

# Community Efficiency An MIT / Cambridge Collaboration

Challenging students to discover, analyze, and articulate strategic approaches to scaling transformative ideas









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## Society's energy needs can be met in a manner that is cheaper, cleaner, safer



#### We can prove:

- Energy Efficiency is a Real Energy Resource Option:
  - Buildings consume 70% of all electricity, 50% of all natural gas
  - 50% reduction over 20 years without sacrificing comfort or function.
  - Efficiency opportunities pay for themselves with energy savings
- Energy Efficiency is a Real Solution for Climate Change
  - CO2 emissions need to drop 7% per year to sustain a livable Earth (GDP adj.)
  - Efficiency can easily address over half of what we need to do by 2050,
  - It is impossible to accomplish needed carbon reduction without energy efficiency.

#### **BUT the path to DEPLOYMENT IS ELUSIVE:**

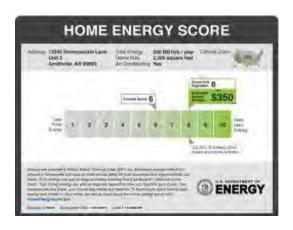
Achieving deep efficiency gains across all homes, buildings, and communities has proven to be a challenging objective.

## Enabling Transformative Ideas/ Delivering on the Promise of Energy Efficiency



Develop and apply multidisciplinary skills to overcome persistent market barriers to energy efficiency improvements

- Program Design: utility incentives and financing
- Recruitment: community-based marketing
- <u>Treatment:</u> retrofit technology/ comfort
- Transparency: disclosure, benchmarking and GIS mapping





## Greening Cities with Energy Efficiency: TODAY: Local Action Moving to the Forefront!

### MIT inquiry into Community Energy Innovation - 6 year history:

- New paradigm: Cities and community organizations as catalysts of energy efficiency in the built environment,
- Cases: Utility efficiency program partnerships with cities and towns in Boston, Cambridge, Chicago, Charlotte
- Policy: 2008 MA Green Communities Act, ARRA/Renew Boston
- Trend: Integrated Resource Planning → Climate Management







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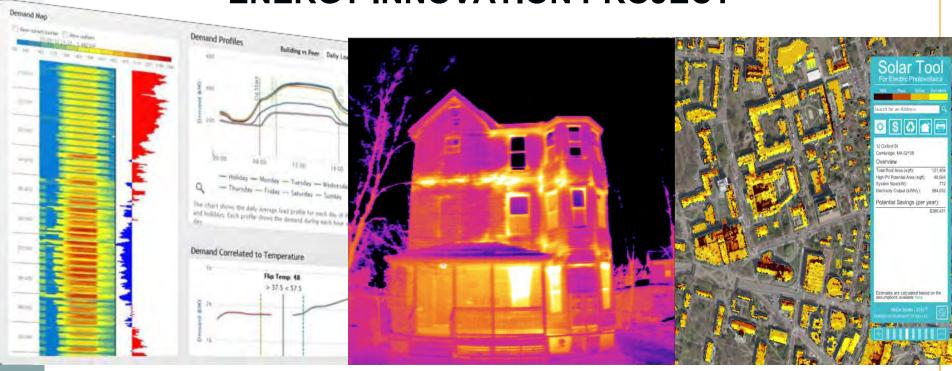






Working together on new solutions for community sustainability

# CAMBRIDGE MULTIFAMILY ENERGY INNOVATION PROJECT



Solutions for Multi-Family Housing in Cambridge

### Potential Pilot Area:



Central Square Residential Neighborhood

1044 Buildings

Predominantly Multifamily

Nearly all buildings are pre-1950

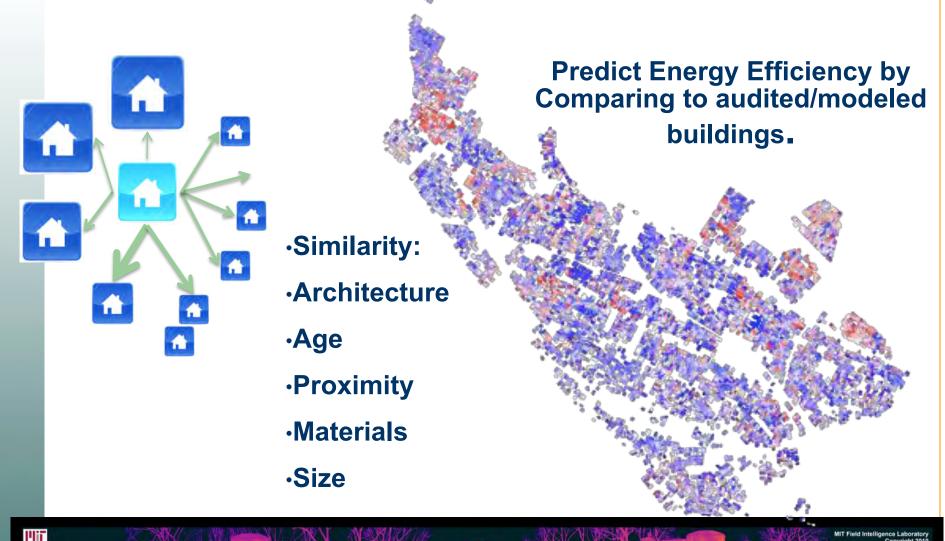
**Predominantly Rental** 

### **CAMBRIDGE SOLAR MAP**



### MIT Field Intelligence Lab Energy Informatics:

High Res IR Imaging, Quantitative Energy Auditing



## **CONTROL TECHNOLOGY**









 A Cambridge Multifamily Thermostat





### **Urban Multifamily Design elements**

### **Program Design:** utility incentives and financing

- Solarize Model single vendor, fixed time, simplified
- Landlord-tenant expense and financing.

### **Recruitment:** community-based marketing

- Community vendor selection
- Scoring and relationships

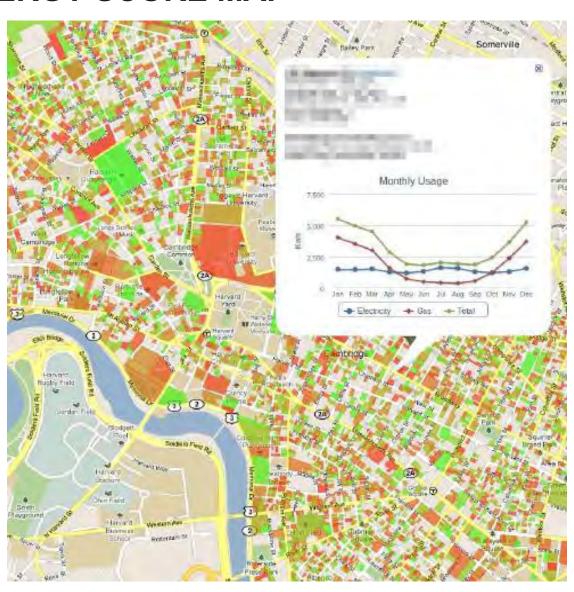
### **Treatment:** retrofit technology and transparency/disclosure

- Manageable set responding to conditions on the ground
- Disclosure, benchmarking and GIS mapping

### **ENERGY SCORE MAP**

#### **·INFORMATION LAYERS**

- •Average monthly electricity and gas (usage and dollars)
- ·Heat fuel type
- •Benchmark or efficiency potential score
- ·Recommended upgrades
- ·Available rebates



## MIT EE Strategy and Systems: achieve all of the efficiency we need to preserve our climate.

### New Opportunities:

- Energy Productivity reduce friction: carbon benefit funding, addressing worldwide deficiency, integrating financing/big data.
- Energy Systems Integration: Optimizing building and EV energy management to accommodate intermittent solar/wind.
- Community-scale Systems: collective intelligence, goal-setting, social networks.

### Developments:

- Dramatically accelerate energy efficiency with big data, financing "no money down", social networks
- Integrate climate value into efficiency funding stream.
- Innovate on both sides of meter to integrate renewables

### More generally, how do we Enable Transformative Ideas?

- Plan Development
  - Judicial examination, and distillation of broad experience -Strategy/Innovation
- Leadership
  - Enthusiasm, Vision, Access, Action,
- Expertise
  - Integration of Science, Economics, Equity, Local Values;
- Marketing
  - Making it easy, reducing time and risks



- Collective rewards, individual recognition by groups
- Governance
  - Ownership, Consensus-building, Metrics/Evaluation







Its not just about efficiency