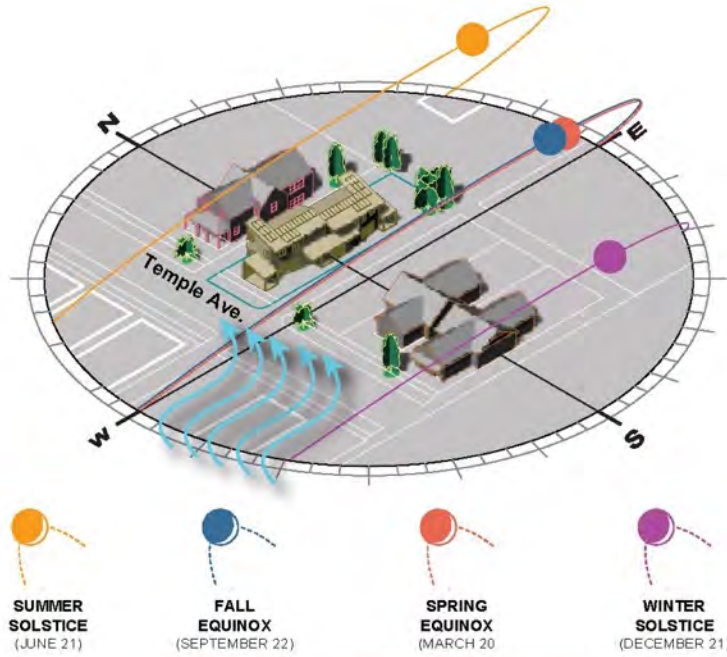
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SOUTHWEST BIRDS EYE PERSPECTIVE

Urban Design of the Alley House

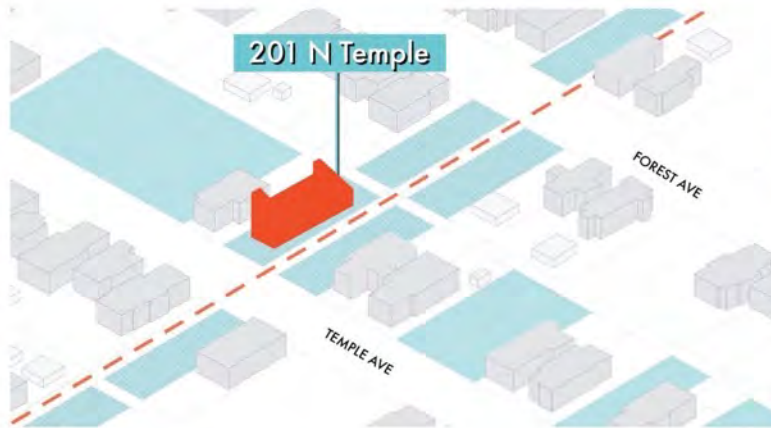
Urban Design

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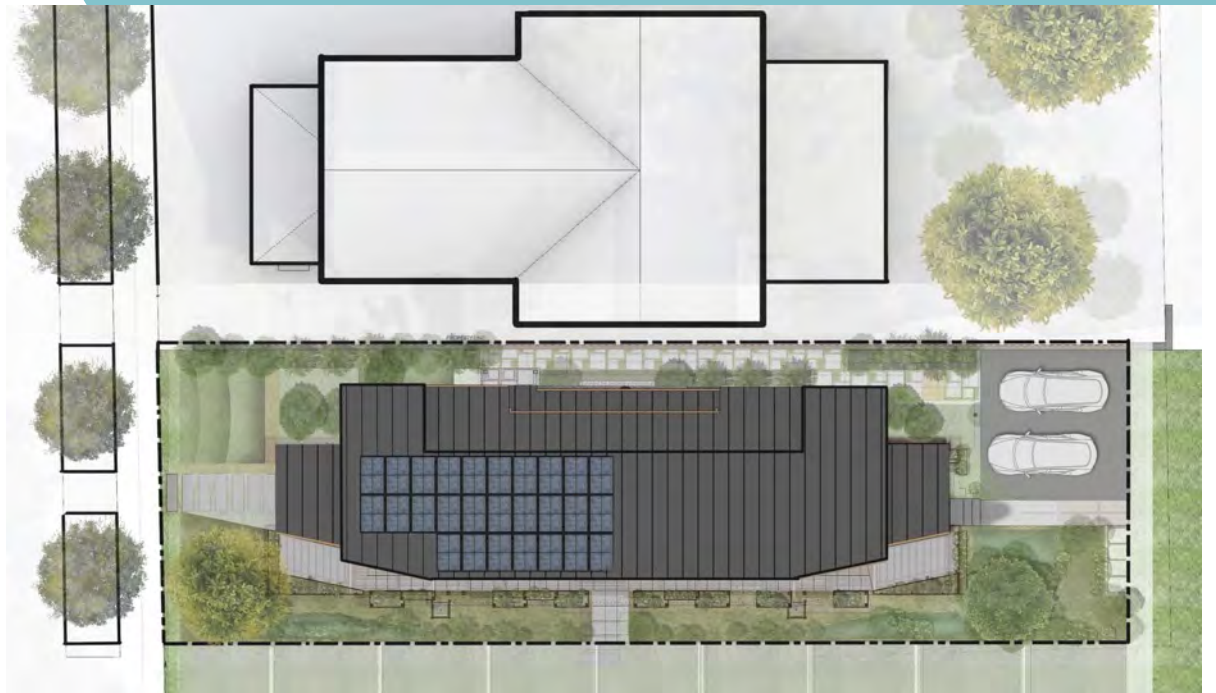
CLIMATE ZONE 5A | COLD | HUMID

201 N TEMPLE AVE. INDIANAPOLIS, IN



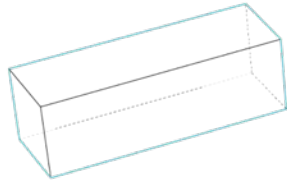
Legend	
	Englewood CDC
	20 SITES:
	36 N Lasalle St
	42 N Gray St
	43 S Lasalle St
	52 S Lasalle St
	60 S Dearborn St
	201 N Temple Ave
	216 N Rural St
	218 N Oakland Ave
	222 N Rural St
	225 N Temple Ave
	226 N Gray St
	228 N Temple Ave
	250 N Lasalle St
	253 N Oxford St
	325 N Dearborn St





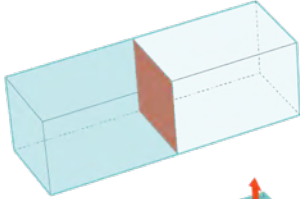
INITIAL VOLUME

Long south face toward alley



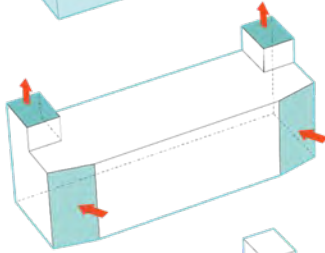
CREATE TWO UNITS

Short demising wall between units



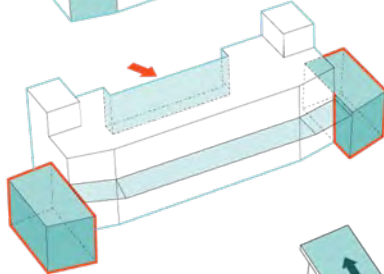
EXTEND STAIR CORE & ACTIVATE THE ALLEY

Elevate stair angled wall for view to alley



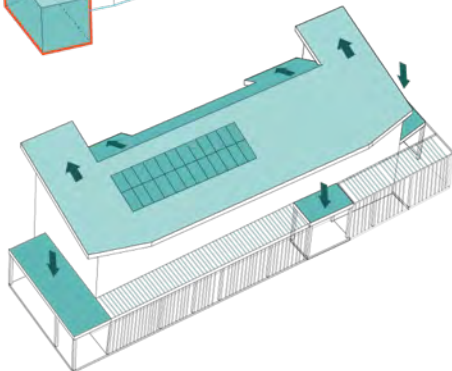
DEFINING ENTRANCES & SECOND FLOOR SPACES

Porch placement and secondary entries



ROOF PITCH STUDY & ADDITION OF EAST AND WEST PORCHES

Addition of PV array on 4/12 pitch facing south roof



Initial Volume

East-west elongated simple rectangle shape limited surface area and optimal solar orientation.

Create Two Units

Dividing the volume into two units, but giving both access to the south and the alley.

Stair Core & Alley Activation

Simple formal changes to create architectural interest, to address the alley/corner site, and provide for natural ventilation.

Defining Entrances & Spaces

Giving each unit a porch for transitional space and community interaction.

Roof Pitch Study & Addition of East and West Porches

Mono pitch to the south for optimal solar array orientation and area. Addition of pergola with the porches for creating enclosure for the connecting spaces.

First Floor Plan



FIRST FLOOR PLAN



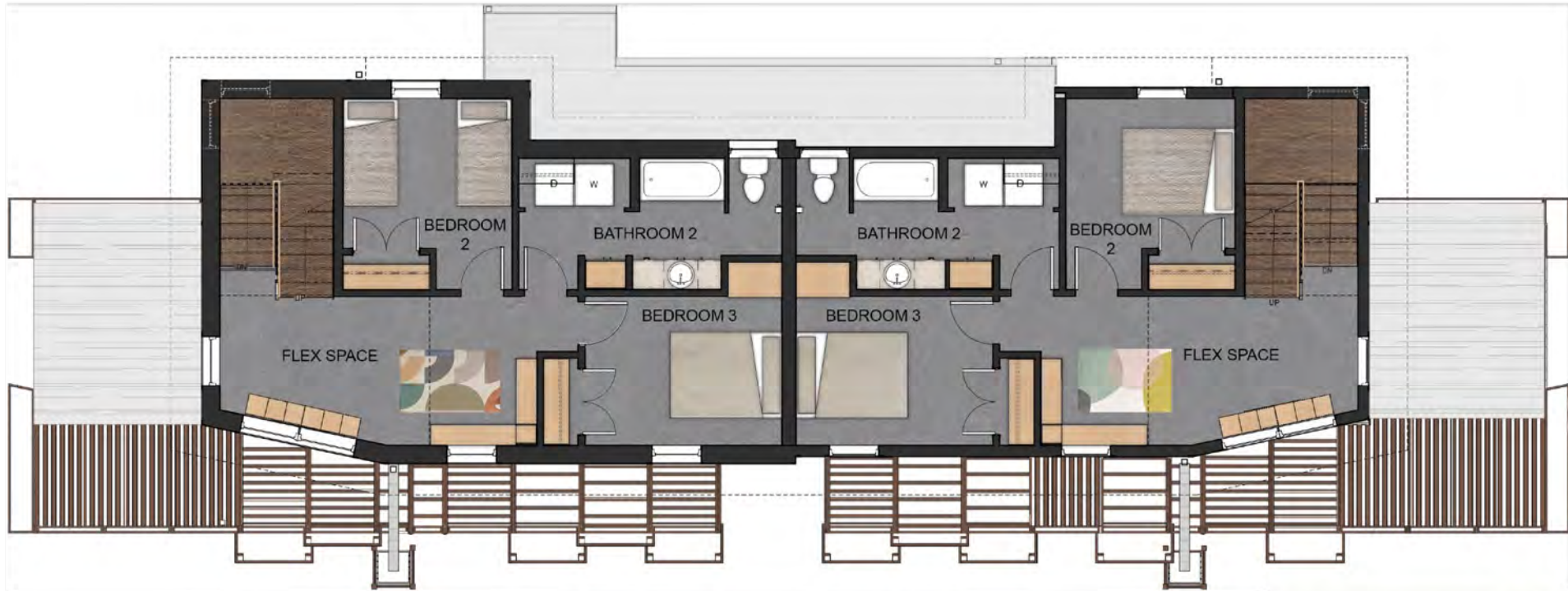
Kitchen as the Heart of Home



Living Room with Media Wall



Second Floor Plan



2ND FLOOR PLAN



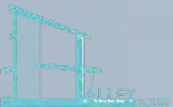
2ND FLOOR PLAN



1ST FLOOR PLAN



Upstairs Flex Space



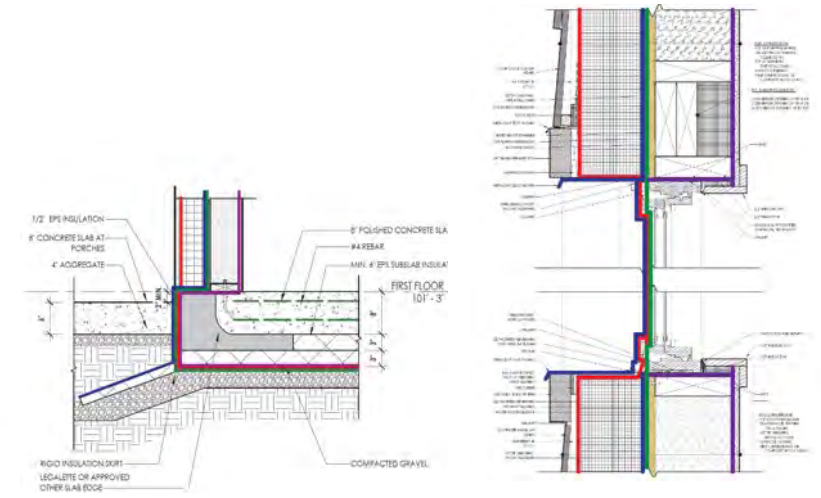
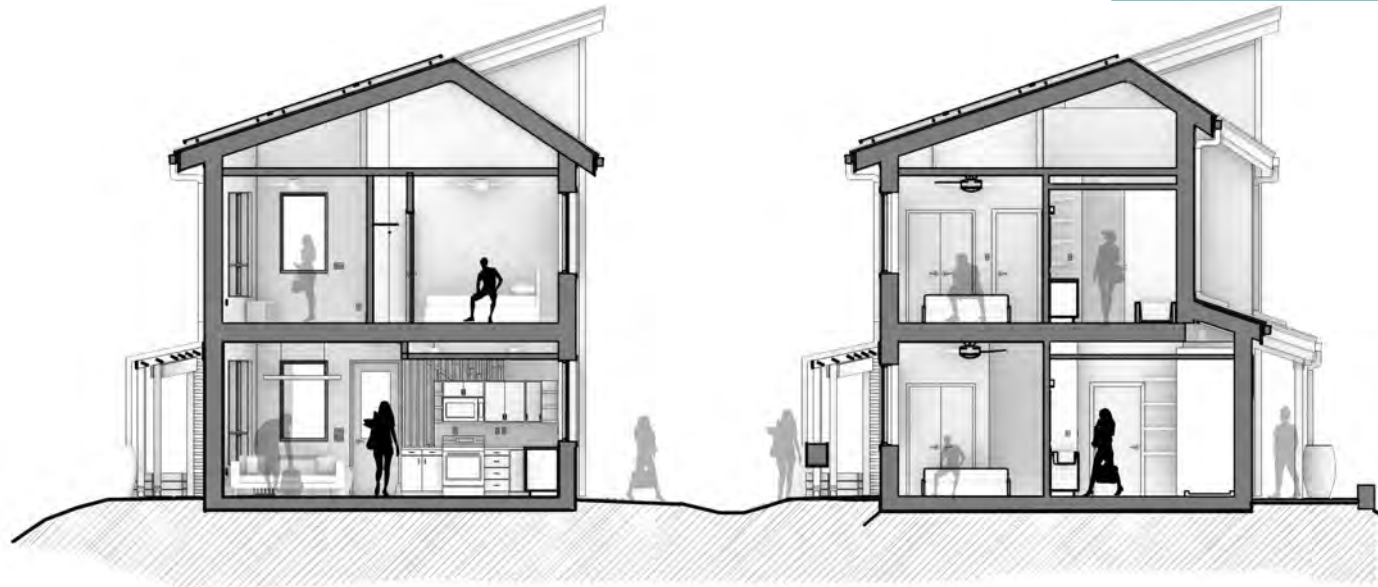
Upstairs Flex Space



Mezzanine & Stack Ventilation



Alley House Sections & Details



Alley House Elevations



West Elevation

South Elevation



North Elevation

East Elevation



Detail and Materiality

Angled walls on the corners frame alley views and create an inviting, welcoming presence. Sage green cement board and thermally-modified poplar blend Alley House with its environment. The biophilic design educates the community about green buildings; passersby can see the solar array on the roof, rain gardens, bioswales, shading devices, native plantings, and the corner stair towers for ventilation.

Detail and Materiality of Alley House



ALLEY HOUSE DESIGN PROCESS

Sustainability: Equity, Economy, Environment



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Equitable Community Design

Our neighborhood community development corporation began 25 years ago to help **revitalize Near Eastside Indianapolis** guided by **principles of livability, opportunity, vitality, and education**. The team embraced these principles in the design of the Alley House, addressing a **sense of place**, facilitating **educational opportunities**, incorporating **sustainable site/building strategies**, providing **resilience and durability**, addressing needs of **residents at different life stages**, and fostering **equity and inclusion**.

- Asset-based community design approach
- Site design promotes walkability/access to school
- Visibility of “green features” fosters education
- Arrangement of units promotes equity in access
- Alleyway as preferred neighborhood connector
- Provide east and west porches and gardens
- Design for a diversity of family types
- Consider how family will change over time
- 15-year rent-to-own leased at 30% and 50% AMI

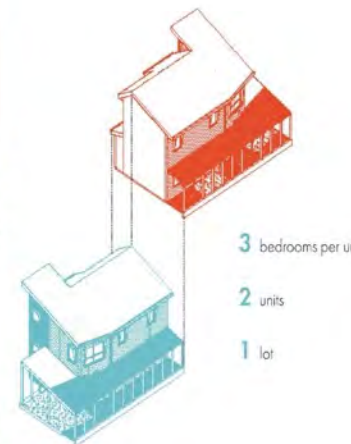
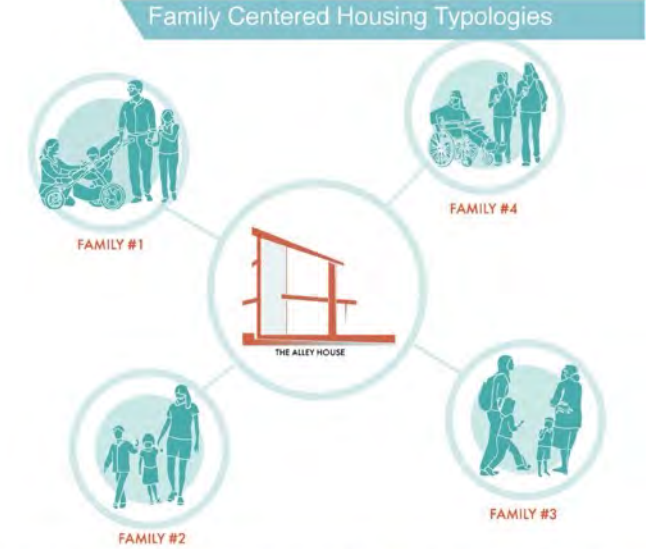


Variety of Family Types

The Alley House achieves the priorities of Architecture, Affordability, and Inclusivity set by the community and Englewood CDC where the median household income is \$25,000 providing with-

- Affordable & attainable housing
- Environmentally conscious designs

- FAMILY #1**
A family with couple and young children
- FAMILY #2**
A family with young children and single parent
- FAMILY #3**
A family with elderly member
- FAMILY #4**
A family with specially able member



Ball State Team: Six Design Goals



**ENHANCING
SENSE OF PLACE**



**BUILDING RESILIENCE
IN THE HOME**



**FACILITATING EDUCATIONAL
OPPORTUNITIES**



**PROVIDING FOR
INTERGENERATIONAL
ADAPTABILITY + LIFE CYCLE
CHANGE**



**CREATING A
SUSTAINABLE SITE &
HIGH-PERFORMANCE
BUILDING DESIGN**



**FOSTERING EQUITY
AND INCLUSION**



Two Compact Units: 1350 sf East and West



Livability

Focus on Green space and infrastructure

Opportunity

Focus on new development & attractiveness

Vitality

Reducing vacancies and encouraging engagement

Education

Education opportunities

Intergenerational Adaptability	Sense of Place	Educational Opportunities	Resilient Building Design	Equity	Sustainable Site

Relationship of Project Goals and Englewood CDC Goals





Equal Access
to Green Space



Equal Southern
Solar Access



Equal Access
to Porches



Equal Access to the
Alleyway System

Contextual & Ecosystem Design

Englewood is a **compact context area** with a strong sense of **history** combined with dedication to community development. Understanding this background and conveying the **qualitative aspects of the area**, students created graphics to illustrate the existing **urban form**, its **building types**, **land uses**, and **relative scale**, highlighting the **unique elements** of the area. They worked with landscape architecture students for **sustainable strategies in water management** and natural **"green infrastructure"** to support our regional ecosystem and **help build habitats**.

- Englewood Village Great Places 2020 Plan
- Infill Housing Guidelines for Compact Context
- Consider massing, height, architectural features
- Characteristic porch culture + shallow front yard
- Create alleyway as unique public greenspace
- Sustainable Sites framework for landscape
- Employ variety of water management strategies
- Promote gardening sustainable food production
- Landscape with low-maintenance native plants
- Provide bioswale + rain garden in SE corner



SITE INFORMATION
 Address: 201 N Temple Ave.
 Zoning: DS
 Property Area: 5000 SF
 Buildable Area: 2000 SF
Setbacks:
 • Front - 13 FT
 • Side - 3 FT
 • Back - 10 FT



EAST-WEST ALLEY CONDITIONS



Property Vacancy



Lack of lighting



Varied Vertical Dimension



Poor Pedestrian/Bicycle Connectivity



Lots Directly Across from Site



Poor Alley Conditions



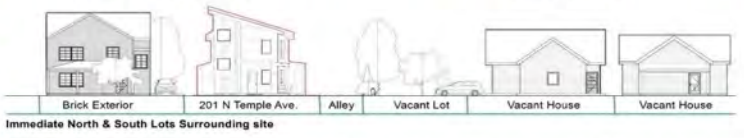
Roadside Litter



Limited Vegetation



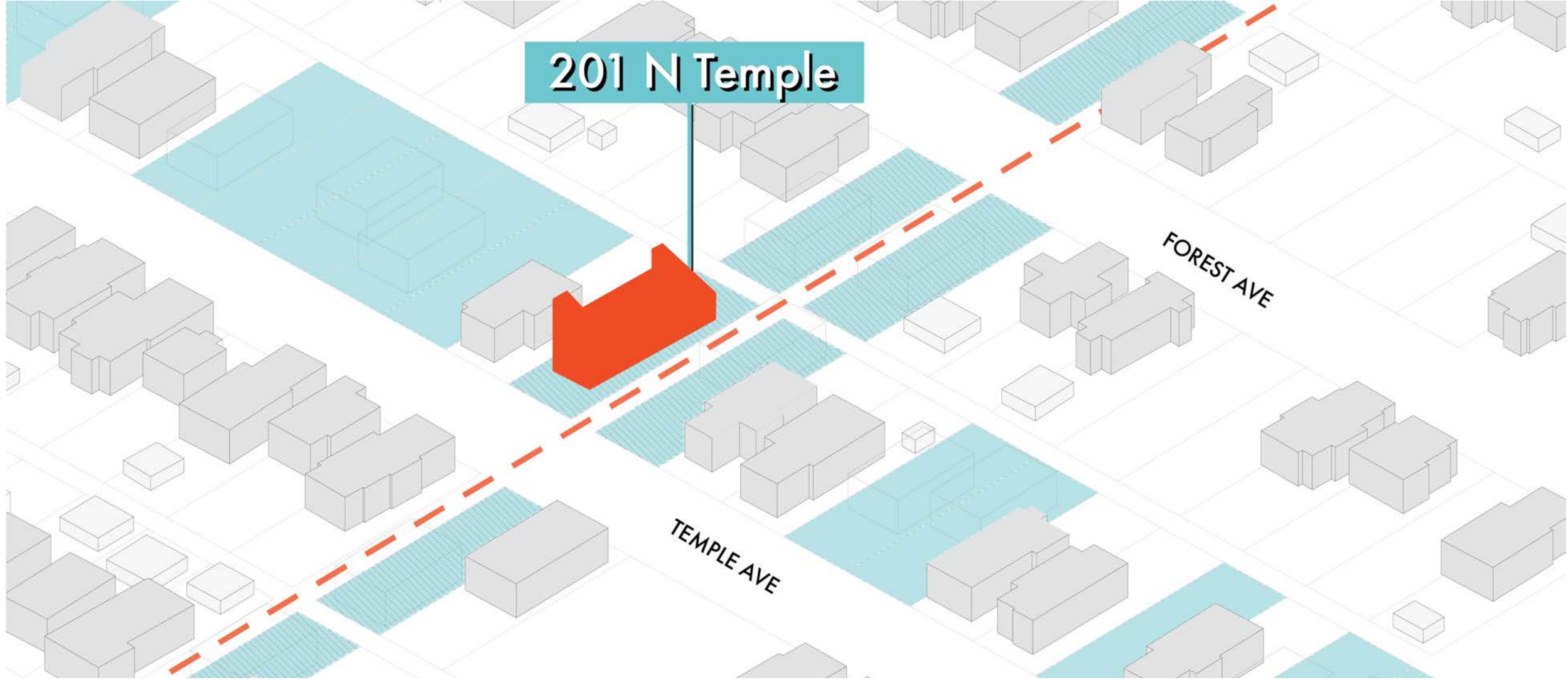
Privacy Fences



Analysis of the alley and potential for a pedestrian natural habitat corridor

Contextual Design: Temple Street Facade

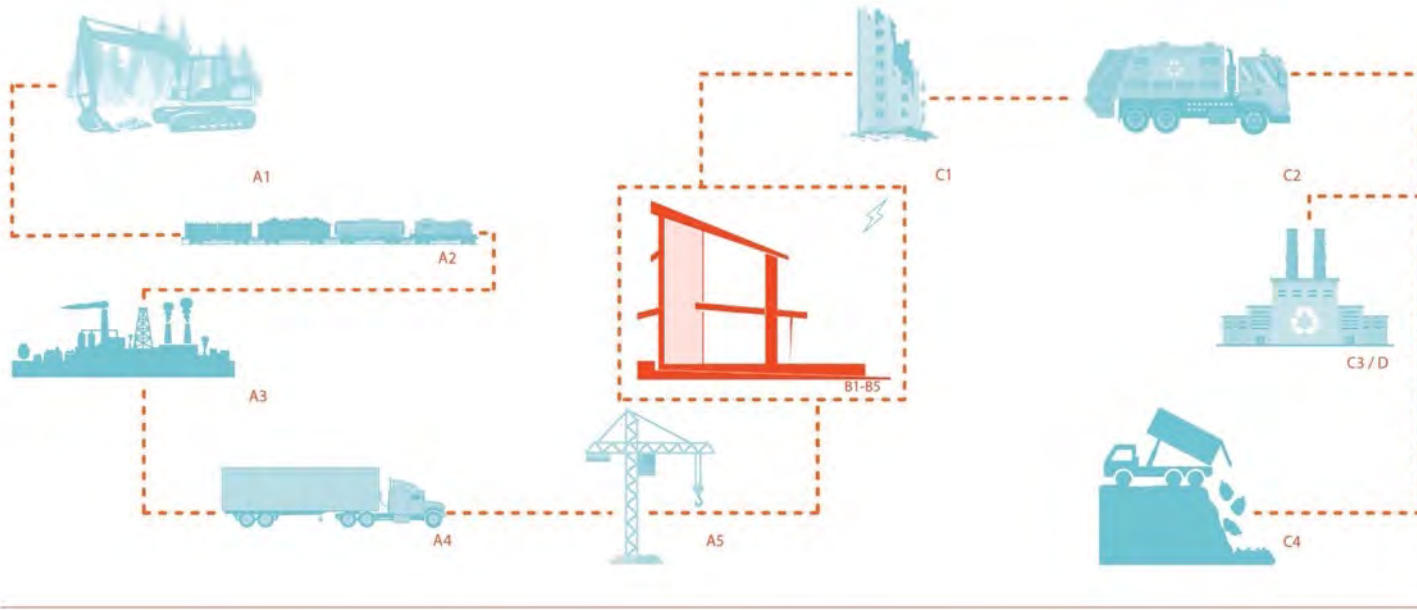




Affordability & Funding Sources

From day-one, the student team used the **LIHTC requirements** given to the owner/community partner to structure and inform the design approach and process in the design studio courses. Every decision was made regarding **first/construction costs** tied to the budget and **long-term costs** tied to operations and maintenance by the owner and cost of utilities and maintenance by the tenants.

- LIHTC funding as part of a larger scattered site housing project
- CDBG funding from the City of Indianapolis
- Grant funding from US DOE and State Farm Insurance
- Product donations and discounts
- Cost-saving student design and building activities
- Community partner will rent units at 30% or 50% AMI
- Tenants will be part of a rent-to-own program for up to 15 years



A1-A3 PRODUCT STAGE

- A1 RAW MATERIAL EXTRACTION
- A2 TRANSPORT TO MANUFACTURING SITE
- A3 MANUFACTURING

A4-A5 TRANSPORTATION STAGE

- A4 TRANSPORT TO CONSTRUCTION SITE
- A5 INSTALLATION / ASSEMBLY

B1-B5 USE STAGE

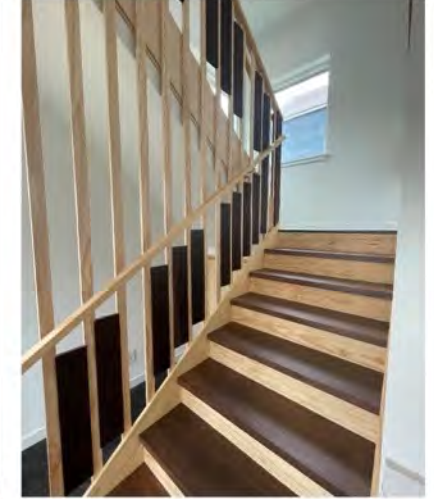
- B1 USE
- B2 MAINTENANCE
- B3 REPAIR
- B4 REPLACEMENT
- B5 REFURBISHMENT

C1-C4 END OF LIFE

- C1 DECONSTRUCTION & DEMOLITION
- C2 TRANSPORT
- C3 WASTE PROCESSING
- C4 DISPOSAL

D BEYOND THE BUILDING

- D REUSE - RECOVERY - RECYCLING



Advanced Framing Construction



Photovoltaic Panel System



Passive Ventilation System Design



Native Landscaping and Water Collection and Retention



Local Materials



Super-Insulated Construction

Construction Costs Breakdown

Site	\$32,368.00
Framing	\$28,394.00
Mechanical	\$39,844.00
Electrical	\$52,500.00
Interior Components	\$56,793.00
General Construction	\$422,241.31

New Construction Cost

Price/sq. ft.	\$274.30
Total sq. ft. of Duplex	2,700
Construction Cost	\$640,652.39
w/ Soft Costs	\$740,615.03

Property Tax

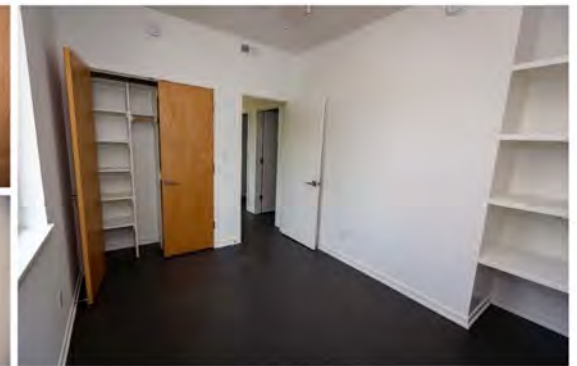
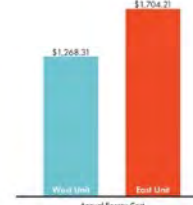
Tax Rate	1.04%
Annual Property Tax	\$2,047.06
Monthly Property Tax	\$170.59

Financing

Interest Rate	2.88%
Years	30
Number of Payments	360
Down Payment (15% Dev)	\$106,050.00
Principal Amount	\$634,562.39
Monthly Payment	\$1,669.97

Rent to Own Plan

15 Year Plan	
Rent Based on Income	
30% AMI - \$474,000	
50% AMI - \$770,000	
60% AMI - \$894,000	
Estimated Monthly Cost of Utilities	\$200.00
Monthly Insurance	\$200.00

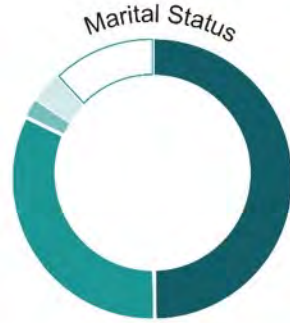


Economic and Market Viability

NEAR EASTSIDE STATISTICS ACCORDING TO GREAT PLACES 2020 PLAN



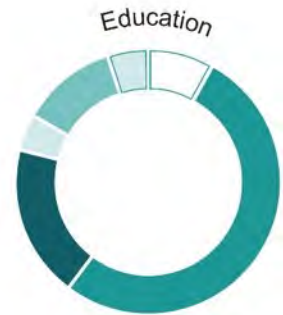
- Self Employees 10.6%
- Private Companies 74.14%
- Governmental Workers 7.51%
- Not for Profit Companies 7.75%



- Never Married 51.07%
- Married 33.22%
- Separated 2.35%
- Widowed 3.62%
- Divorced 12.09%



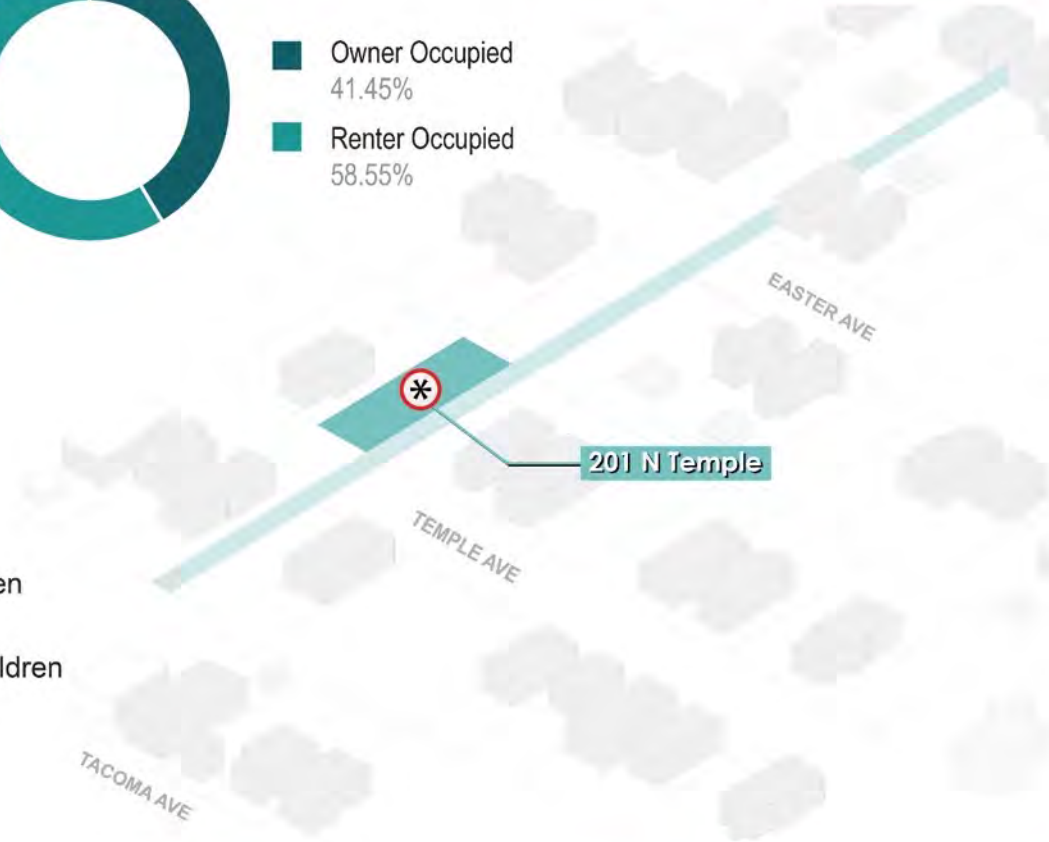
- Owner Occupied 41.45%
- Renter Occupied 58.55%



- No High School 8.18%
- Some High School 52.38%
- Some College 18.57%
- Associate Degree 4.25%
- Bachelor's Degree 11.68%
- Graduate Degree 4.95%



- Households w/ Children 23.47%
- Households w/out Children 76.53%



90%

Adults prefer the idea of aging-in-place.

38%

Job growth within the next 10 years in Indianapolis, Indiana.

12%

Indianapolis' population are the age of 65 or older.

30%

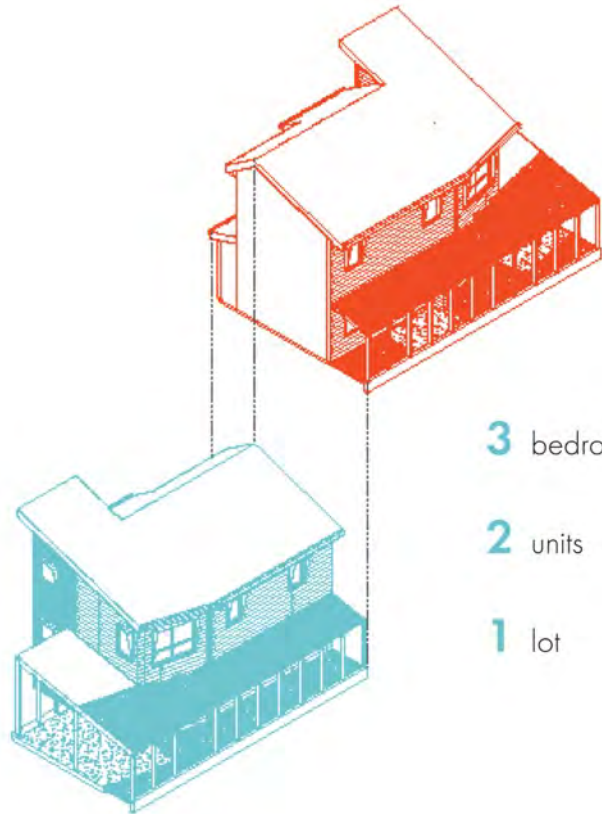
Indianapolis' population are the age of 18 or younger.

\$23K

Average annual income of a community member



Affordable Duplex on Alleyway Vacant Lots



3 bedrooms per unit

2 units

1 lot

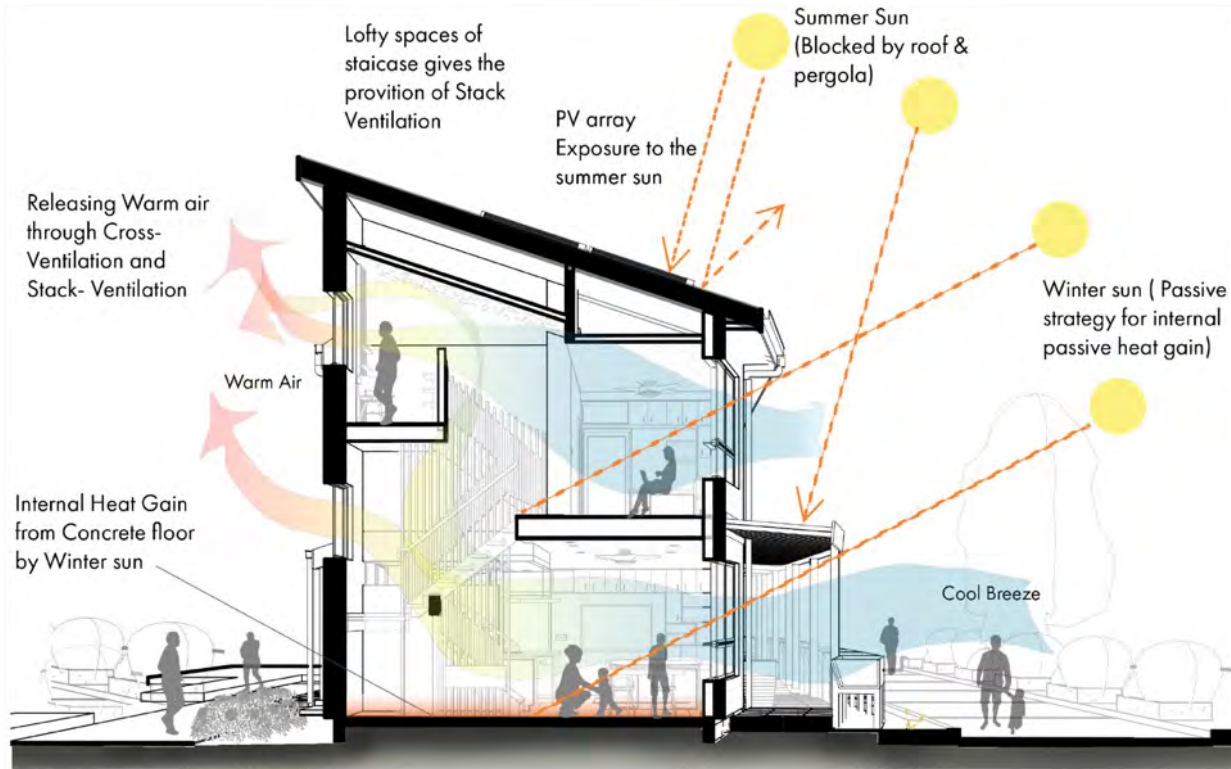


- Vacant Lot - Part of Englewood CDC's Infill Project
- Vacant Lot

- Alley House Site
- East-West Alley

- Existing Buildings
- Roadways
- Lots





PASSIVE ELEMENTS



STAIR TOWER



INTERNAL HEAT GAIN



OPERABLE WINDOWS



- Envelope
- Passive Heating
- Passive Cooling
- Daylighting
- Storm Water Management

Potential Occupants



FAMILY #3

This family is interested in renting the Alley House. Tina is the grandmother, living with her adult daughter and granddaughter in the neighborhood.



FAMILY #4

This is Kim. She has an adult son living with her who has physical disabilities. Here, she and her friend are discussing her family renting the house.

Rent to Own: The New Tenant Amber





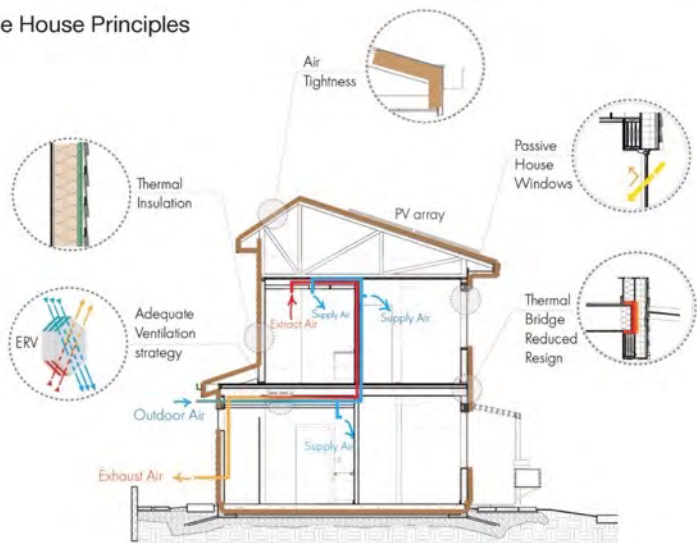
Health & Well-Being Design

Biophilic design using natural materials and connecting the inside with the outside informs the project. Transitional spaces are reinforced in the duplex's porches connected to the sun shading pergola, planting beds and boxes, rain gardens, and a bioswale. We leveraged Phius principles to address occupant's health and comfort with continuous insulation, radiation control, airtight construction, balanced ventilation, and minimized mechanical.

- Views to natural landscaping from gathering spaces
- Use of natural hardwoods in cabinetry/built ins/stairway
- Energy recovery ventilator provides constant fresh air
- Haven IAQ monitor measures particulates, VOCs, humidity
- Optimized windows with radiation control and shading pergola
- Airtight construction value of .66 ACH50 air change/hour
- Continuous insulation with 5 inches of mineral wool



Passive House Principles



Biophilic Design Promotes Health + Well Being



Hand-Craft in Natural Hardwoods



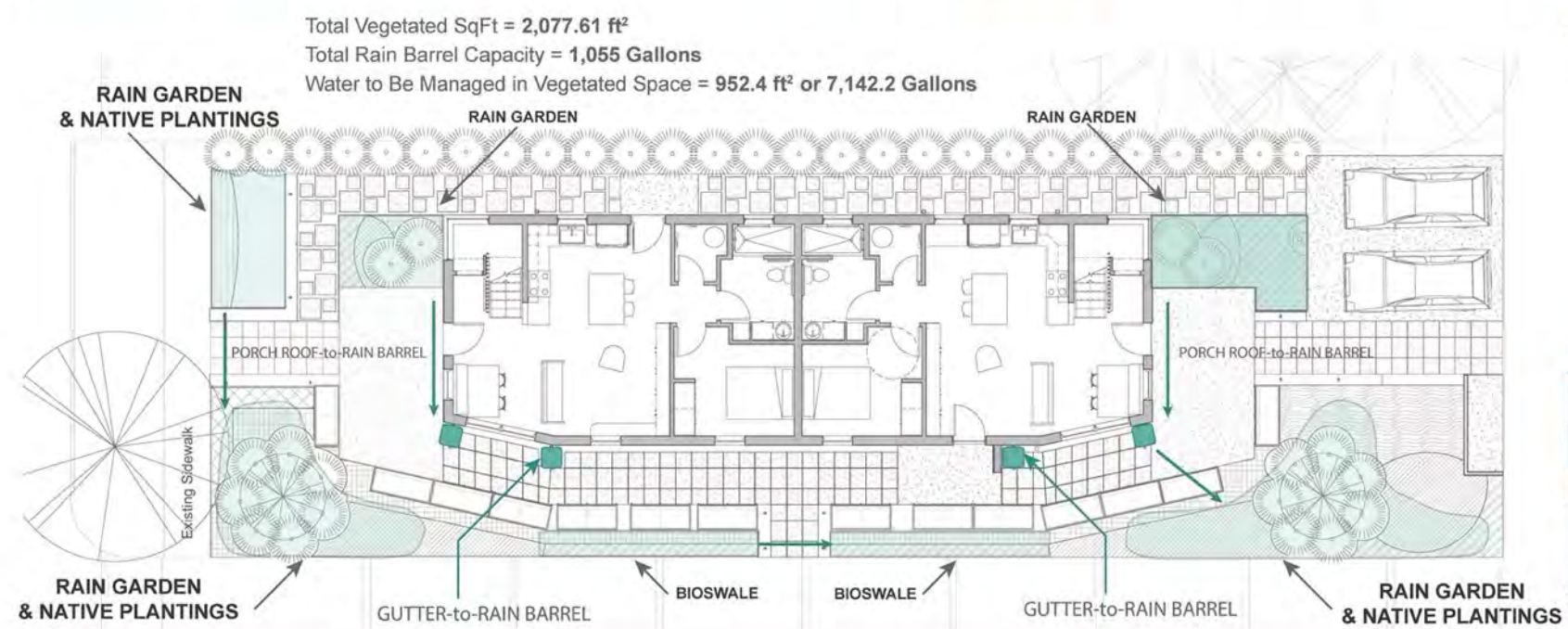
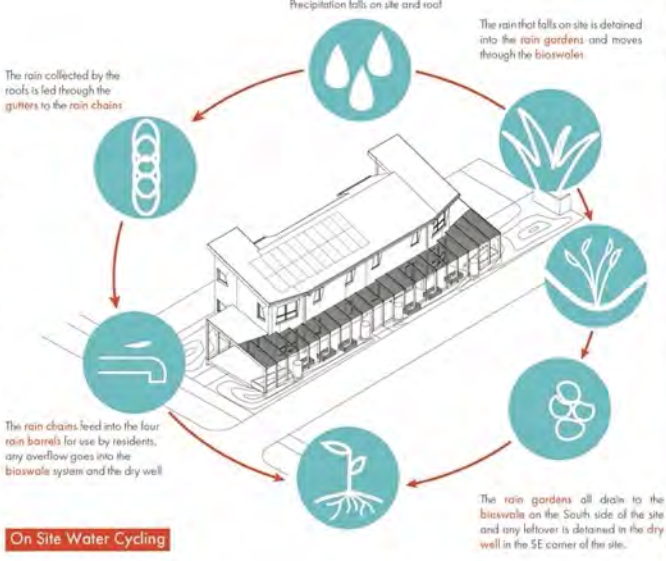
Stair Rail Construction



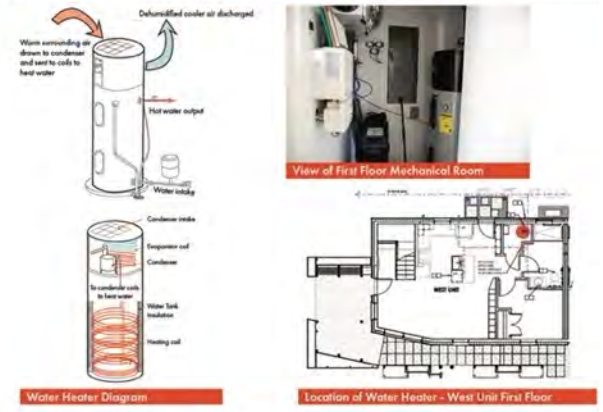
Design for Water

There is a lack of **environmentally responsive and community conscious design** in this neighborhood. The Alley House serves as a proof of concept not only through its impact on the community, but also with its building construction (following PHIUS prescriptive path), and landscape design (following Sustainable Sites certification), that the **divide between sustainable building design practices and affordable housing criteria can be lessened**. The Alley House designed for water carefully considering how **all water could be harvested and used** in rain gardens, bioswales, and for productive and flowering gardening. Two 100-gallon rain barrels are used on the south side and two more 80-gallon barrels on the north side of the Alley House. A large **bioswale and rain garden in the southeast corner** of the lot prevents water from draining to the alley, which every other house in the area does, creating a muddy mess. The Alley House designed the landscape utilizing Sustainable Sites as a framework, carefully **calculating the rainfall and total volume of water to be managed in the vegetated space**.

For domestic hot water we utilized a **heat pump water heater** because it is 2-3 times more efficient than a conventional electric resistance water heater. The water heater has a user interface module that allows **real-time monitoring and control features** such as hybrid or efficiency use and vacation time setback. The heat pump water heater will extract ambient heat from the interior of the home as part of the efficient vapor compression refrigeration cycle. It is also **powered by the solar array and backup battery during weather emergencies**. All the sink and lavatory faucets, water closets, and shower/tub faucets are low flow, water saving, and energy efficient.



Total Vegetated SqFt = 2,077.61 ft²
 Total Rain Barrel Capacity = 1,055 Gallons
 Water to Be Managed in Vegetated Space = 952.4 ft² or 7,142.2 Gallons



60th Percentil Event 0.34 in ²	Total Unvegetated SqFt = 3,216 ft ² (x12)	Total Unvegetated SqInches = 38,592 in ²
	Total Rainfall on Unvegetated Surfaces = 13,121.28 in ³ (/12)	Total Rainfall on Unvegetated Surfaces = 1,093.4 ft ²
	Total Gallons of Rainfall = 8,179.2	



Precipitation falls on site and roof

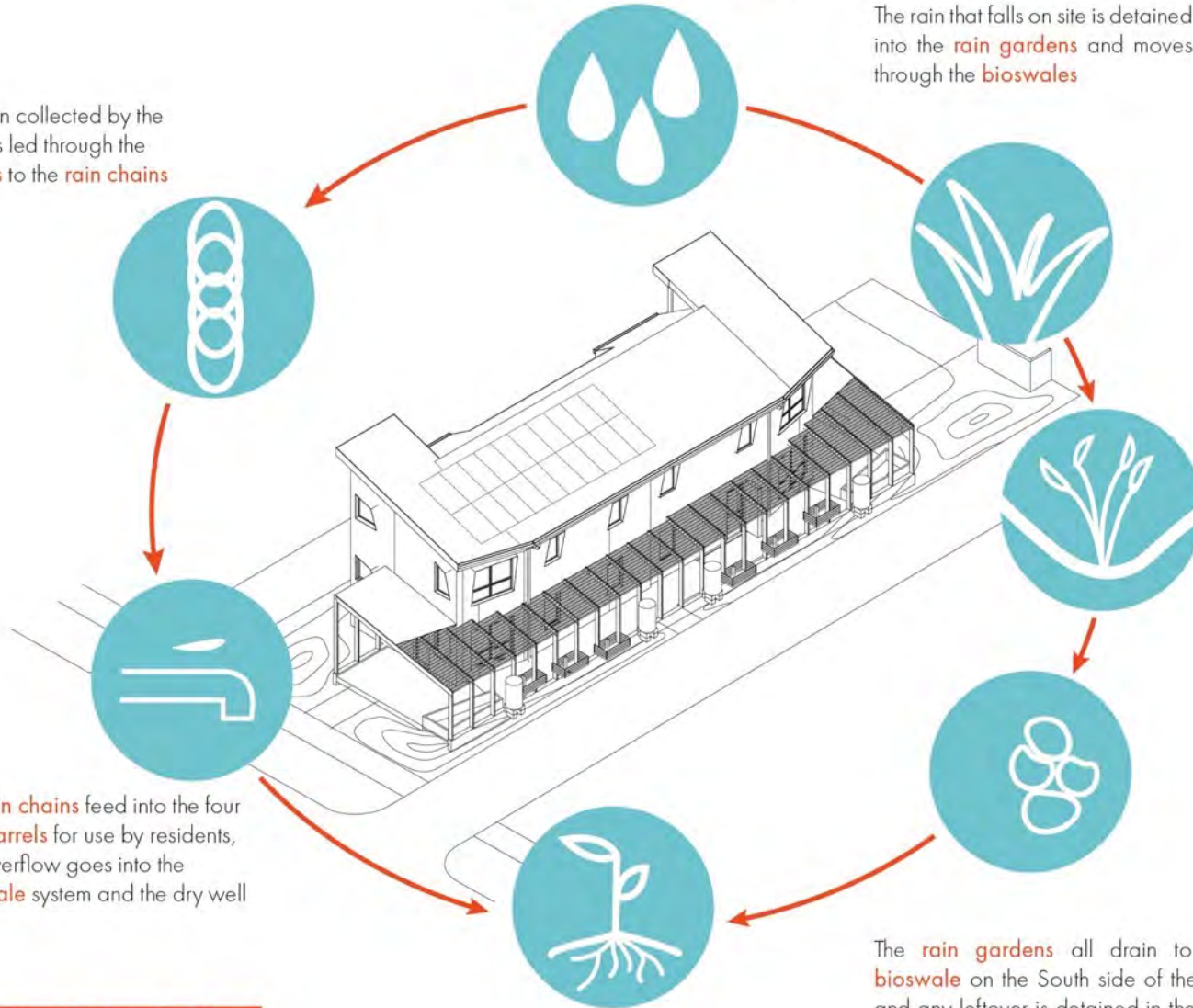
The rain that falls on site is detained into the **rain gardens** and moves through the **bioswales**

The rain collected by the roofs is led through the **gutters** to the **rain chains**

The **rain chains** feed into the four **rain barrels** for use by residents, any overflow goes into the **bioswale** system and the dry well

On Site Water Cycling

The **rain gardens** all drain to the **bioswale** on the South side of the site and any leftover is detained in the **dry well** in the SE corner of the site.



Rain Garden & Bio Swale Construction





Adaptable & Flexible Design

The student team designed the Alley House as a two-family home that responds to the changing needs of a family life cycle. Flexible, multi-use, and accessible spaces with adaptable furnishings suit families with children, empty nesters, and elders who wish to age in place.

- Major living areas on 1st floor
- Ground floor bedroom
- Ground floor, ADA accessible full bathroom
- Zero-step entries
- Modular built-ins and moveable furnishings for storage and seating
- Flex space on the 2nd floor could be a playroom, office, or den
- Small footprint but a variety of spaces for occupants to get away



Second Floor Flex Space



First Floor Flex Space



3rd bedroom located on the ground floor can be used flexibly as – guest room, or in-law suite, or older youth, or aging in place

Family Centered Open Space Design



Major Gathering Areas on First Floor

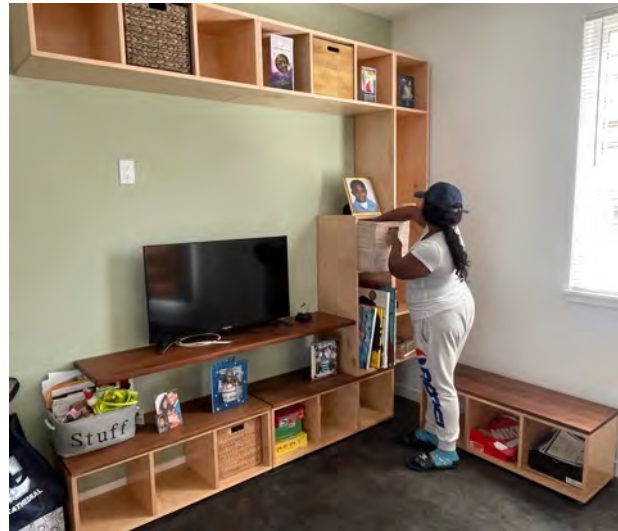




Media Wall & Study Space Installation



Family Centered Quality & Adaptability



ALLEY HOUSE CONSTRUCTION

Sustainability: Equity, Economy, Environment

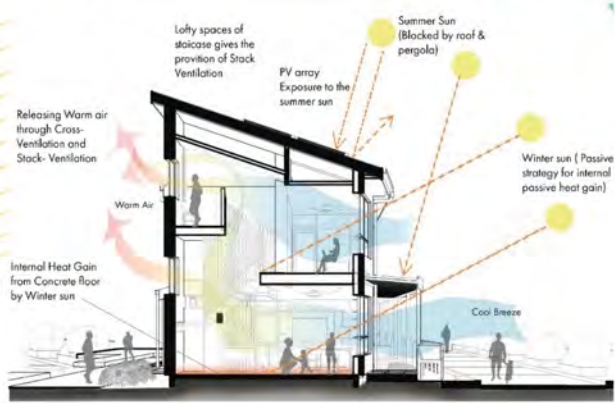
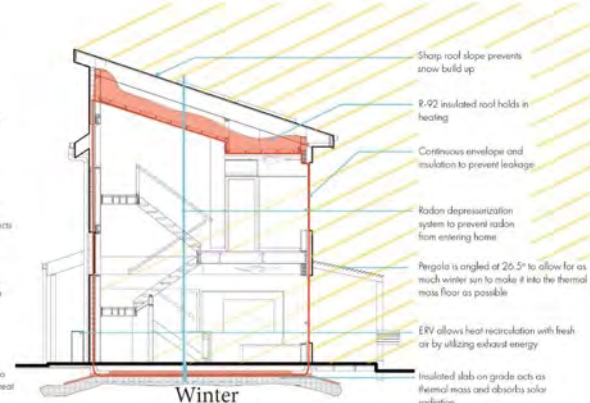
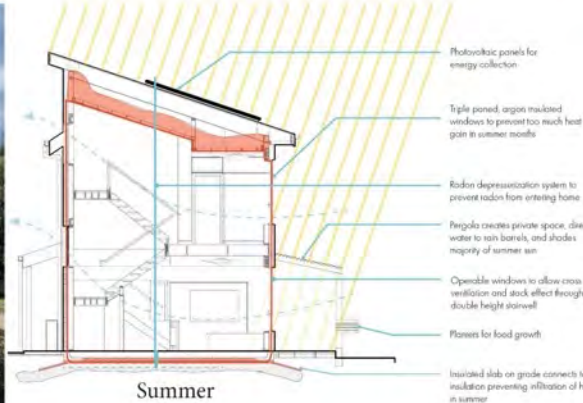
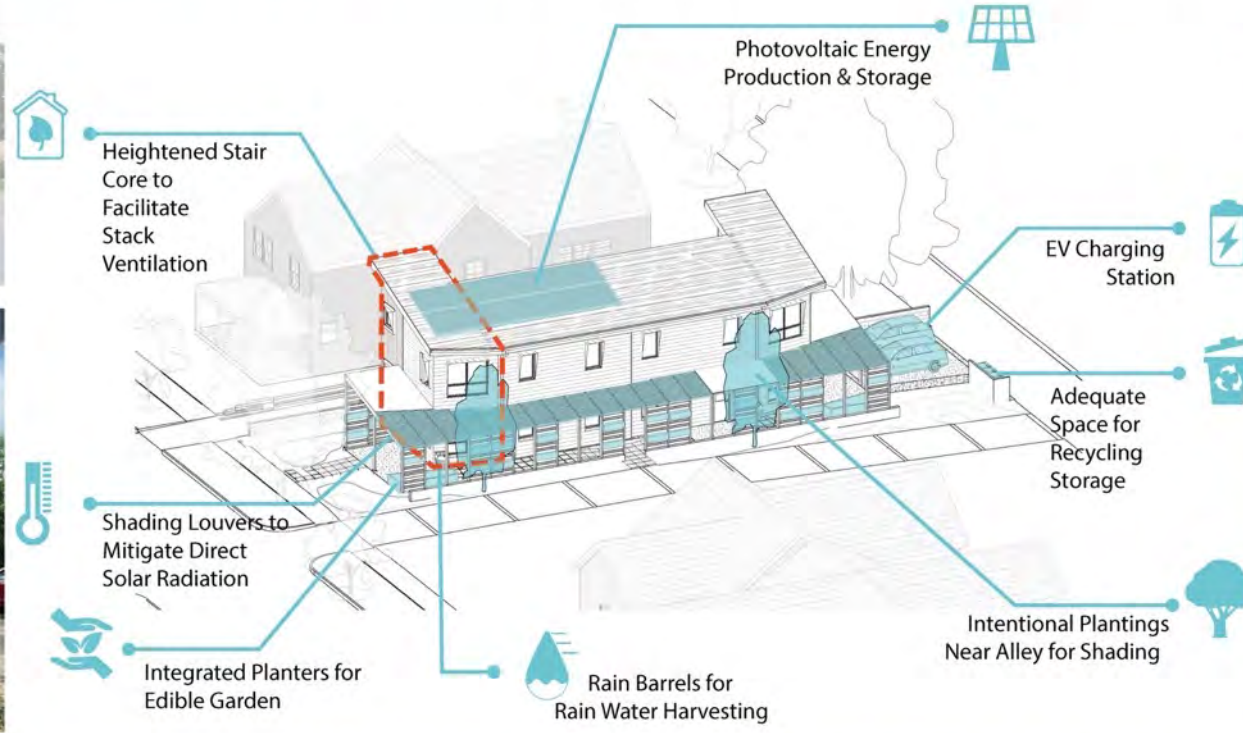


Integrated Design

The **Integrated Design Studios** (ARCH 600+400) allowed student teams to develop the Alley House with focus on a **layered consideration of systems integration** guided by sixteen **weekly assignments**, topical **presentations**, participatory **community engagement** sessions, and design **workshops**.

Site, **context and neighborhood** analysis, structural, **environmental and building systems**, **accessibility** and life safety, environmental **stewardship**, and **technical documentation** were all synthesized in the design build project. An **integrated evaluation and decision-making process** across all systems informed the process.

- PV array designed net-positive with battery back-up
- Rainwater harvesting in rain barrels and landscaping
- Stormwater retention bioswales and rain gardens
- South façade shading pergola protects summer sun/allows winter
- Frost-protected shallow foundation reduces concrete used
- Passive strategies of cross & stack ventilation and thermal mass
- Super-insulated building envelope



Frost Protected Shallow Foundation

Insulated Floating Slab



Frost protected shallow foundation (FPSF)

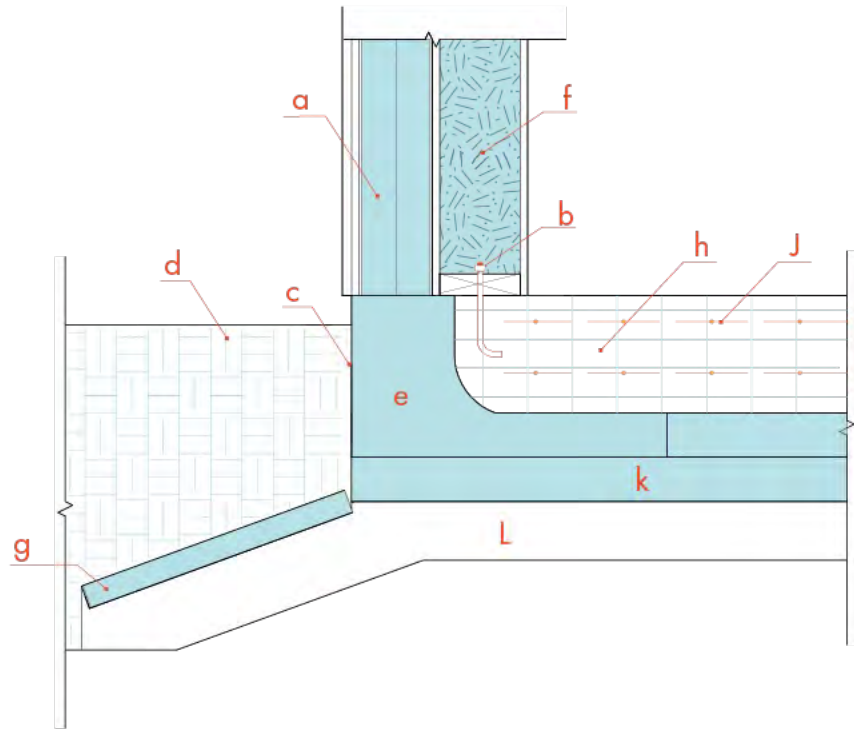
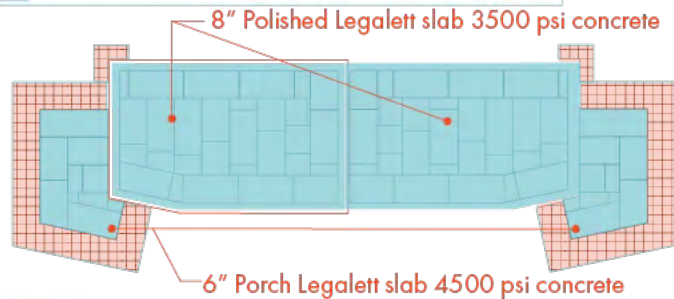
Facts:

- Does not use traditional concrete footers or stem walls
- Saves energy, time and construction cost by reducing material quantities, site preparation time, and slab construction
- 6" of EPS foam beneath the slab sits on a compacted gravel base providing R-21.6 of insulation
- EPS slab edge form-work stays in place after concrete pour for thermal control

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| a] Exterior Mineral Wool Insulation | Rigid Insulation Skirt [g |
| b] "J" Bolt Anchor | 8" Concrete Slab (3500 psi) [h |
| c] 1/2" EPS Insulation | #4 Rebar [J |
| d] Earth Infill | Min. 6" EPS Rigid Insulation [k |
| e] Legalett Slab Edge | Compacted Gravel [L |
| f] Blown-in Insulation | |

KEY

-  Engineered insulation skirt (Type II + mesh)
-  Type II Sheets of rigid insulation



Site Preparation



Compacted Gravel



Concrete Pour Over Rigid Insulation

Frost Protected Shallow Foundation





High Performance Enclosure System

INTERIOR

Indoor Air Film / Finish Surface [R-0.68]
5/8" Gypsum Sheathing [R-0.50]

2"x6" Stud Wall 24" O.C.
5.5" High Density Cellulose } [R-22.00]

5" Rigid Mineral Wool Insulation [R-19.00]

4'x8' 7/16" ZIP Sheathing,
All Seams Taped [R-0.62]

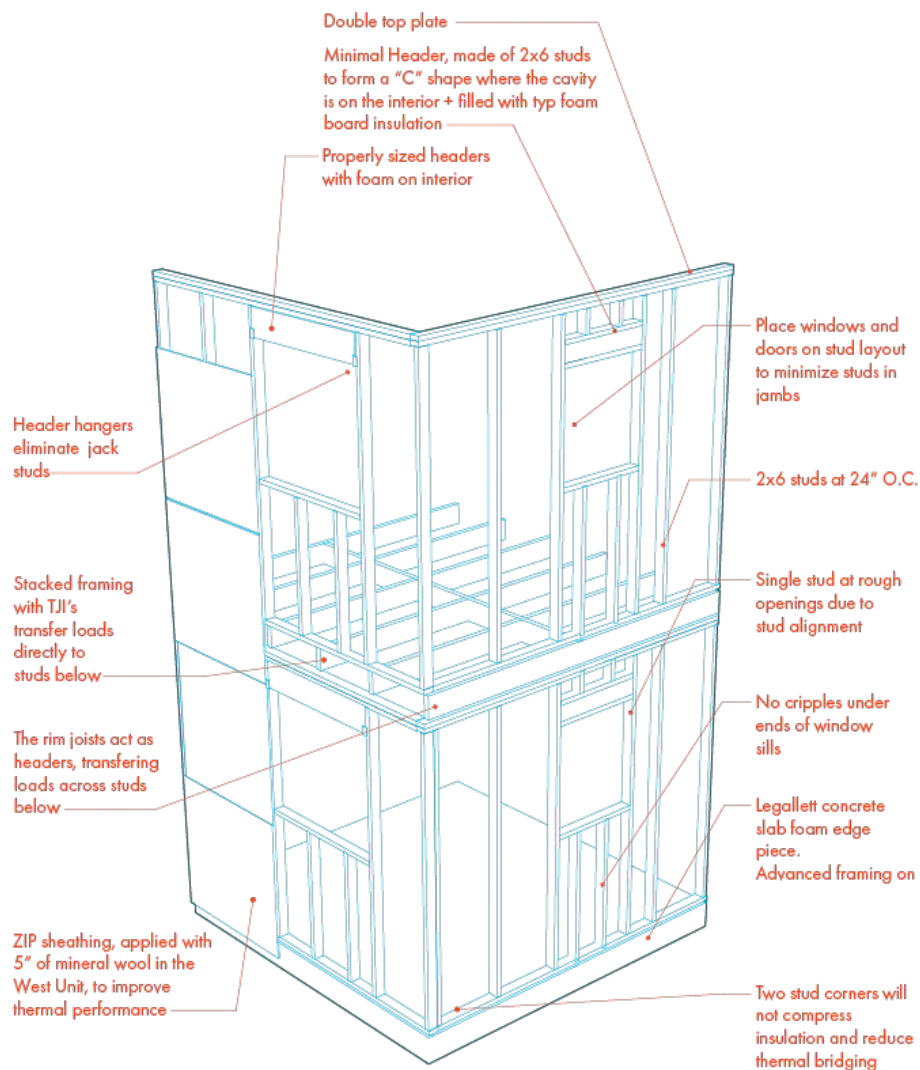
Vertical Furring Strips [R-0.00]

Horizontal Fiber Cement Lap
Siding / Outside Air Film [R-1.17]

EXTERIOR



ADVANCED FRAMING FEATURES



Optimal Value Engineering + TJI Benefits

- Studs are generally spaced 24" on center instead of 16" saving lumber
- Framing method uses less wood in headers, sills, and jambs of windows and doors
- Framing method + 24" O.C. TJI selection allows for minimal wood in overall framing
- Less lumber to install = less labor cost + faster framing time
- Less lumber also decreases the heat loss from thermal bridging + more insulation



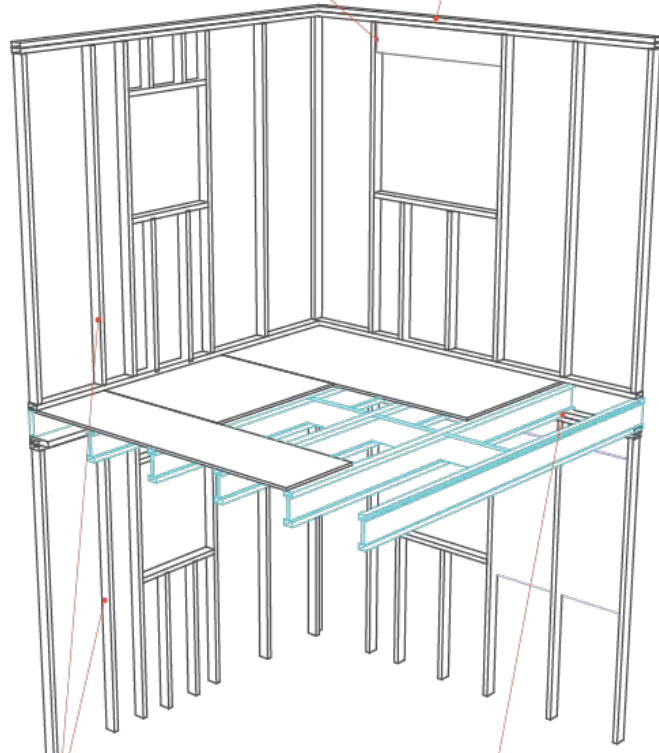
Advanced Framing with Zip Sheathing



TJI Floor Constuction

Minimal Header, made of 2x6 studs to form a "C" shape where the cavity is on the interior + filled with typ foam board insulation

Double top plate



2x6 studs at 24" O.C.

Stacked framing with TJI's transfer loads directly to studs below



First Floor Framing

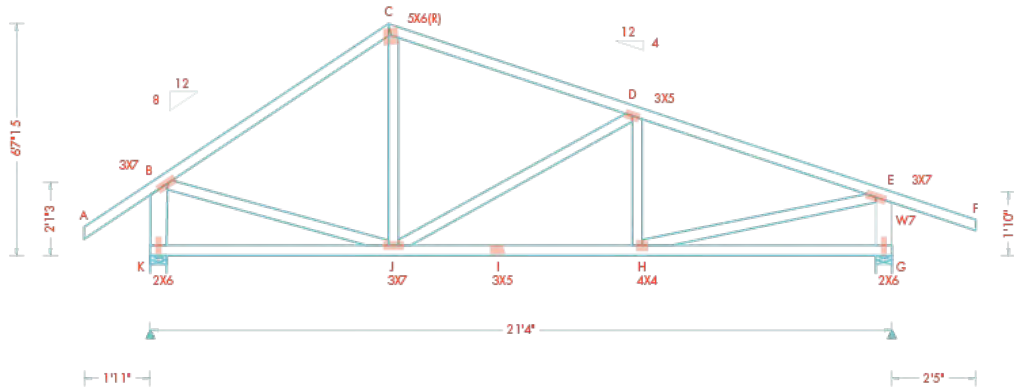
Truss Joist I-Joist (TJI)

Pre-manufactured wooden truss joist

Facts:

- TJIs directly align with the advanced framing wood studs below to carry the load
- TJIs enabled a long span with less depth eliminating interior bearing walls
- TJIs consist of a top and bottom flange of solid lumber held together with an oriented strand board (OSB) web and resembles a traditional wide-flange steel member
- TJIs use approximately 50% less wood than traditional joists and are pre-manufactured, resulting in high accuracy, consistency, and quality
- Made of engineered wood, they shrink less than traditional lumber and have greater resistance to twisting and warping

Roof Truss (A4)



Lumber:

Value Set: 13B (Effective 6/1/2013)

Top chord: 2x4 SP #1;

Bot chord: 2x4 SP #1;

Webs: 2x4 SP #3; W1, W7 2x6 SP #1;

Lumber value set "13B" uses design values approved 1/30/2013 by ALSC

Loading:

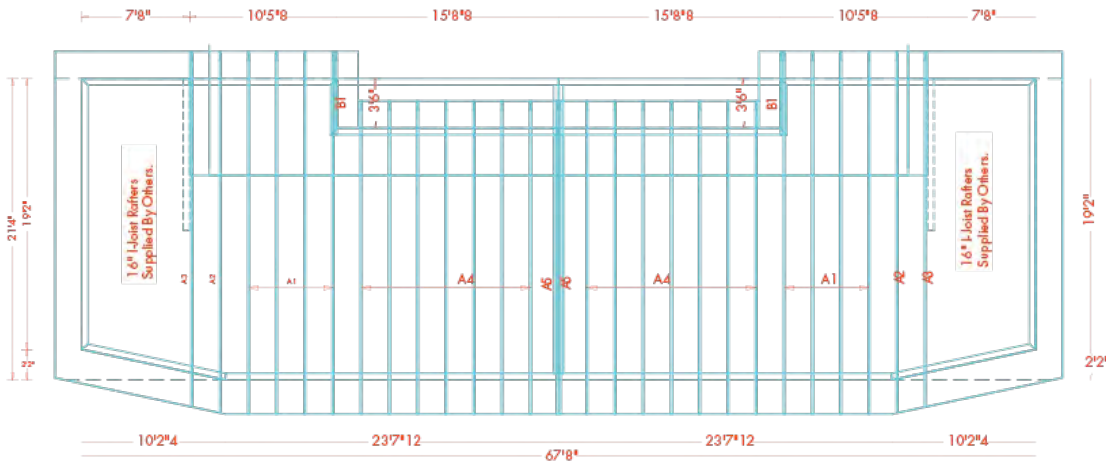
Truss designed for unbalanced snow loads.

Wind loads based on MWFRS with additional C&C

Truss designed for unbalanced snow loads.

End verticals not exposed to wind pressure.

Roof Truss Layout



Roof Framing



Roof Truss facts

- The south roof slope is 4:12 pitch, and the north slope is 8:12 pitch
- The trusses are spaced 24" on-center to align with the advanced wood stud framing below
- The roof slopes facilitate rainwater and snow melt runoff where gutters, downspouts, and rain barrels will collect it for irrigation use
- Asymmetrical gabled roof design also allows for the small mono-pitch section of the roof over the stair towers to work structurally and create more roof square footage on the south orientation to accommodate a larger solar PV array
- An innovative aspect of the Alley House's cold roof system (non-conditioned attic space) is the design of its control layers, which use taped sheathing at the 2nd floor ceiling."
- The floor of the attic is then filled with approximately 26" of loose-fill cellulose to achieve a thermal performance of R-92

Framing "Topping Off" Celebration



Window facts

- The window openings in the Alley House are strategically located as part of the 24" advanced framing module
- Pella triple-pane insulated glazing units (IGUs) in fiberglass frames filled with Krypton gas between glass panes and have low-e coating
- The windows will achieve the following energy performance ratings:
 - U-factor 0.16-18
 - Solar Heat Gain Coefficient (SHGC) 0.24 - 0.27
 - Visible Transmittance (Tvis) 0.43 - 0.50
- Energy Star-certified windows are 50% better than energy code compliant windows in Indiana and meet the PHIUS Core Prescriptive standards
- The windows are a combination of fixed, operable casements, and operable awnings
- Fiberglass was chosen for its strength, durability, and lower carbon footprint compared with vinyl frames and were lower cost and required less maintenance over time compared with metal clad wood frames



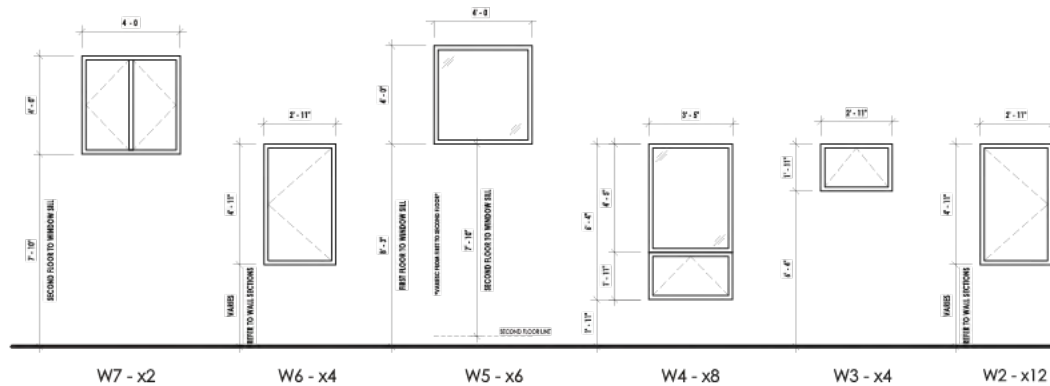
Window Operations



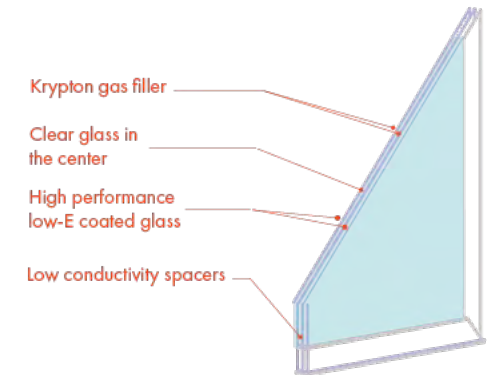
Window Installation



Window Aligned with ZIP Sheathing



Window Elevation



Triple Pane Window Section

Window Buck-out











Students helping with cellulose installation

Interior – 2 x 6 advanced framing wall cavities filled with Greenfiber Sanctuary dense packed blown-in cellulose



Installation of two layers of Rockwool

Exterior – taped layer of ZIP sheathing and 2 layers of Rockwool mineral wool continuous insulation 5" total



Cladding installation

Exterior – furring strips installed for cladding, allowing moisture to escape

Alley House Elevations



West Elevation

South Elevation



North Elevation

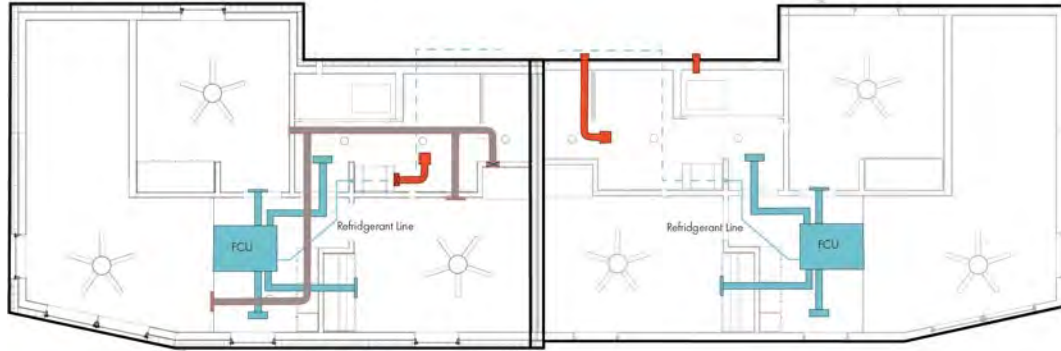
East Elevation



Alley House Elevations: Built

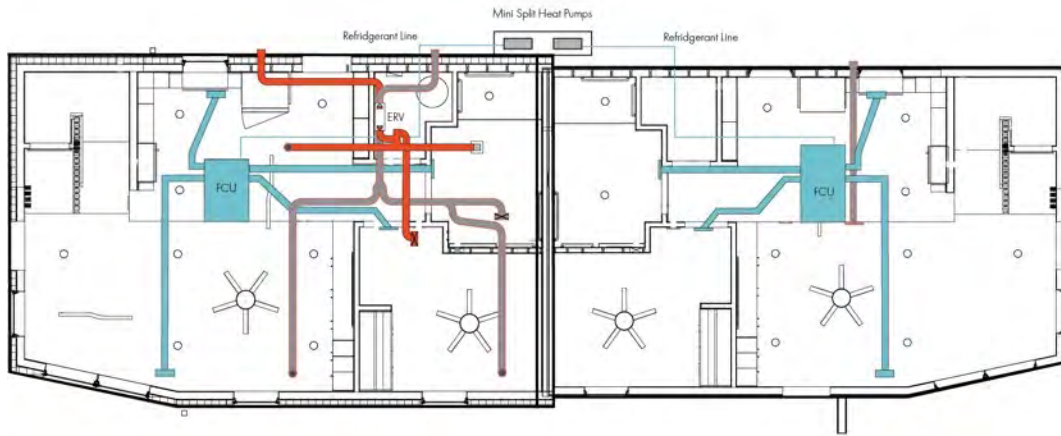


FCU + ERV INTEGRATION PLANS



Second Floor

■ FCU System ■ Fresh Air Supply ■ Exhaust Air



First Floor

■ FCU System ■ Fresh Air Supply ■ Exhaust Air



Outdoor Heat Pump Install



First Floor FCU in framing

Fan Coil Unit (FCU)

Mitsubishi multi-zone, short ducted heat pump system

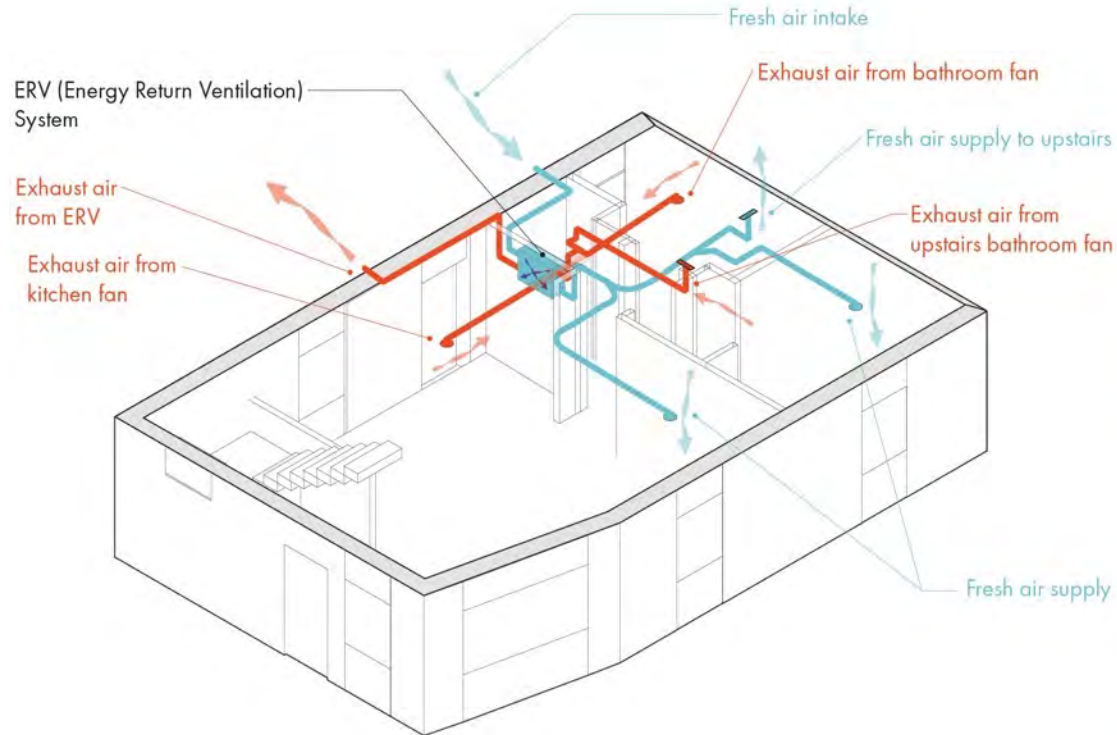
Facts:

- Split zoning of first and second floor allow for smaller mechanical units to be hidden in dropped ceiling saving mechanical room space
- Zone splitting allows for saving in energy usage by supplying heating or cooling where it is needed
- Integrating an ERV with the FCU provides fresh preconditioned outside air throughout the home

- Performance characteristics of the system:

• SEER	17.3
• EER	13
• HSPF	9.8
• COP Heating (47F)	3.10
• COP Cooling	4.82
• Indoor Acoustics	23-30 dB (A)

ERV INTEGRATION



ERV Second Floor chases



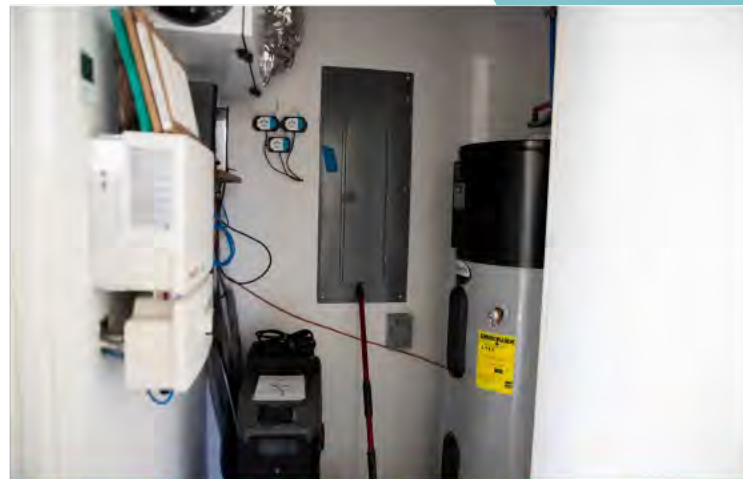
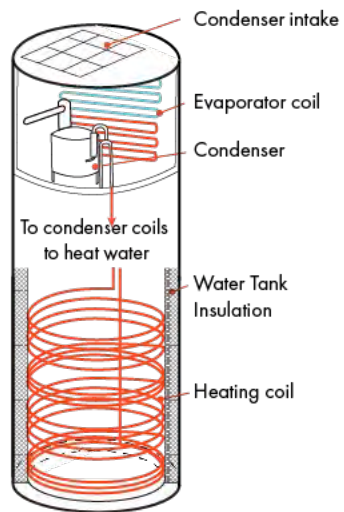
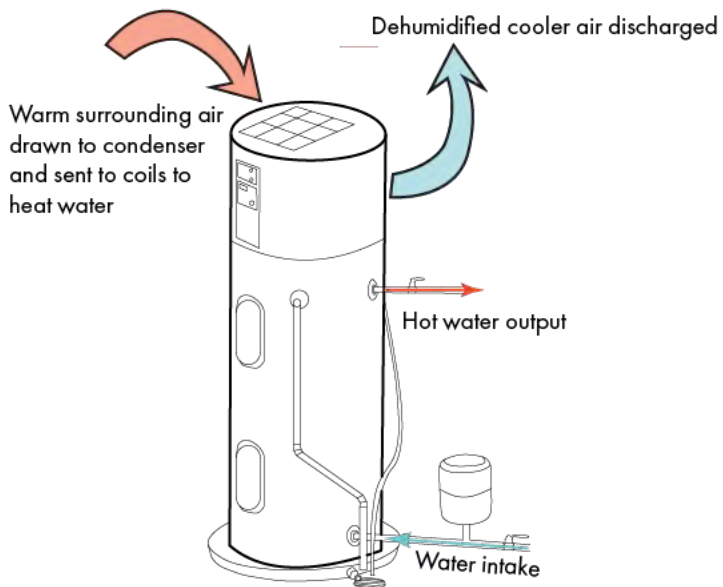
ERV in mechanical room

Energy Recovery Ventilation (ERV)

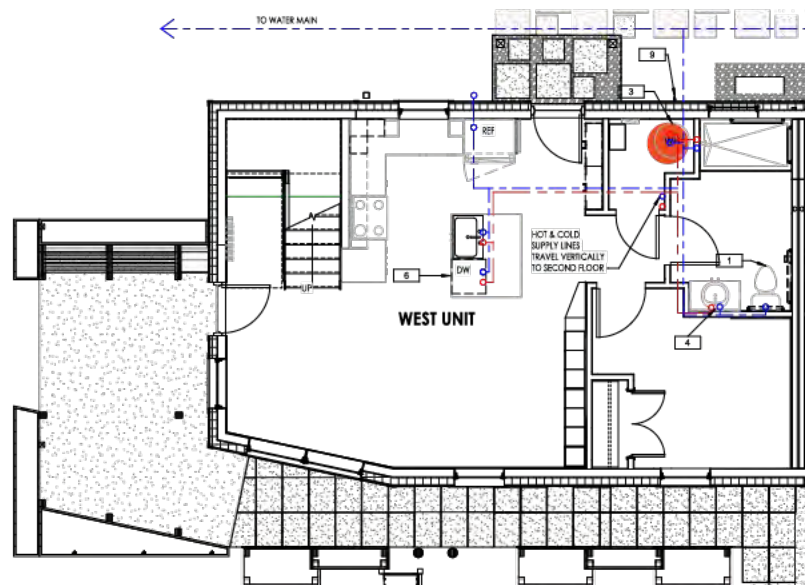
Greenheck Sync 180 energy recovery ventilator

Facts:

- The ERV, fitted with a MERV-13 filter, supplies air to “clean” spaces such as the living area, bedrooms, and flex space via 6” hard ductwork.
- Contaminated air is pulled from the kitchen and bathrooms continuously. Bathrooms are fitted with a boost mode switch to temporarily increase the air flow rate (supply and exhaust) after a high-moisture event like a shower
- Fresh, dehumidified air supplied via the ERV is then used by the multi-zone heating/cooling system, which does not supply any fresh outside air. The ERV has a sensible recovery efficiency of 84%.
- Exhaust and supply air streams do not cross but run through a heat and moisture exchanger for energy recovery.
- Meets ASHRAE 62.2 standards



View of First Floor Mechanical Room

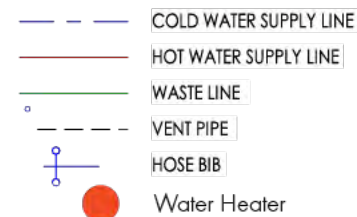


Location of Water Heater - West Unit First Floor

Heat Pump Water Heater

- Heat pump water heaters are 2-3 times more efficient than conventional electric resistance hot water heaters
- A.O. Smith water heater includes a user interface module (UIM) that allows real-time monitoring and control features such as vacation setbacks
- This heat pump water heater will extract ambient heat from the interior air in the home as part of the efficient vapor compression refrigeration cycle
- The tank also has 4" of insulation to prevent heat loss from the tank to the interior

PLUMBING SYMBOLS



Water Heater Diagram





PV Array Electrical System



Installed Solar Array

PV Panel Array & Storage - Mechanical Room

Solar Array facts

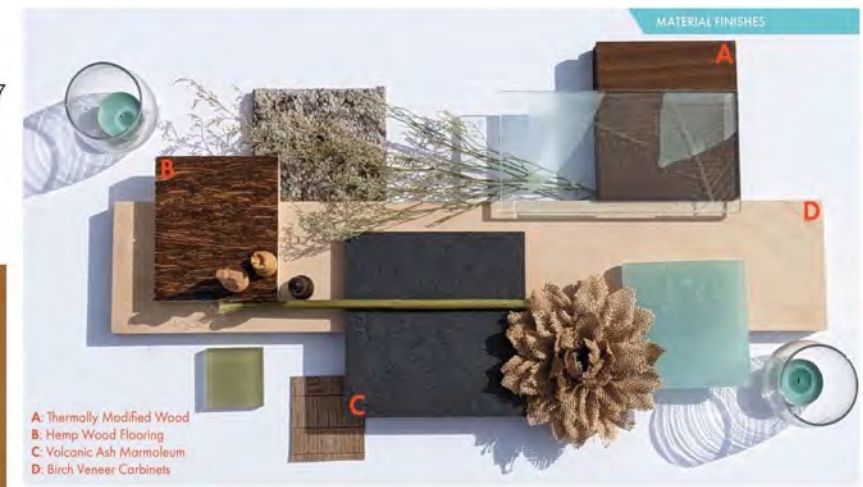
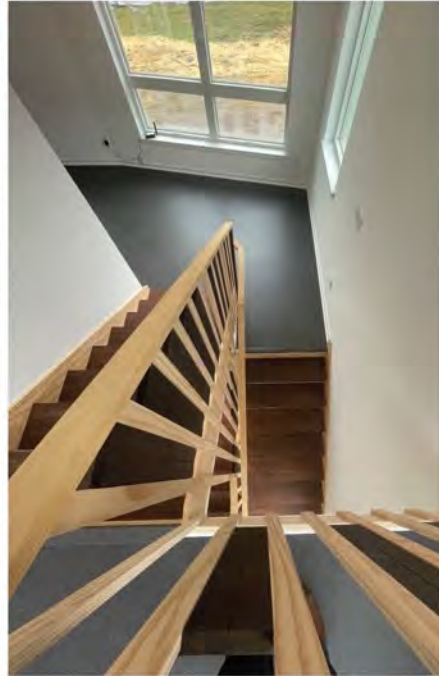
- The Alley House provides onsite renewable energy generation via an 8.8kW solar photovoltaic (PV) system composed to 22 Panasonic Evervolt 400w PV modules mounted on a rack to the south facing roof
- Helioscope software suggest that the array can provide 12,181 kWh of renewable energy per year. With a 25-year warranty their expected module yield at the end of the warranty period of 92%
- The PV array collects energy in the form of direct current (DC). The energy then is moved through an inverter in the mechanical room to become the alternating current (AC) used by the appliances, outlets, and other equipment in the home
- The electrical system connects to an outdoor electric vehicle (EV) charging station for use by occupants with an electric vehicle
- Two Ecoflow modular, portable batteries can be charged during the daytime when occupants are using less solar energy and used in the event of a power failure or for load shedding



Sustainable Materials & Embodied Energy Design

Informed material selection was critical in our design process, selecting sustainable, durable, safe, and healthy materials **using Tally** to consider **Global Warming Potential**. We chose a **shallow frost protected slab** using **33% less concrete**, celebrated local materials with Indiana made **thermally modified wood** and Kentucky **hemp wood**, and used **reclaimed walnut** for the built-ins and **reclaimed limestone** from an IPS school for the pathway around Alley House. **Wood fiber cellulose** was used for wall cavities and cold roof because of its performance and ability to **sequester carbon**.

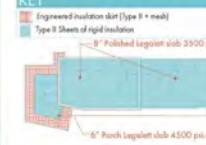
- Frost-protected concrete slab with R22
- Building envelope advanced framing + CI for R47
- Cold roof with wood fiber insulation R92
- Thermally modified wood stair tower cladding
- Wood fiber cellulose insulation -.3kgCO₂e/m²
- Reclaimed and recycled wood and limestone
- Fiber cement cladding used for durability



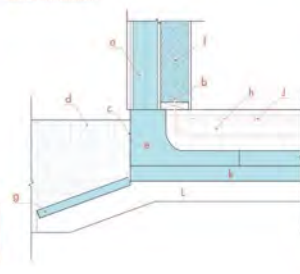
Insulated Floating Slab
 Frost protected shallow foundation (FPSF)

Facts:

- Does not use traditional concrete footers or stem walls
- Saves energy, time and construction cost by reducing material quantities, site preparation time, and slab construction
- 6" of EPS foam beneath the slab sits on a compacted gravel base providing R-21.6 of insulation
- EPS slab edge form-work stays in place after concrete pour for thermal control

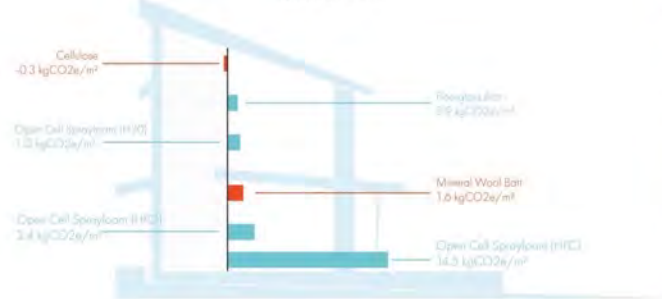


- a) Exterior Mineral Wool Insulation
- b) 1" Bolt Anchor
- c) 1/2" EPS Insulation
- d) Earth Infill
- e) Leggett Slab Edge
- f) Blown-in Insulation
- g) Rigid Insulation Skirt
- h) 8" Concrete Slab (3500 psi)
- i) #4 Rebar
- j) Min. 6" EPS Rigid Insulation
- k) Compacted Gravel

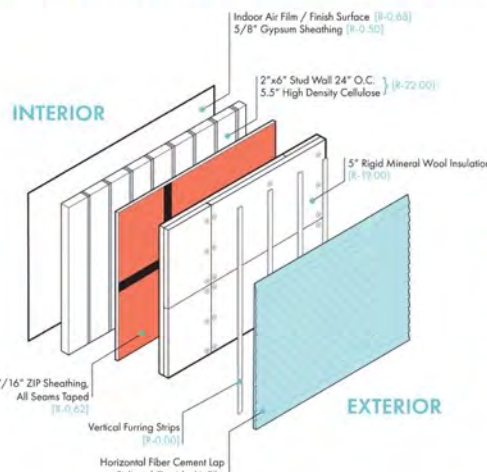


Global Warming Potential of Insulation

kgCO₂e/m² R-13



INSULATION GWP



FOUNDATION GWP

Global Warming Potential Foundation Types

kgCO₂e





- A:** Thermally Modified Wood
- B:** Hemp Wood Flooring
- C:** Volcanic Ash Marmoleum
- D:** Birch Veneer Carbinets

Collaboration with Partners

Students, faculty advisors, partners, community members, industry reps, and contractors and sub-contractors together are tackling the question, **how can we take sustainable building design practices and technology and bridge the gap to meet affordable housing criteria for Englewood?** Collaboration with the community and our partners provided immense opportunities for students to apply **new and innovative techniques** in the design and build and to **challenge the status quo** on high-performance building in Indiana. We celebrated each victory from ground breaking, to tree "topping off," to ribbon cutting ceremony with our partners!





Cedar Street Builders

Dan Porzel, Manager

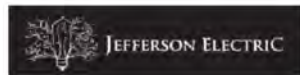
Cedar Street Builders focuses on building high quality, high performance homes. Dan Porzel acts as a general contractor and consults with the team on high performance Cedar Street Builders will be building the home.



KP Meiring

Kemper Meiring

KP Meiring offers development, design-build, pre-construction, and construction services. KP Meiring is working with Englewood CDC on the other homes being constructed and is working with Cedar Street Builders on the Alley House.



Jefferson Electric

Joel Walsman, PV Consultant

Jefferson Electric is a fast-growing small business in Indianapolis that has provided donated consultation time to assist the team in solar array calculations, product selection and will potentially aid in the installation of the solar array to the unit. Jefferson provided a discount on the solar array and is providing us with a smart electrical panel box.



Greenheck

Tony Rossi

Greenheck has consulted the team in our system requirements for comfort and environmental quality. The company is also graciously donating an ERV.



McComb Window Company

Paul Spacco, Sales Rep. & Angelo A. Zarvas, VP of Arch.Sales

McComb is a distributor for Pella. Pella Corporate gave us a big discount on the windows. McComb helped us choose the windows to meet the design specs--specifically the PHIUS certification requirements.



Nu-wool

Paul Spacco, Sales Rep. & Angelo A. Zarvas, VP of Arch.Sales

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Thermafiber Owens Corning

**Todd Shear, US Manager
Eric Aubrey, Indiana Sales Manager**

Thermafiber is a potential provider of insulation material. The team is currently in discussion with the company.



Legalett Frost Proof Foundation

**Ken Williams, VP of Sales
Mike Reynolds, Operations Director**

Legalett have been contracted to provide the slab system and have provided a discount on the engineering services necessary to get the foundation through city permitting. The slab is called a frost-protected shallow foundation and Legalett is a proprietary system for this kind of foundation.



Mitsubishi

Mark Giganti, Sales

Mitsubishi is a potential provider of components of the HVAC system. The team is currently in discussion with the company.



Rock Wool

Nolan Szalmasagi, Territory Manager Indiana

Rock Wool is a potential provider of insulation material. The team is currently in discussion with the company.



Irving Materials Concrete

Trent Shannon, Sales

Thermafiber is a potential provider of insulation material. The team is currently in discussion with the company.



Green Fiber Cellulose

Rob Walker, Regional Manager

The team is currently in discussion with the company and they have tentatively said they would supply cellulose material.



Industry Partners & Products On Site



EcoVantage Wood



Rockwool Mineral Wool



Greenfiber Cellulose



AeroBarrier



Greenheck ERV`



Pella Windows



Jefferson Electric Solar



Quartz Countertops

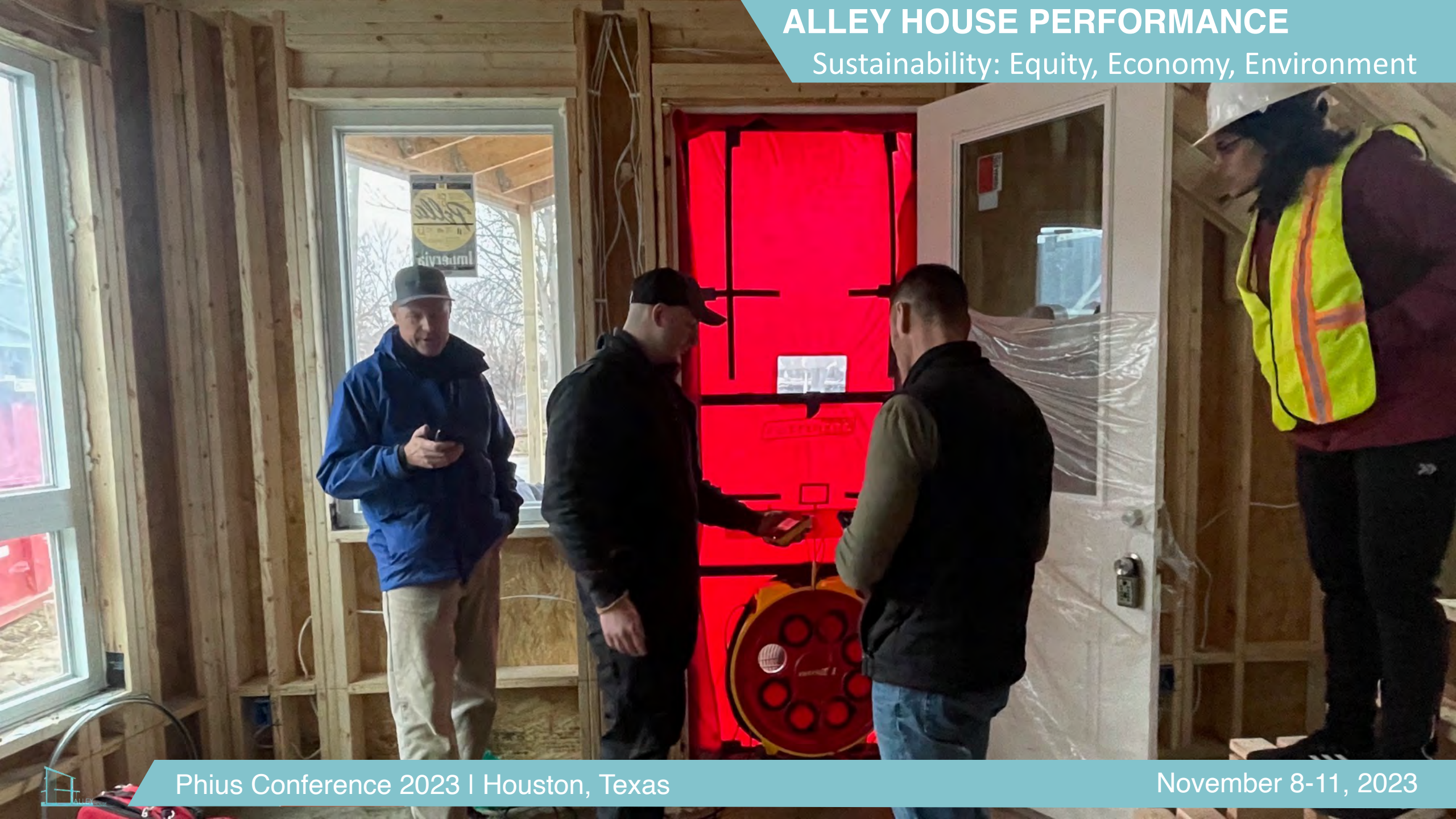


Mitsubishi Heat Pump

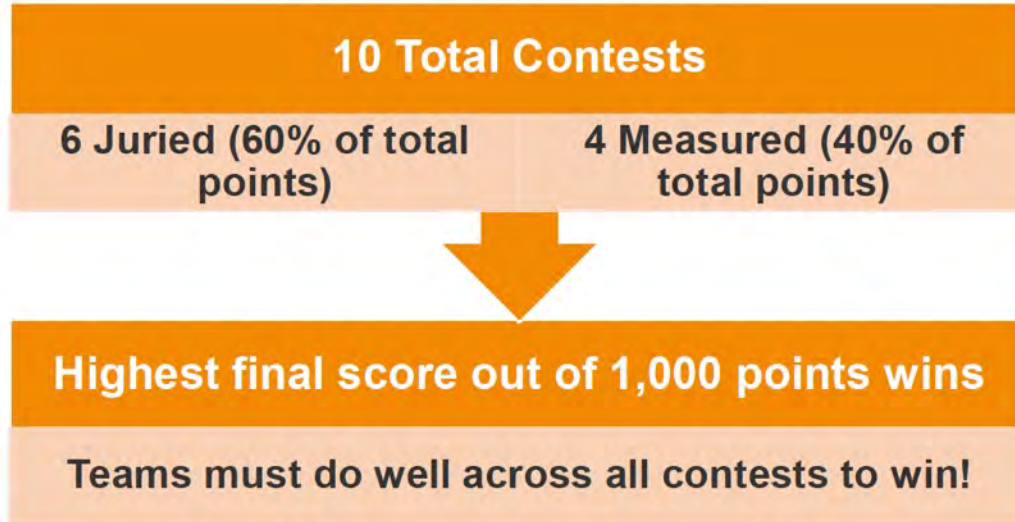


ALLEY HOUSE PERFORMANCE

Sustainability: Equity, Economy, Environment



Contest Structure





Contest No.	Contest Name	Contest Type	Points	Subcontest Name	Subcontest Points
1	Architecture	Juried	100	None	n/a
2	Engineering	Juried	100	None	n/a
3	Market Analysis	Juried	100	None	n/a
4	Durability and Resilience	Juried	100	None	n/a
5	Embodied Environmental Impact	Juried	100	None	n/a
6	Integrated Performance	Measured	100	Hot Water	30
				Interior Light Levels	20
				Internally Generated Noise	10
				Airtightness	20
7	Occupant Experience	Measured	100	Passive Performance	20
				Kitchen Appliances	30
				Clothes Washing	10
				Clothes Drying	10
				Home Electronics	5
				House Occupancy	15
				Electric Vehicle Charging	15
8	Comfort and Environmental Quality	Measured	100	Grid Responsive Electronics	15
				Temperature Control	30
				Humidity Control	20
				Indoor Air Quality	20
				Comfort Gradient	20
9	Energy Performance	Measured	100	Exterior Noise Infiltration	10
				Energy Efficiency	30
				Energy Production	20
				Net Zero Energy	30
10	Presentation	Juried	100	Solar Energy Utilization	20
					n/a

Measured Contest Areas Testing

Instructions: Drag and drop each of the 9 measured contest events onto the calendar (the boxes are sized according to the number of days the event takes) and send back to the Organizers by March 15th, 2023 at sdbuild@nrel.gov. Below is some additional information and conditions to keep in mind when making your team's schedule:

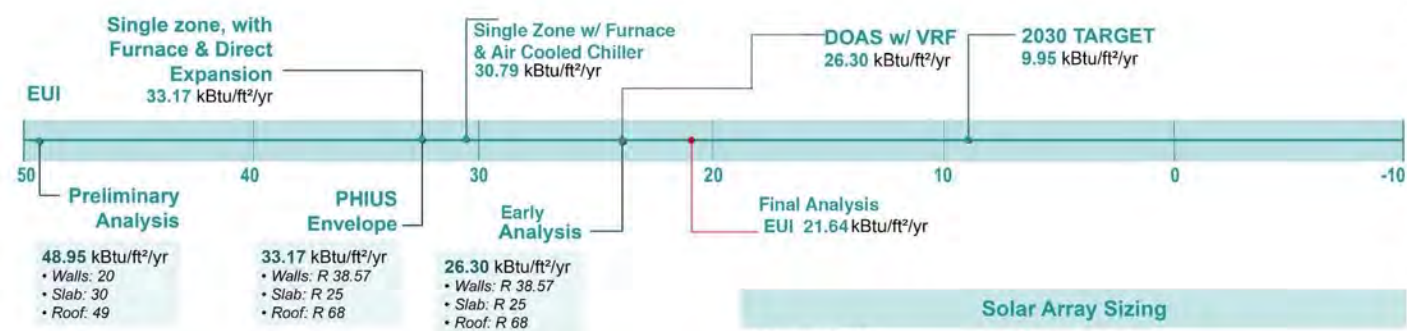
- For contests that involve automated data collection (Continuous Monitoring Period, Interior Light Levels, Solar Energy Utilization, Passive Performance, Energy Production), the scored period will begin at midnight (local time zone) on the first day, and end at midnight on the last day outlined on your schedule. These contests may occur on weekends, as no Organizer presence is necessary.
- The EV charging event requires team members and Organizers to be present at the start and end of the 24-hour period. Neither the start nor end of this event may occur on a weekend.
- The Measured Contest Day may not occur on a weekend, as this involves Organizers to be present via Zoom.
- The Blower Door Test and HERS Rating likely cannot occur on a weekend, unless the third-party vendor allows. The Organizers will create an introduction for you to the vendor. It is not recommended to overlap this event with others, as it will take most of the day and could interfere with ongoing measurements. Teams must work with the vendor to determine a date for this event.
- The Net Zero Energy subcontest is not included in the schedule because it will be completed virtually by a third party.
- The Passive Performance subcontest cannot overlap with any other events.
- The House Occupancy subcontest must occur during the Continuous Monitoring Period.
- Besides the two conditions immediately above, all other contests can be overlapped in any way that teams decide.
- Starting March 20, teams will be subject to a 1 point penalty per day until any one of the 9 subcontests has started.
- Once a team submits their Measured Contest Schedule to the Organizer Team by March 15th, the schedule cannot be changed unless there are extenuating circumstances, as determined by the Organizers.
- **Please submit this powerpoint to the Organizers by March 15th, 2023**, and include the local time zone for your team's house in the email. The Organizers will check your team's schedule and approve it within 24 hours of the submission as long as it follows the above guidelines.

Continuous Monitoring Period 5 Days		
Interior Light Levels 3 Days	House Occupancy 1 Day	Energy Production 1 Day
Solar Energy Utilization 3 Days	Measured Contest Day 1 Day	Net Zero Energy/Effic Virtual
Passive Performance 2 Days	EV Charging 1 Day	Blower Door/HERS 1 Day

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
19 	20 Blower Door/HERS 1 Day	21	22 EV Charging 1 Day	23	24 Passive Performance 2 Days FRI 5pm	25
26 Passive SUN 5 pm	27	28	29	30	31	1
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2	3 House Occupancy 1 Day	4 Grand Opening 4-8 pm	5 Measured Contest 1 Day	6 AIA Day Talk/Tour 4-6 pm	7 Net Zero Energy Efficiency (Virtual)	8 
Continuous Monitoring Period 5 Days			CAP Alumni 4-8 pm			

BUILDING DESIGN ELEMENT	ZERO ENERGY READY HOME TARGET	PHIUS PRESCRIPTIVE TARGET
Roof R-value	2021 IECC Prescriptive U-factor = 0.024 (R-42)	R = 66 effective
Wall R-value	2021 IECC Prescriptive U-factor = 0.045 (R-23)	R = 35 effective
Window U-factor	0.30	0.17
Window SHGC	0.40	0.40
Airtightness	ACH50 = 3.0	0.04 cfm/ft ² enclosure
Water heater EF	UEF = 2.57	UEF ≥ 3.0
Whole-house mechanical ventilation	2.9 cfm/W; heat exchange not required	1.2 cfm/W; heat exchange required
Lighting efficacy	100% Energy Star varies from 33 to 60 lm/W	≥ 83 lm/W





Solar Array Sizing

West Unit EUI: 21.64 kBtu/sf/yr

Annual Energy Use: 21.64 EUI x 1,386 SF = 29,993 kBTUs

kBTUs/kWh conversion: 29,993 kBTUs x 0.293 = 8,788 kWh

Oversizing: 8,788 kWh + 10% = 9,667 kWh

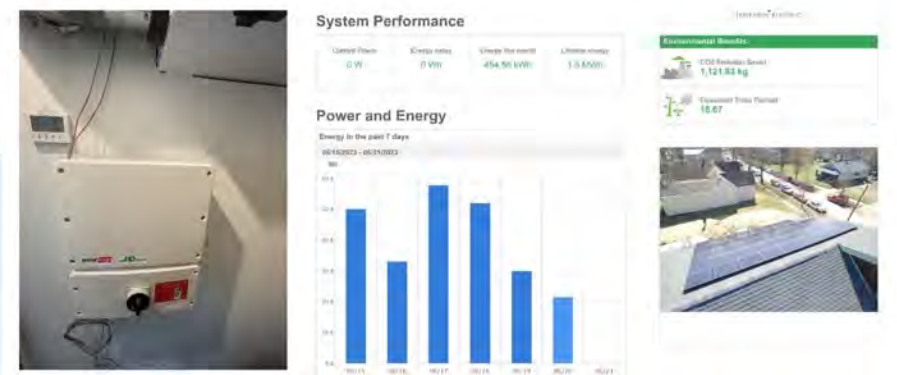
Via PV Watts Calculator: An 8.8 kW array of premium modules on 14 deg(3:12) roof produces = 12,181 kWh

Number of PV Panels Needed: 8.8 kW x 1,000w/400w = 22 panels

Net-positive Energy Design

The Alley House is all electric, eliminating dependence on fossil fuels while improving building performance and occupant comfort. Students optimized energy use resulting in an **Energy Use Intensity (EUI)** of 21.64 kBtu/ft²/yr (calculated with COVE Tool). Preliminary analysis of EUI was 48.95 kBtu/ft²/yr. Through design development, we effectively **reduced EUI value by 55.8%**. West Unit is **net positive energy** using 8.8kWh/yr PV system composed of 22 Panasonic Evervolt 400-watt modules. This array produces **21,181 kWh/yr** (calculated with Helioscope), a **38% energy surplus**.

- Passive heating concrete thermal mass storage offsets active system
- Passive cooling cross + stack ventilation offsets active system in shoulder season
- Daylighting reduces daytime electric load
- Mitsubishi low ambient, split system heat pump heating/cooling is 1.5 ton
- Heating/cooling uses shortducted, soffit mounted air handlers
- Two zones allow upper + lower floor control of heating/cooling
- AO Smith heat pump water heater provides real-time monitoring and control use
- Condensing dryer extracts ambient heat/discharges dehumidified cooler air
- All appliances are Energy Star rated
- Appliances powered by solar PV + backup battery during weather emergencies



Solar Edge is inverter/panel optimizer with app. that gives real time solar production

Solar Array Calculations

Energy Need: 29,993 btu/yr x Conversion Value (0.293) = 8,788 kWh/yr

Energy Produced: 8.8kW PV system composed of 22 Panasonic Evervolt 400w PV modules = 12,181 kWh/yr (Estimated using Helioscope software)

12,181 kWh/yr (Energy Produced)

- 8,788 kWh/yr (Energy Need)

3,393 kWh/yr (Energy Surplus)

38% Energy Surplus

PV Array Specifications

Panasonic EverVolt 410W/400W

Mono-crystalline cells with 21.6% efficiency

Solar Edge Inverter & Power Optimizers

Maximizes individual production in partially shaded conditions

ALLIANCE WARRANTY 25 YEARS

WARRANTY 10 YEARS

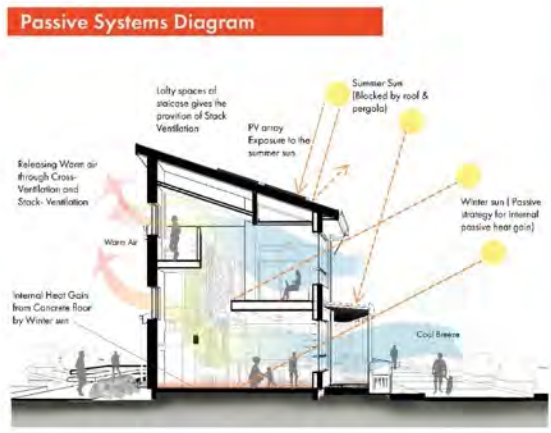
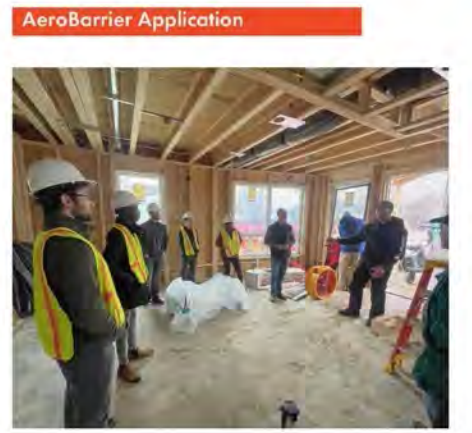
Inputs

R-Values

Walls: R 40
Slab: R 20
Floor: R 92
Infiltration Rate: .04 CFM / ft²

Assumptions

Occupants: 5
Heating Set Point: 70
Cooling Set Point: 70
Lighting: 0.1 W / ft²
Appliance Use: 0.25 W / ft²



EUI

21.64 kBtu/ft²/yr

Breakdown

- Pumps - 0.7
- Lighting - 0.81
- Cooling - 1.31
- Fans - 1.44
- Heating - 4.62
- Equipment - 4.62
- Hot Water - 8.14

Solar Array Calculations

Energy Need

EUI (21.64) x Total SF (1,386) = 29,993 btus/yr

29,993 btus/yr x Conversion Value (0.293) = **8,788 kWh/yr**

Energy Produced

8.8kW PV system composed of 22 Panasonic Evervolt 400w PV modules
≈ **12,181 kWh/yr** (Estimated using Helioscope software)

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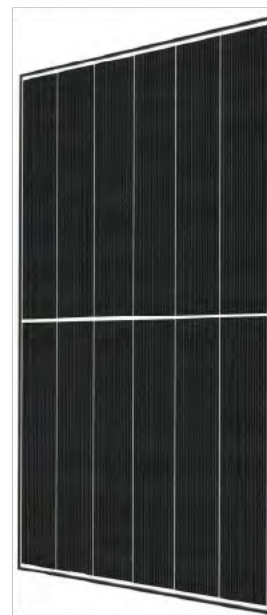
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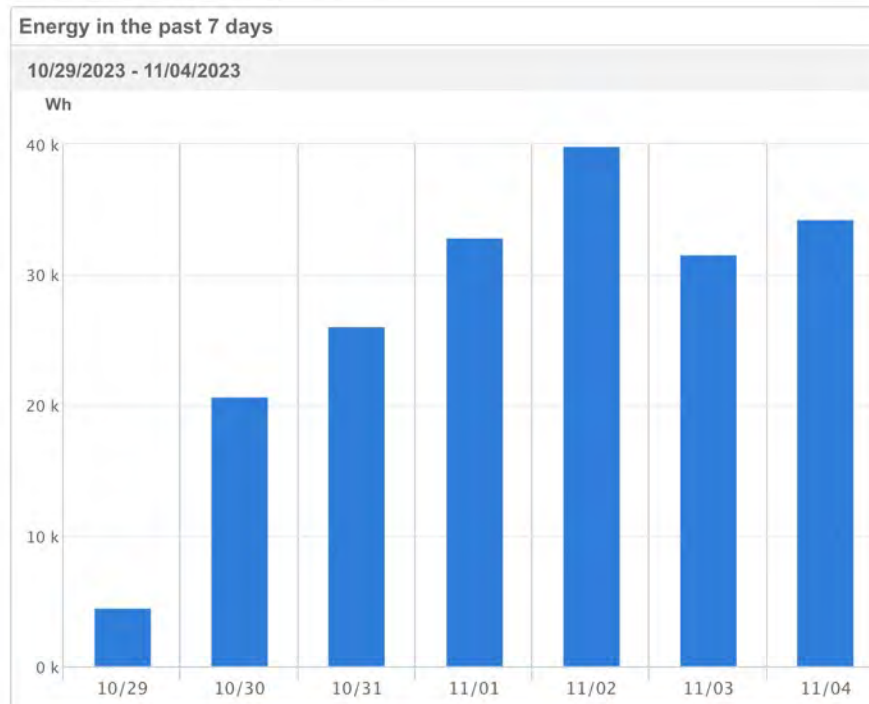


Daylighting limits need for lighting

System Performance

Current Power	Energy today	Energy this month	Lifetime energy
330.24 W	34.26 kWh	138.67 kWh	4.58 MWh

Power and Energy



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Environmental Benefits

CO2 Emission Saved
7,089.88 lb

Equivalent Trees Planted
53.57

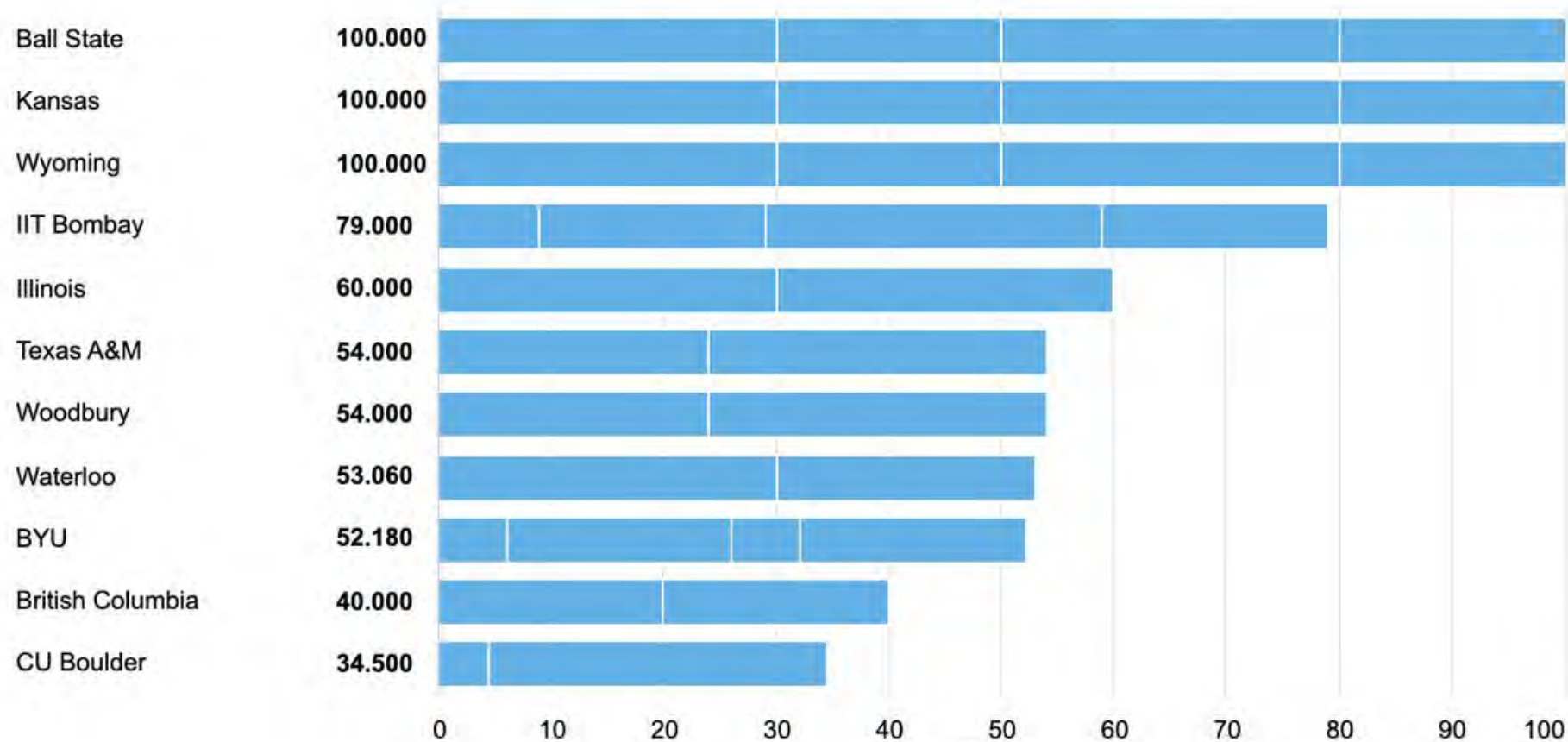


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Energy Performance

This Contest evaluates whole-building energy consumption and how it is offset by renewable energy systems.

Energy Performance Contest Scores





AEROBARRIER MENU

Climate Zones	1-2	3-4	5-7	8
LEED BD+C v4 (1 Point)	4.25 ACH50	3.5 ACH50	2.75 ACH50	2.0 ACH50
LEED BD+C v4 (2 Points)	3.0 ACH50	2.5 ACH50	2.0 ACH50	1.5 ACH50
IECC 2009	<7 ACH50	<7 ACH50	<7 ACH50	<7 ACH50
IECC 2012	≤5 ACH50	≤3 ACH50	≤3 ACH50	≤3 ACH50
IECC 2015	5 ACH50	3 ACH50	3 ACH50	3 ACH50
ENERGY STAR v3	6 ACH50	5 ACH50	4 ACH50	3 ACH50
ENERGY STAR v3.1 (Rev 08)	3 ACH50	2.5 ACH50	2 ACH50	1.5 ACH50
NGBS (IECC 2015)	5 ACH50	3 ACH50	3 ACH50	3 ACH50
PHIUS+ 2015	0.6 ACH50	0.6 ACH50	0.6 ACH50	0.6 ACH50
ZERH	3.0 ACH50	2.5 ACH50	2.0 ACH50	1.5 ACH50



1. Hunter Acumen 42" Ceiling Fan 100 lumens/watt



3. Autelo entry light 90 lumens / watt



5. Vallmora Bathroom Light 88.89 Lumens/watt



2. Lithonia Wafer Lights 82.14 Lumens/watt



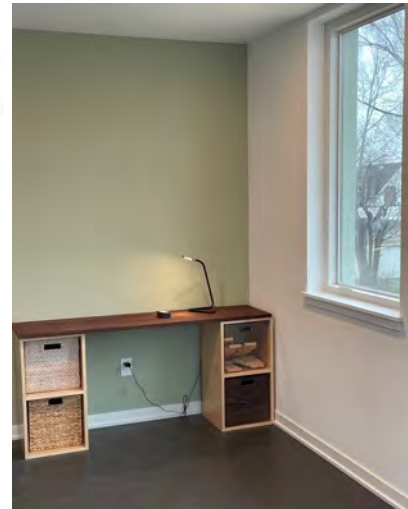
4. Eglo Sabinar Pendant Light 88.89 Lumens/watt



6. Citalali Aluminum Wall Light at Doors 88.89 Lumens/watt



Light sensors in kitchen & study



COMFORT LIGHT & WATER

LIGHTING

- Turn lights ON at night
- Turn lights OFF during the day
- Windows bring in sunlight during the day
- Light from windows saves energy
- Light from windows saves money
- Light from windows keeps you healthy & helps your body maintain a natural circadian rhythm (day/night cycle)



HOT WATER

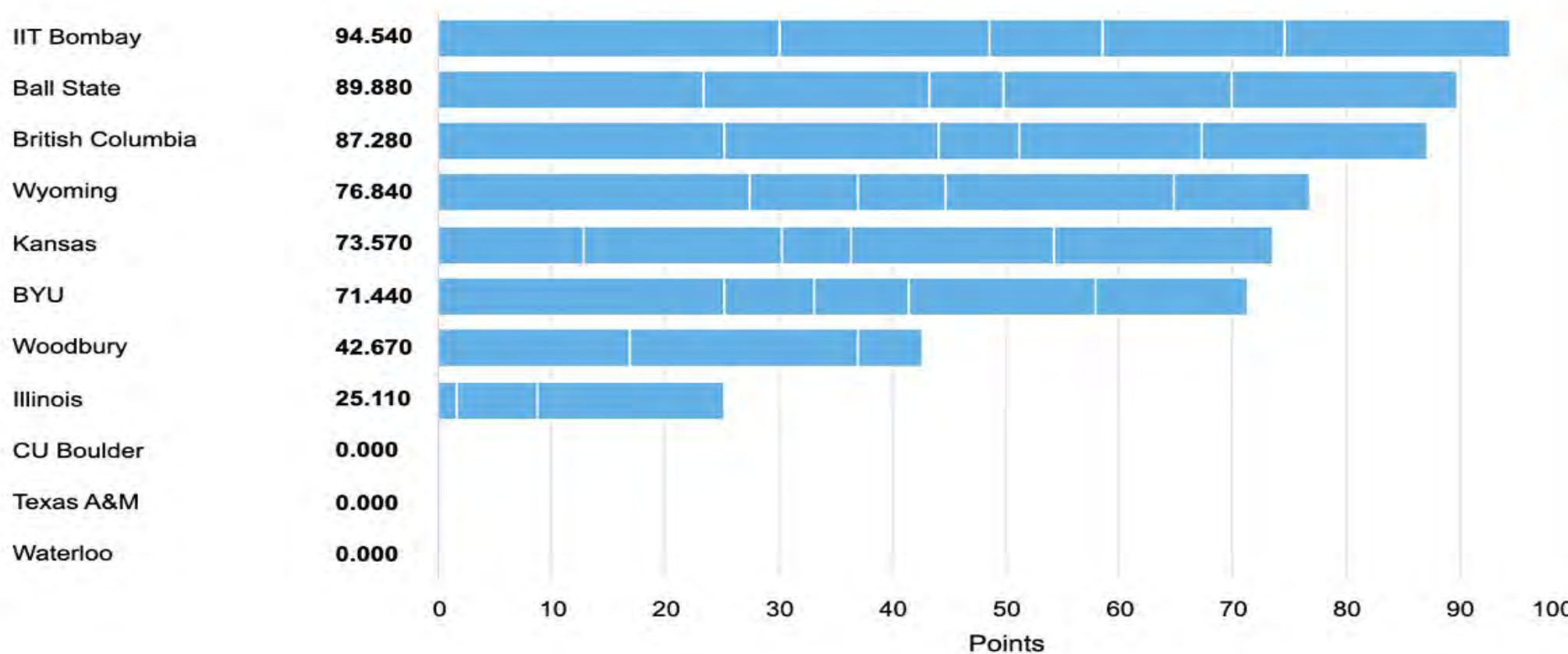
- The hot water tank is in the mechanical closet
- Hot water uses A LOT of energy
- Making hot water costs you money
- Do not adjust the temperature on the hot water tank (for safety)
- Push the VACATION button if you will be Away
- TURN OFF the vacation setting when you get back.
- The tank is different than typical ones. It may be louder and it may make the closet cold.
- Tank can be adjusted. Ask Englewood CDC to help



Integrated Performance

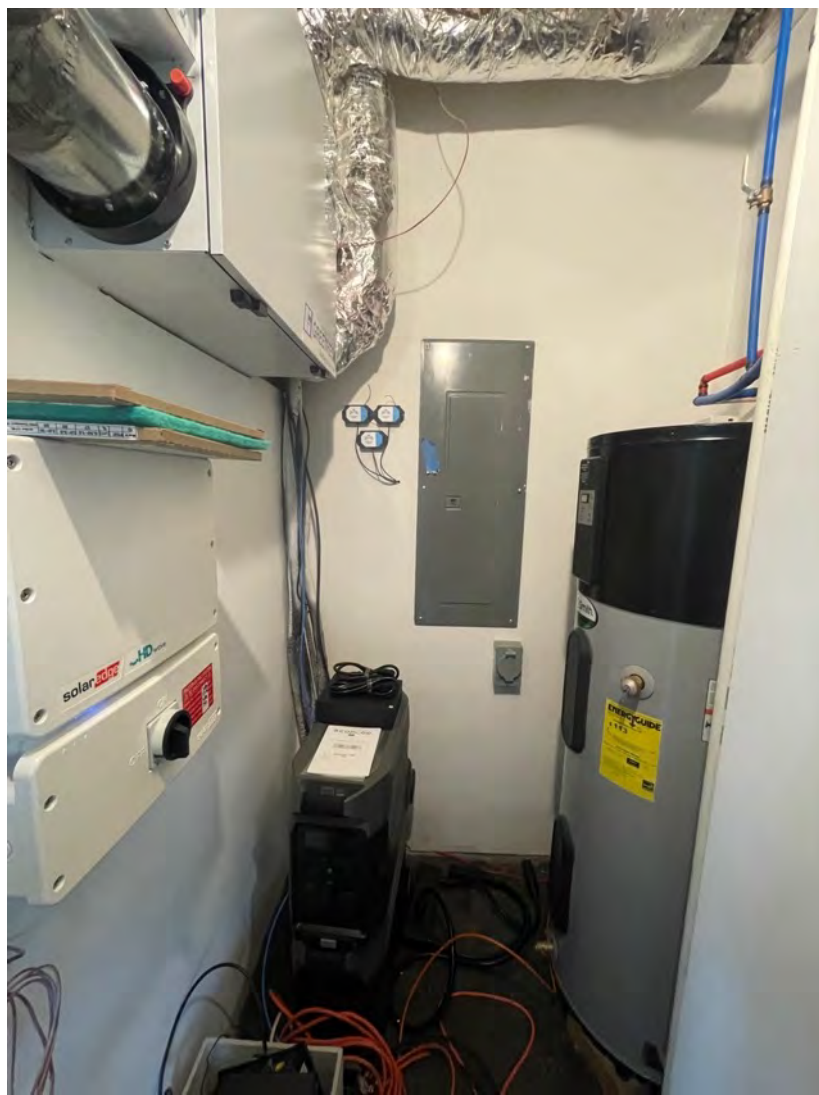
This Contest evaluates the interdependencies of building design elements to achieve optimized whole building performance. In a truly integrated design, when any element is altered or removed from the building, overall building performance is diminished.

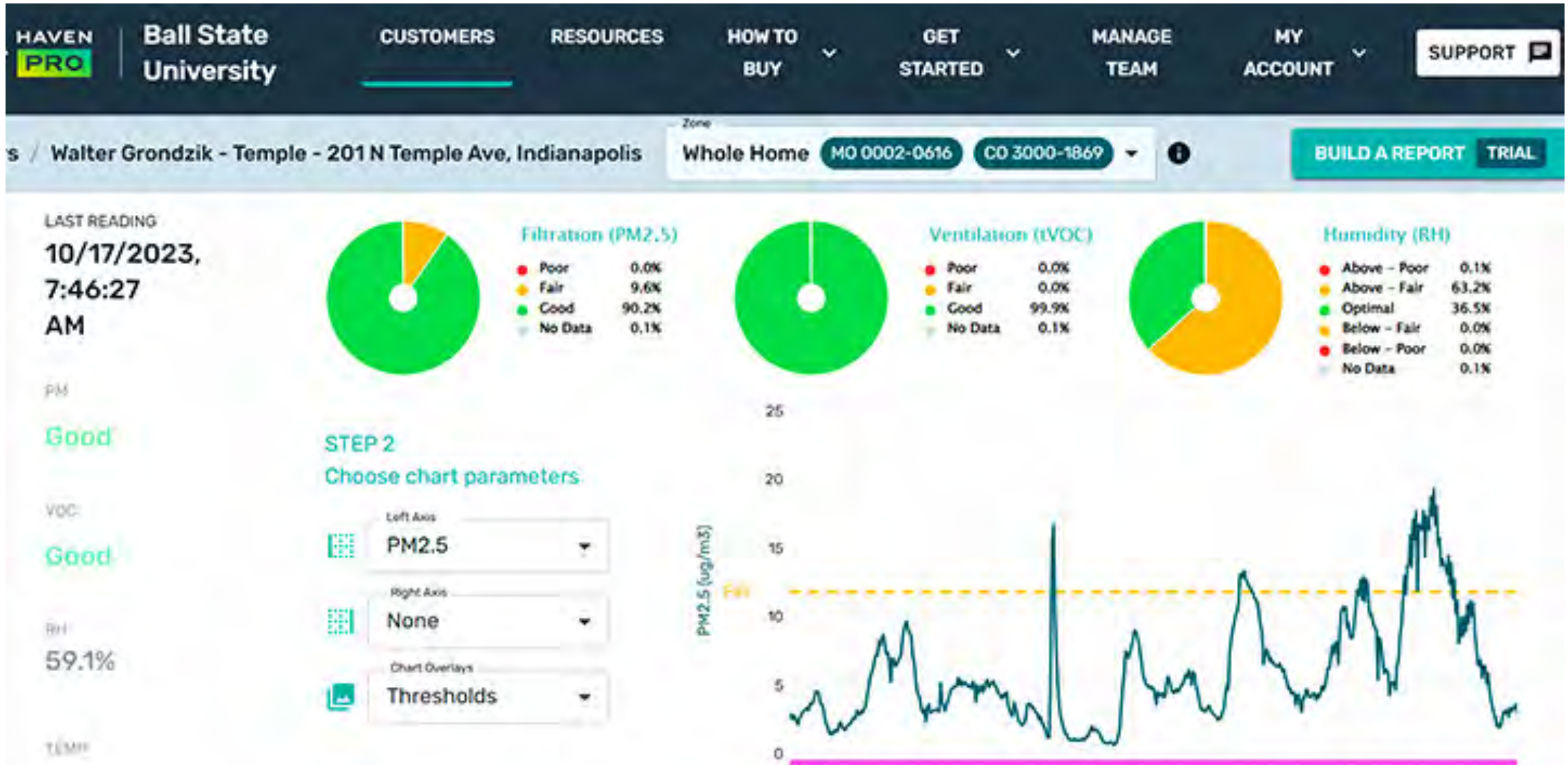
Integrated Performance Contest Scores



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<p><i>Integrated Performance:</i> <i>Airtightness Subcontest—</i> All available points are earned for a measured air tightness of less than or equal to 0.05 cfm50/ft²</p>		<p>Exceptionally low infiltration; quality assurance protocols that involved multiple blower door tests</p>
<p><i>Integrated Performance:</i> <i>Passive Performance Subcontest—</i> The home’s ability to retain interior thermal comfort over a 48-hour period without the use of active heating or active cooling</p>		<p>Exceptionally low infiltration; triple paned windows; high-R enclosure; verified solar control; reduced interior loads resulting from lighting and appliance efficiency</p>
<p><i>Integrated Performance:</i> <i>Lighting Illuminance Subcontest—</i> 300-1,500 lx monitored over 3 days</p>		<p>Excellent daylighting offer little use of electric lighting during daytime; verified lighting efficacy > 83 lm/W in light fixtures</p>







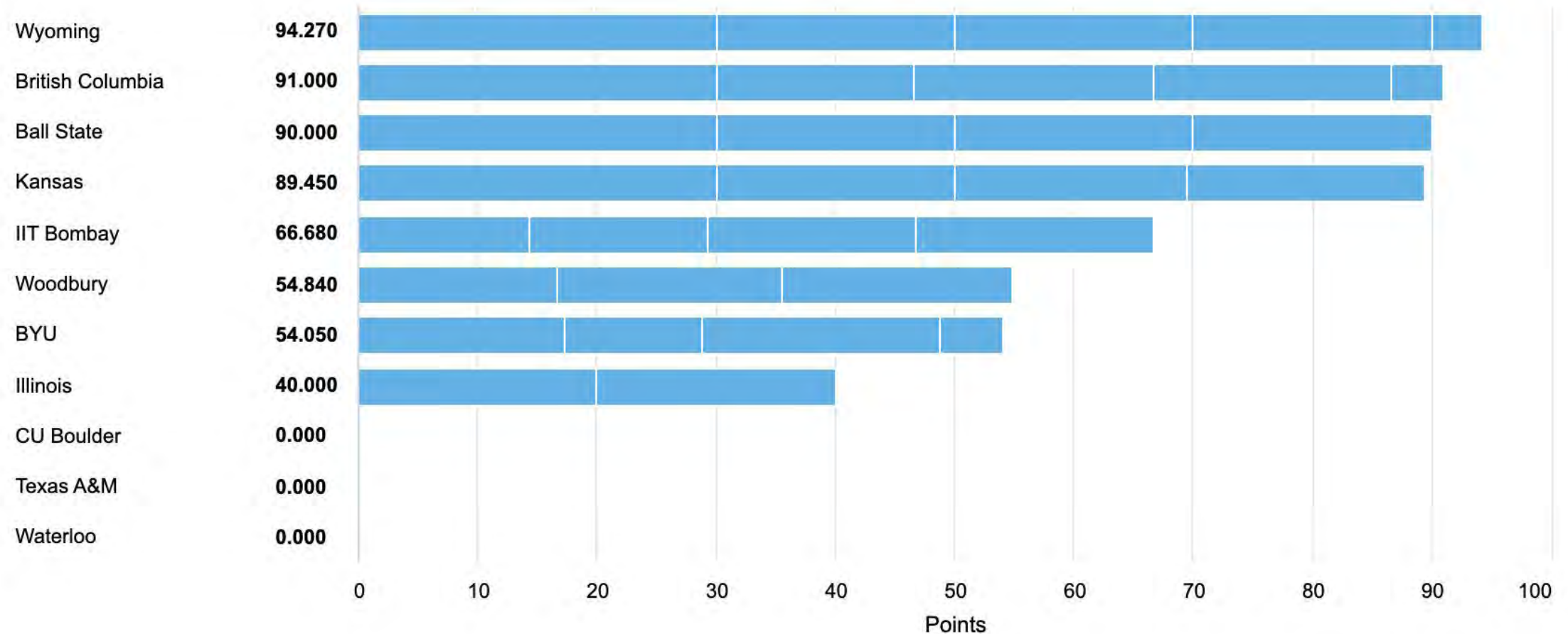


- April 3rd House Occupancy Dinner with 6 guests, 2 from Ball State, 2 from the Community and 2 from the Building Industry with 4 students and faculty.
- April 5th was Alumni Day and One Ball State Day of Giving. 98 past students, now Alumni, came out to see the Alley House.
- April 15th was Ball State Open House Day at the Alley House. Tours and food were enjoyed by 238 attendees, which included the president of Ball State University, the dean of the College of Architecture and Planning, the chair of the architecture department, student and faculty co-leads, and the director of sustainability whom all spoke a few words about the project.

Comfort & Environmental Quality

This Contest evaluates the building's capability to deliver intended comfort and indoor environmental quality.

Comfort & Environmental Quality Contest Scores

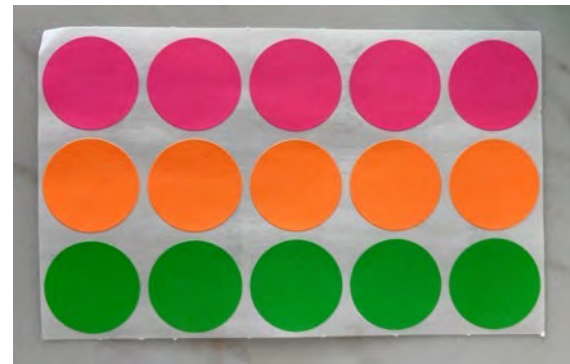


SOLAR DECATHLON CHALLENGE	SUPPORTING PHIUS ELEMENTS
<p><i>Comfort and Environmental Quality: Temperature and Humidity Control Subcontest—</i> All available points are earned for maintaining a time-averaged interior dry-bulb temperature between 68°F and 74°F and a time-averaged relative humidity between 35% and 50%.</p>	<p>Exceptionally low infiltration; triple paned windows; high-R enclosure; verified solar control</p>
<p><i>Comfort and Environmental Quality: Indoor Air Quality Subcontest—</i> All available points are earned for a time-averaged interior CO2 level below 1,000 PPM following occupancy of at least 8 individuals for 1 hour.</p>	<p>Balanced ventilation using an ERV; compliance with the EPA’s IndoorAir PLUS program</p>



SOLAR DECATHLON CHALLENGE	SUPPORTING PHIUS ELEMENTS
<p><i>Comfort and Environmental Quality: Comfort Gradient Subcontest</i>— All available points are earned for achieving a maximum delta of time-averaged interior dry-bulb temperatures of 3°F across all measurement locations.</p>	<p>Exceptionally low infiltration; triple paned windows; high-R enclosure; verified solar control; concern for air distribution</p>
<p><i>Comfort and Environmental Quality: Exterior Noise Infiltration Subcontest</i> All available points are earned for a measured sound pressure level from outside noise intrusion less than or equal to 35 dBA based on peak hour sound level equivalents of 90 dBA.</p>	<p>Exceptionally low infiltration; triple paned windows; high-R enclosure</p> <p><i>Oddly the Alley House did not do well in this subcontest—despite the above design moves</i></p>







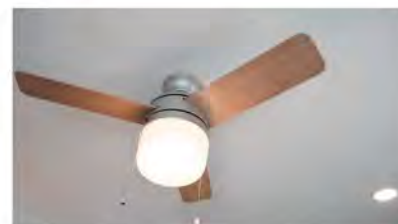
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COMFORT FRESH AIR

SYSTEM

- Fresh air keeps you happy & healthy
- The ventilation system runs all the time
- The system brings in fresh air
- The system gets rid of stale air
- You don't need to adjust it at all
- Equipment is in the mechanical room



BOOST

- **TIMER SWITCHES** behind the stove and in the bathrooms
- **USE** when there is a lot of steam from cooking
- **USE** when there is a lot of steam from showers
- It turns the exhaust up for a few minutes

CEILING FANS

- **TURN ON** Ceiling fans in each room
- Fans will make you feel cooler
- Fans use very little electricity
- Fans make a house feel less stuffy
- Fans let you set thermostats higher to save energy

COMFORT HEAT & AC

HEAT

- On thermostat, select **Mode** and then **Heat**
- Set the thermostats to:
- 68-70 degrees **WHEN YOU ARE HOME**
 - 61 degrees **WHEN SLEEPING OR AWAY**
 - Thermostats can be programmed. Ask Englewood CDC to help

AIR-CONDITIONING (AC)

- On thermostat, select **Mode** and then **Cool**
- Set the thermostats to:
- 77-78 degrees **WHEN YOU ARE HOME**
 - 77-78 degrees **WHEN SLEEPING**
 - 84 degrees **WHEN AWAY**
 - 80-82 degrees **IF USING CEILING FANS**
 - Pull blinds in summer to keep sun out
 - Thermostats can be programmed. Ask Englewood CDC to help

WASTING ENERGY

- Keeping the heat too high in winter or the AC too low in summer wastes energy.
- Energy is expensive
- Turning thermostats down or up when not home or sleeping **saves you money**

SYSTEM

- Equipment is hidden in the drop down ceilings in the kitchen and upstairs flex space
- Thermostats are near downstairs bathroom & upstairs bedroom doors
- Upstairs has one thermostat
- Downstairs has one thermostat
- Outdoor unit will blow warm air

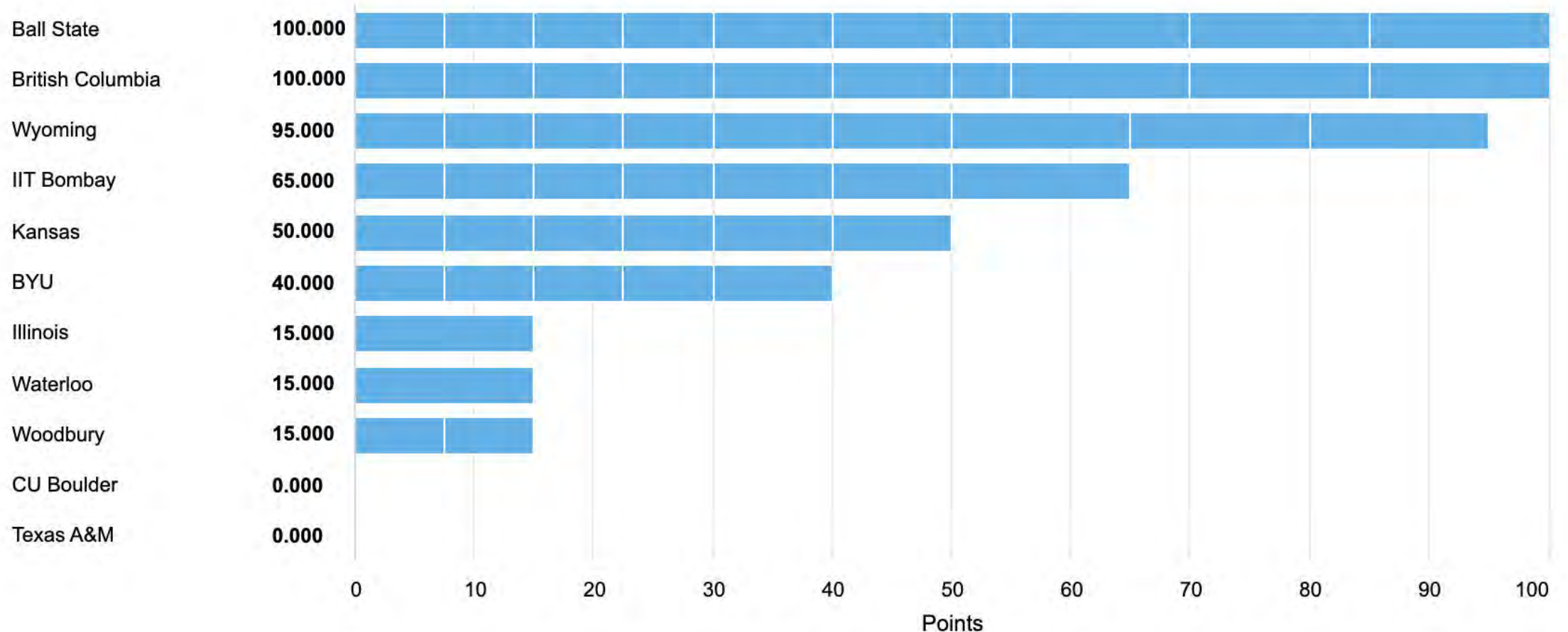


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Occupant Experience

This Contest evaluates how the building design prioritizes occupant experience, productivity, and quality of life.

Occupant Experience Contest Scores



Juried Contest: Durability & Resilience



Locally Sourced Materials

- Thermally modified wood used on exterior and interior details
- Reclaimed limestone slabs for walkway set in gravel
- Reclaimed walnut wood for built-ins
- Cement board siding with rainscreen for moisture control and durability

Design & Construction Detail

- Well-detailed continuous control layers and rain screen

Manufacturers' Warranties

- Reduce maintenance burden for occupants
- Improve building longevity
- Resident Guide for use of the Alley House explaining passive design strategies and active systems



EcoFlow Delta Pro 2

- Portable and expandable backup system
- Outlet to plug into when power outage to utilize battery backup
- Interlock in electrical panel can easily be toggled by the homeowner during power outages
- Two batteries – 7200W, 240V output
- 7.2 kWh capacity total



Solar Edge Inverter and power optimizer



Battery backup system set up in the mechanical room

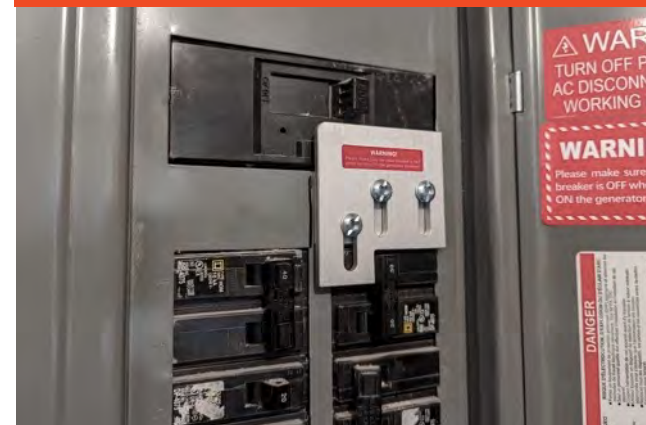
Weathering an Outage

During an outage, it is estimated that the EcoFlow Delta Pro 2 system can power the following critical functions:

Refrigerator: 4 days

Lighting: 8 days

Air conditioner: 7 hours



Interlock device for toggling power source

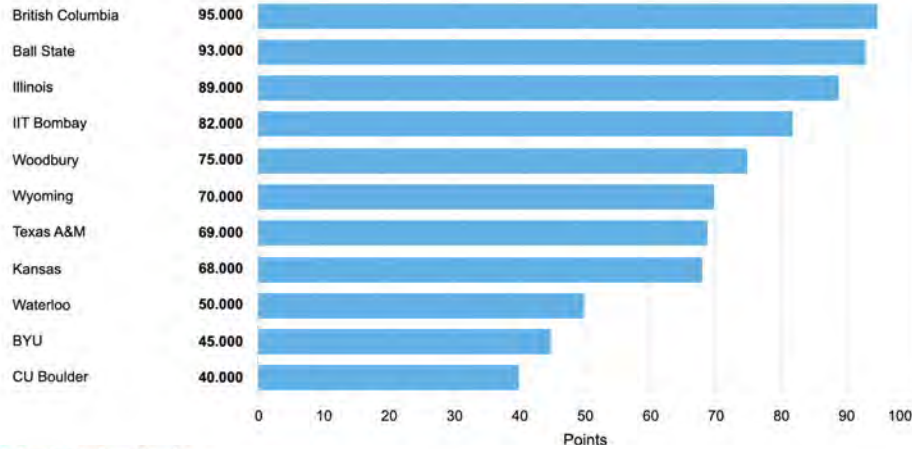
SOLAR DECATHLON CHALLENGE		SUPPORTING PHIUS ELEMENTS
<p><i>Durability and Resilience:</i> <i>Durability—</i> The ability of the building envelope to maintain long-term performance despite routine environmental conditions</p>		<p>Continuous control layers that were well-articulated, well-detailed, and site inspected; substantively reduced infiltration</p>
<p><i>Durability and Resilience:</i> <i>Resilience—</i> The ability of the building to maintain critical operations during disruptions and quickly restore normal operations.</p>		<p>Battery backup system with substantially reduced heating and cooling loads that extend the life of battery backup during outages</p>



Architecture

This Contest evaluates the building's architecture for creativity in matching form with function, overall integration of systems, and ability to deliver both outstanding aesthetics and functionality.

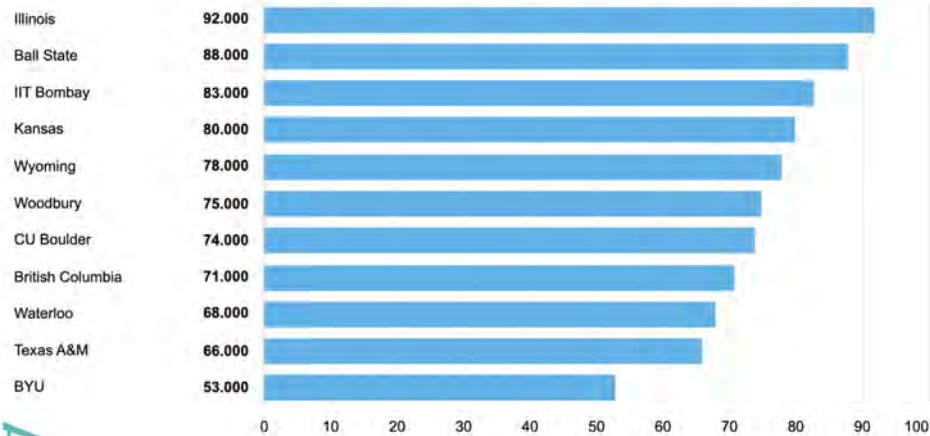
Architecture Contest Scores



Market Analysis

This Contest evaluates the building's appeal, affordability, and attainability to the stated target market. This includes addressing specific market needs, such as affordability and financial feasibility, and socioeconomic barriers to increase likelihood of adoption by intended occupants and the construction industry for impactful, cost-effective design.

Market Analysis Contest Scores



Juried Contest Areas Results

FRIDAY 4/21/2023	Duration	Architecture	Engineering	Market Analysis	Durability & Resilience	Embodied Environmental Impact	Presentation
9:00 AM	0:30	Brigham Young University	Ball State University	University of British Columbia			
9:30 AM	0:10						
9:40 AM	0:30	University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign	University of Colorado Boulder	Indian Institute of Technology Bombay			
10:10 AM	0:20						
10:30 AM	0:30	University of Waterloo	University of Kansas	Texas A&M University			
11:00 AM	0:10						
11:10 AM	0:30	BREAK	Woodbury University	University of Wyoming			
11:40 AM	0:10						
11:50 AM	1:00	LUNCH					
12:50 PM	0:10						
1:00 PM	0:30	University of British Columbia	Brigham Young University	Ball State University	University of Kansas	Texas A&M University	University of Waterloo
1:30 PM	0:10						
1:40 PM	0:30	Indian Institute of Technology Bombay	University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign	University of Colorado Boulder	Woodbury University	University of Wyoming	BREAK
2:10 PM	0:20						
2:30 PM	0:30	Texas A&M University	University of Waterloo	University of Kansas	Ball State University	University of British Columbia	Brigham Young University
3:00 PM	0:10						
3:10 PM	0:30	University of Wyoming	BREAK	Woodbury University	University of Colorado Boulder	Indian Institute of Technology Bombay	University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
3:40 PM	0:20	Conclude	Conclude	Conclude	Conclude	Conclude	Conclude



Engineering:

- Very well thought out design that goes above and beyond
- Materials selection allowed HVAC to be smaller than typical home of this size
- Aggressive heating and cooling setpoints (e.g. heating setpoint of 68) could lead to problems meeting space temperature requirements
- Decision to incorporate ERV was bold but necessary
- Very polished, professional-grade documentation and construction drawings
- Appreciated well thought out enclosure based around interesting slab insulation system
- Continuous mineral wool and thorough ceiling insulation
- Liked utilization of Passive House framework in pursuit of certification

Market Analysis:

- Responsible design for surrounding community
- Liked partnership with ECDC; created specific context and attainable goals
- Easily adaptable for multiple generations
- Average rent payment \$1669 but target market has a median income of 25k
- Impressive, scalable financing plan focused on affordable housing
- Real and sustained community engagement

Presentation:

- Detailed, well-considered plan that required serious commitment to see through to completion
- Detailed evaluation of site opportunities and neighborhood gave clear rationale behind design decisions
- Excellent graphic design throughout materials, cohesive articulation of concept and design
- Commendable local news segment
- Admirable plan, proposal, and execution of this project
- Inspires community and end users of home
- Very well planned community exhibition
- Liked how the team worked with university's marketing and communications department
- A lot of information provided, could have been a little more succinct
- Main presenters were all virtual and reading very fast; students in the room looked a little bored and not utilized well during the presentation
- Initial submission was "phenomenal", but energies of written materials provided and the live presentation did not match up
- Felt like you could see the house by the way it was well documented

Juried Contest Areas Comments



Building the
Next Generation

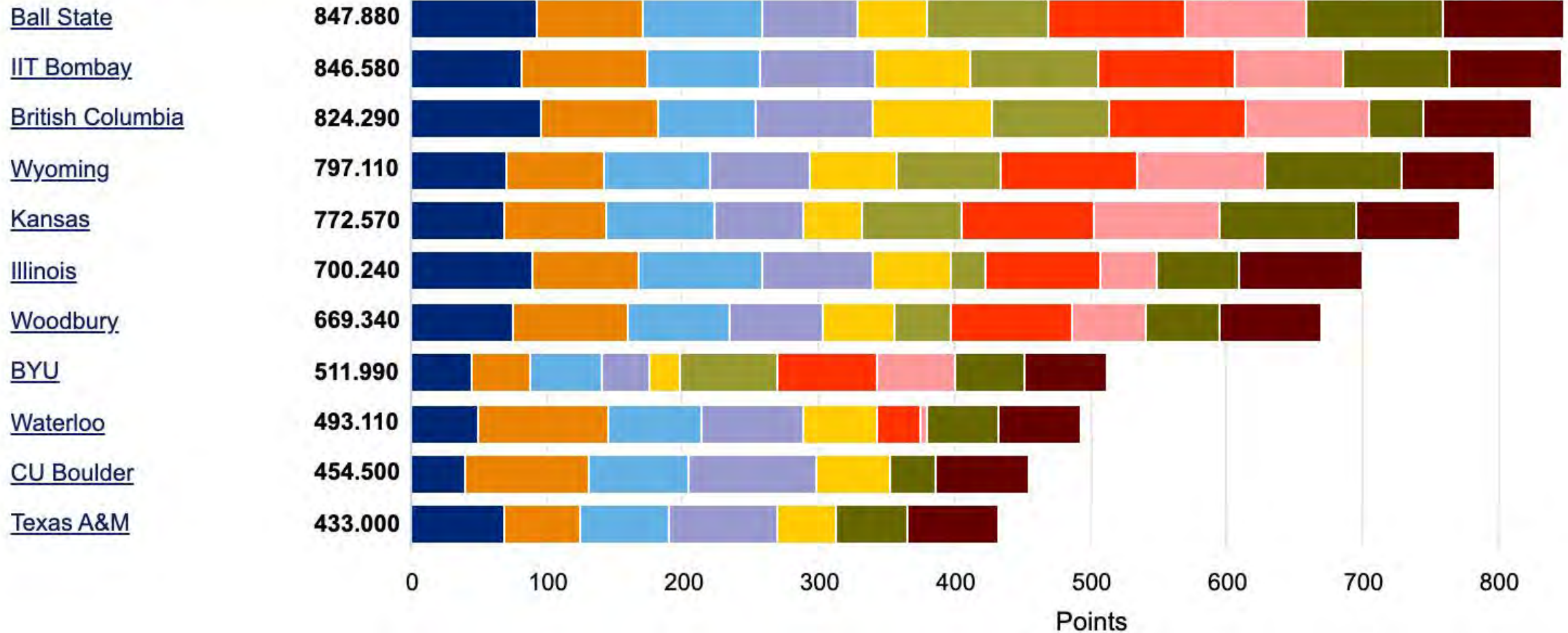
2023 Build Challenge Juried Contest Feedback: Ball State University

Architecture:

- Very thorough presentation; successful approach, coherence, and implementation
- Could be more innovation in design
- Liked minimization of hallways through flex space and other strategies, and pergola and planters along the alley
- Thoughtful use of materials
- Good idea to separate the building east-west to ensure equal solar access and minimize sound transition between units
- Loved the stair railing feature but not articulated well enough in presentation
- Great drawings and documentation
- Cool custom light fixture
- Functional floor plan maximizes quality out of constrained space, great use of built-in furniture
- Slight angle at south corners adds construction cost but not sure how much value is added
- Good answers during presentation
- Created a beautiful home that contributes positively to the community and people who will live there



Measured & Juried Contest Areas Results



ALLEY HOUSE CONCLUSION

Equity – Economy - Environment



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Student Hand-Crafted Details in Fabrication



Student Faculty Collaboration





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