



# Existing Buildings and Retrofits Meeting #2

NJ Energy Code Collaborative  
August 13, 2025

# Agenda



- Welcome and introductions (5 min)
  - Link to website and transcripts: <https://njenergycodecollaborative.org/>
- Presentation on the Energy Requirements in the Rehab Code (5 minutes)
- Review of *What We Heard: Opportunities* (5 minutes)
- Review and Discussion of *What We Heard: Action Steps & Working Groups* (40 minutes)
- Next steps (5 min)

# Meeting Guidelines – Antitrust Statement



- Throughout our meetings, participants shall comply with competition law requirements and shall not enter into any discussion, activity or conduct that may violate any applicable competition law. Should the meeting discuss matters that contravene competition law requirements, it is the responsibility of participants to notify the Moderator who will discontinue the discussion or close the meeting.



# Presentation on the Energy Requirements in the Rehab Code

# What We Heard: Opportunities



- **Incentive Program Coordination**

- Incentives managed separately by various utilities may be inconsistent and could be better optimized with State agencies.
- The distinction between when to use new construction or existing building incentives can be unclear for some projects
- Some incentive programs are complex and limited in some sectors (e.g., multifamily)

- **Regulatory Alignment**

- The rehabilitation code does not address energy efficiency sufficiently, especially for more extensive scopes of work
- Existing building incentives and could be better aligned with the logic of the Rehab code, to encourage above-code measures

# What We Heard: Action Steps



- **Develop Comprehensive Incentive Matrix**
  - Responsible Party: Rutgers, BPU/Utilities, NJECC
  - Objective: Map all utility incentive programs to identify gaps and overlaps
  - Action: Create a unified matrix showing incentive offerings across entities (drafted)
  - Solutions/Next Steps: refine the matrix and develop specific scenarios of desired stacking of incentives across state agencies and utilities, as well as specific examples of where utility programs could be made more uniform in design and/or delivery

# What We Heard: Action Steps



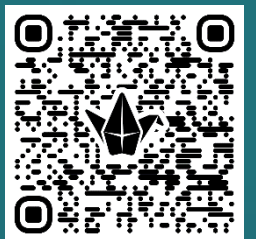
- **Align Program Offerings Across State Agencies and Encourage Uniformity among Utility Programs**
  - Responsible Party: BPU/Utilities
  - Objective: Standardize incentive structures and eligibility criteria
  - Action: Coordinate with utility partners and State agencies to streamline offerings
  - Solutions/Next Steps:
    - Align clean energy incentives with definitions in Rehab Code that determine when different requirements govern.
    - Provide a decision tree for customers to understand which code and therefore which incentive or stack of incentives to which to apply.
    - Review utility and state agency offerings for opportunities to align and stack incentives.

# What We Heard: Action Steps



- **Address Multifamily Housing Gaps (Working Group)**
  - Responsible Party: Rutgers, NJECC
  - Objective: Identify and fill gaps in multifamily/housing market incentives
  - Action: Review current programs to identify gaps and needs
  - Solutions/Next Steps: Coordinate presentation of current and planned incentives for working group and develop list of recommendations

*sign up on Padlet!*

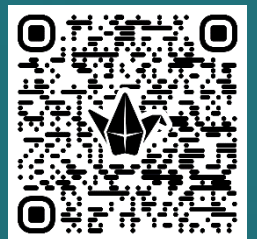


# What We Heard: Action Steps



- **Consider Rehabilitation Code Cost-effective Energy Efficiency Amendments (Working Group)**
  - Responsible Party: NJECC
  - Objective: Strengthen energy efficiency requirements in rehabilitation code and clarify requirements based on project definitions in Rehab code
  - Action: Review Rehab code energy requirements for opportunities to strengthen/clarify
  - Solutions/Next Steps: Invite NJDCA to provide presentation on current energy requirements and Rehab Subcode. Develop recommendations for proposed language amendments and/or clarifications

*sign up on Padlet!*

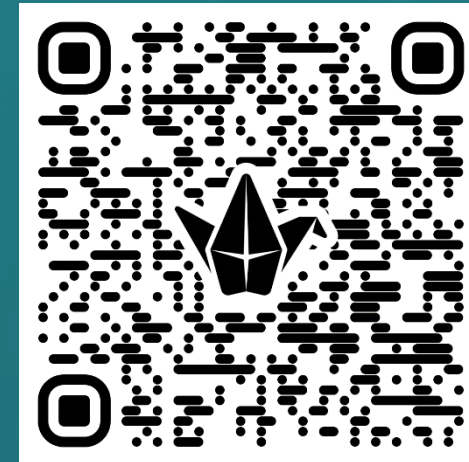


# Next Steps



- **Proposed Rehab Code Working Group**  
*sign up on Padlet*
  - Meeting cadence and number of meetings
  - Presentation on opportunities
- **Proposed Multifamily Working Group**  
*sign up on Padlet*
  - Meeting cadence and number of meetings
  - Suggestions for additional stakeholders
  - Volunteers to convene?

*sign up on Padlet!*





**For more information**

**NJ Energy Code Collaborative**  
[njenergycodecollaborative.org](http://njenergycodecollaborative.org)

**Cornelia Wu**  
[cwu@neep.org](mailto:cwu@neep.org)

**Jason Kliwinski**  
[jason.kliwinski@ejb.rutgers.edu](mailto:jason.kliwinski@ejb.rutgers.edu)

**Dragana Thibault**  
[dthibault@neep.org](mailto:dthibault@neep.org)