



Walpole Green Communities Stretch Code Workshop

May 18, 2011 at 7:00 PM

Walpole Town Hall, Room 112, 135 School Street

AGENDA

A. Introduction to the Massachusetts Green Communities Program: *Katie Resnick, Horsley Witten Group, Inc.*

Ms. Resnick is an Environmental Planner for the Horsley Witten Group (HW), and serves as a Project Coordinator for the Green Communities Planning Assistance Program under contract with DOER. She and her colleagues at ICF International and HW have provided direct support to over 40 communities in the Commonwealth on the Green Communities Program.

B. Workshop Facilitator: *Mike Berry, ICF International*

Mr. Berry is a Senior Associate for ICF International, and has worked in the Energy Conservation and building industry for over 16 years. He holds a MA Construction Supervisors License and has managed programs that serve the housing market such as the Massachusetts New Homes with ENERGY STAR Program. Mr. Berry is the Chair of the Green Building Council (GBC) and is a member of the Board of Directors for the Builders Association of Greater Boston (BAGB). Mr. Berry presents technical trainings on energy efficient construction, energy efficiency programs and Energy Codes across the Commonwealth and nationally. In 2009 Mr. Berry was named one of the "Top 30 Under 40" by the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB).

Overview: What is the Stretch Code?

- How does the Stretch Code compare to the current Building Code?
- Why isn't the Stretch Code being developed as a mandatory statewide code?

What does the Stretch Code Mean to My Community?

- What are the additional costs associated with using the Stretch Code for builders and property owners? How will the increased costs affect development in our community?
- How does the Stretch Code impact both new construction and renovation projects?
- What technical training opportunities will be provided for contractors, developers and building inspectors?

What is the Adoption Process for the Stretch Code?

- How can the Stretch Code be adopted in my community?
- Which municipalities have adopted the Stretch Code and what were the key contributors to their success?

Question and Answer Period

- You will have the opportunity to ask additional questions of the presenters.