Residential Green and Energy Efficient Addendum

Additional resources to aid in the valuation of green properties and the completion of this form can be found at [http://www.appraisalinstitute.org/education/green_energy_addendum.aspx](http://www.appraisalinstitute.org/education/green_energy_addendum.aspx)

The appraiser hereby certifies that the information provided within this addendum:

- has been considered in the appraiser’s development of the appraisal of the subject property only for the client and intended user(s) identified in the appraisal report and only for the intended use stated in the report.
- is not provided by the appraiser for any other purpose and should not be relied upon by parties other than those identified by the appraiser as the client or intended user(s) in the report.
- is the result of the appraiser’s routine inspection of and inquiries about the subject property’s green and energy efficient features. Extraordinary assumption: Data provided herein is assumed to be accurate and if found to be in error could alter the appraiser’s opinions or conclusions.
- is not made as a representation or as a warranty as to the efficiency, quality, function, operability, reliability or cost savings of the reported items or of the subject property in general, and this addendum should not be relied upon for such assessments.

**Green Building**: The practice of creating structures and using processes that are environmentally responsible and resource-efficient throughout a building’s lifecycle from siting to design, construction, operation, maintenance, renovation, and deconstruction. This practice expands and complements the classic building design concerns of economy, utility, durability, and comfort (US EPA). High Performance building and green building are often used interchangeably.

**Six Elements of Green Building**: A green building has attributes that fall into the six elements of green building known as (1) site, (2) water, (3) energy, (4) materials, (5) indoor environmental quality, and (6) maintenance and operation. The energy and water elements are the most measurable elements of green or high performance housing. Appraisers need savings amounts to develop an income approach to support energy efficient contributory value.

### THIRD-PARTY VERIFICATIONS (See types defined in glossary)

The following verified items are considered within the appraisal analysis of the subject property:

**Environmental Protection Agency (EPA):**
- Indoor airPLUS
- WaterSense
- ENERGY STAR

**Home Innovation Research Labs NGBS Home Remodel:**
- Bronz
- Silver
- Gold
- Emerald

**Living Building Challenge (LBC):**
- Living Building Certified
- Petal Certification

**Passivhaus Standard:**
- PHI Low Energy
- EnerPhit
- Passive House

**Passive House Institute US:**
- PHILUS+ 2015

**USGBC LEED:**
- Certified
- Silver
- Gold
- Platinum

**Energy Label**
Labels disclose the state the home’s energy assets.

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<th>Estimated energy savings for this home: $__<em><strong>/year <em><strong><strong>€/kWh rate dated</strong>/</strong>/</em></strong></em></th>
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<td>☐ Official Score</td>
<td>Energy Savings includes electricity, heating &amp; Cooling. Score above five indicates energy costs are expected to be lower than average local home. Home Energy Score estimates energy cost based on state average energy rates and the home’s energy features.</td>
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**Other Energy Score:**

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<td>Describe energy label system:</td>
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**Verified Energy Improvements**

Only include improvements with verified documentation.

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<th>Date Verified: <strong>/</strong>/____</th>
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**Form 520.06**

**Client File #:**

**Appraisal File #:**

Complete by: ____________________

Title: ____________________

Date: ____________________

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**EFFICIENCY FEATURES (Water, Energy, and Environmental. See types defined in glossary).**

The following items are considered within the appraisal analysis of the subject property:

### Insulation
- [ ] Fiberglass Blown-In
- [ ] Foam Insulation
- [ ] Cellulose
- [ ] Fiberglass Batt Insulation
- [ ] R-Value: 
  - Wall: ___________  
  - Ceiling: ___________
- [ ] Other (Describe): ___________

### Building Envelope
- Envelope Tightness: ___________
- Unit: [ ] CFM25  
  - [ ] CFM50  
  - [ ] ACH50  
  - [ ] ACH50
- Instructions: Insert the rating as a number that could be 0.5 to 7ACH50 or higher. The lower the number, the more airtight the envelope. Building Codes for area show maximum Envelope Tightness allowed based on the climate zone. Not all areas have adopted a building code. [http://bcap-energy.org/](http://bcap-energy.org/)

### Windows
- [ ] ENERGY STAR®
- [ ] Low E
- [ ] High Impact
- [ ] Storm
- [ ] Double Pane
- [ ] Triple Pane
- [ ] Tinted
- [ ] Solar Shades

### Day Lighting
- [ ] # Of Skylights: ___________
- [ ] # Of Solar Tubes: ___________
- [ ] Other (Describe): ___________
- (% Of lighting LEDs: ___________

### ENERGY STAR® Appliances
- ENERGY STAR®
- [ ] Dishwasher
- [ ] Refrigerator
- [ ] Washer/Dryer
- [ ] Other:

**Note:** ENERGY STAR® appliances do not result in an ENERGY STAR® Home.

### Water Heater
- [ ] ENERGY STAR®
- Size: ___________
- [ ] Tankless
- [ ] Solar (next page)
- [ ] Heat Pump
- [ ] Coil

### HVAC & Related Equipment
- [ ] High Efficiency HVAC
- SEER: ___________
- Efficiency Rating: ___________
- AFUE*:
- [ ] *Annual Fuel-Utilization Efficiency
- [ ] Heat Pump
- Efficiency:
- Rating:
- HSPF: ___________
- COP: ___________
- SEER: ___________
- EER: ___________
- Thermostat/Controllers: [ ] Yes  
  - [ ] No
- Programmable Thermostat: [ ] Yes  
  - [ ] No
- Auxiliary heat source?: [ ] Yes  
  - [ ] No
- Radiant Floor Heat: [ ] Yes  
  - [ ] No
- Geothermal?: [ ] Yes  
  - [ ] No
- Electric Vehicle Ready? (car charger): [ ] Yes  
  - [ ] No
- [ ] Non Toxic Pest Control
- [ ] Radon System:
- [ ] Active  
  - [ ] Passive
- [ ] Humidity Monitoring Device Installed

### Indoor Environmental Quality
- [ ] Energy (ERV) or Heat Recovery Ventilator (HRV)
- [ ] Other Measured Whole-House Ventilation Device (See glossary)
- [ ] Non Toxic Pest Control
- [ ] Radon System:
- [ ] Active  
  - [ ] Passive
- [ ] Humidity Monitoring Device Installed

### Water Efficiency
- [ ] Reclaimed Water System (Describe): ___________
- [ ] Rain Barrels Used in Irrigation
- Cistern size: ___________
- [ ] Water Saving Fixtures
- Location of cistern:

### Utility Costs
- Annual Utility Cost: $ ___________/year, based on: ___________ to ___________ (Full year).
- Includes (check all that apply): [ ] Electric  
  - [ ] Heating  
  - [ ] Water  
  - [ ] Other: ___________
- # Of Occupants: ___________

### Comments
- Include source for information provided in this section.
- If a property is built green but not formally certified, it still deserves proper description and analysis to value the features. The market analysis is of the structure’s physical, economic, and locational attributes and not an analysis of its label alone. Provide additional information that illustrates how this property exceeds local building code. This document is intended for new construction or existing homes that have been retrofit to include higher energy or green features.

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### Solar Panels

The following items are considered within the appraisal analysis of the subject property:

#### Solar Photovoltaic (Electric) System

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#### Panel Specifications

- **System Size:** __________ kW (1kW = 1000 Watts)
- **Year Installed:** __________
- **Energy Production:** __________ kWh
- **Source of Energy Production Estimate:** __________
- **Manufacturer:** __________
- **Warranty on Panels:** __________ years

#### Inverter Specifications

- **Number of Inverters per Array:** __________
- **Year Installed:** __________
- **Wattage:** __________ watts
- **Manufacturer:** __________
- **Warranty Term:** __________ years

#### Energy Storing Batteries

- **Battery Type:** □ Lithium-ion □ Lithium-ion Polymer □ Lead Acid □ Lead Calcium □ AGM □ GEL
- **Manufacturer:** __________
- **Storage Capacity:** __________ kWh
- **Warranty Term:** __________ years
- **Year Installed:** __________

#### Name of Utility Company:

- **Charge / kWh from Utility:** $ __________ / kWh

### Solar Thermal Water Heating System

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#### Storage Tank

- **Size:** __________
- **Gallons:** __________

#### System Age

- **Year Installed:** __________

#### Proposed Solar Installation

- **Roof Shape:** □ Pitched ☐ Flat ☐ Rounded ☐ Multiple
- **Rafter:** □ Typical ☐ Engineered Wood Trim ☐ Rough Sawn ☐ Structured Insulated Panel Roof ☐ Metal ☐ TJI Rafters
- **Decking:** □ No decking ☐ Plywood ☐ Tongue & Groove ☐ OSB ☐ Skip sheathing/Purlin ☐ Structured Insulated Panel
- **Slope/Roof Pitch:** __________ (example: S1_6/12 )
- **Roof Material:** □ Comp Shingle ☐ Rolled Asphalt ☐ Concrete Tile ☐ Clay Tile ☐ Slate ☐ Corrugated Metal ☐ Standing Seam Metal ☐ Polycarbonate/fiberglass ☐ Foam ☐ Tar and Gravel ☐ Wood Shake
- **Number of layers of roof material:** __________ (Attach photograph of roof material and attic space)
- **Electrical Service:** □ Overhead ☐ Underground
- **Main Electrical Panel:** □ Main Breaker Panel ☐ MB & Sub Panel ☐ Fuse Box
- **Amperage:** __________

#### Remaining spaces in main service panel (MSP), subpanel (if in garage), and utility meter (if located separate from MSP):

- **(Attach photograph of inside of electrical panel and door closed and a picture of three feet back to show space around the main service panel (and subpanel))**

#### Red flag – □ Gas line within 3’ of electrical panel □ More than 3 layers of roof covering □ Wood Shake Shingles

- □ Composition Shingle over Wood Shake □ Tile Roof Without Decking □ Composition Shingle less than 2:12 pitch
- □ Roof section over 12:12 pitch □ Unpermitted structure/addition □ Metal Trusses □ No permanent foundation
- □ Carport may not be structurally sound □ SIP Roofing may not be structurally sound □ Open/No walls (Patio)

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- Attach this completed document to the MLS listing to provide sufficient detail on sales and listings to assist buyers, appraisers, and real estate agents in understanding the high performance features of the property.

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Completed by: ___________________________ Title: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________
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Additional Resources

Appraised Value and Energy Efficiency: Getting It Right. This document provides links to resources in understanding the secondary mortgage market guidelines on appraisals of energy efficient and green features. It addresses the following:

- What can builders do?
- For Buyers: Assuring a competent appraiser for your home
- For Lenders: A sample letter that should be completed and provided to the lender at the time of mortgage application alerts the lender to the special features that requires an appraiser with knowledge of the property type.

[https://www.appraisalinstitute.org/assets/1/29/Al-BCAP_Flyer.pdf](https://www.appraisalinstitute.org/assets/1/29/Al-BCAP_Flyer.pdf)


Glossary


Building Envelope: The building envelope is everything that separates the building's interior from the exterior. This includes the foundation, exterior walls, roof, doors and windows. The envelope rating should be compared to the local building code requirements for this rating to identify a structure that exceeds the building code.

Energy Recovery Ventilation System (ERV) or Heat Recovery Ventilators (HRV): These systems provide fresh air without wasting all the energy already used to heat the indoor air. By recovering sensible (heat) or latent (moisture) energy from the stale indoor air, they offer fresh air ventilation with reduced energy loss.

ENERGY STAR Certified New Homes: EPA’s ENERGY STAR certified homes are independently verified to be at least 15 percent more efficient that code-built homes, and include additional energy efficiency measures that can deliver savings of up to 30 percent compared to standard new homes. More than just a collection of ENERGY STAR products, an ENERGY STAR certified home includes a comprehensive package of energy efficiency systems and features that work together to deliver better performance, including a High-Performance Heating & Cooling System, a Complete Thermal Enclosure System; a Water Protection System; and Efficient Lighting & Appliances. [www.energystar.gov/newhomes](http://www.energystar.gov/newhomes)

ENERGY STAR Products: Behind each blue label is a product, building, or home that is independently certified to use less energy and cause fewer of the emissions that contribute to climate change. Today, ENERGY STAR is the most widely recognized symbol for energy efficiency in the world. In order to earn the label, ENERGY STAR products must be third-party certified based on testing in EPA-recognized laboratories. In addition to up-front testing, a percentage of all ENERGY STAR products are subject to “off-the-shelf” verification testing each year. The goal of this testing is to ensure that changes or variations in the manufacturing process do not undermine a product’s qualification with ENERGY STAR requirements. [https://www.energystar.gov/about/origins_mission](https://www.energystar.gov/about/origins_mission)

Geothermal: A geothermal heat pump uses the constant below ground temperature of soil or water to heat and cool your home. [http://energy.gov/energysaver/articles/geothermal-heat-pumps](http://energy.gov/energysaver/articles/geothermal-heat-pumps)

HERS Index: The Home Energy Rating System (HERS) Index is an industry standard by which a home’s energy efficiency is measured. It’s also the nationally recognized system for inspecting and calculating a home’s energy performance. A qualified third party certifier assesses the house based on its physical characteristics. The energy estimates from this assessment may vary depending on the lifestyle of the occupants, increasing utility expenses, and changes in the maintenance or characteristics of the energy features. There are three rating types: sampling rating, projected rating, and confirmed rating. A Sampling Rating is an application of the Home Energy Rating process whereby fewer than 100% of a builder’s new homes are randomly inspected and tested to evaluate compliance with a set of threshold specifications. A Projected Rating: A Rating Type that encompasses one individual dwelling or dwelling unit and is conducted in accordance with Section 5.1.4.3.1 through 5.1.4.3.5 of the ANSI/RESNET/ICC Standard 301. A Confirmed Rating is a rating type that encompasses one individual dwelling or dwelling unit and is conducted in accordance with Sections 5.1.4.3.1 through 5.1.4.1.3. More information: [http://www.resnet.us/hers-index](http://www.resnet.us/hers-index). The ANSI standard utilized in the HERS Index is posted at [http://codes.iccsafe.org/app/book/content/PDF/ICC%20Standards/ICC_%20301-2014/ICC_RESNET_301.pdf](http://codes.iccsafe.org/app/book/content/PDF/ICC%20Standards/ICC_%20301-2014/ICC_RESNET_301.pdf)

Home Energy Score (HES): The Home Energy Score, developed and managed by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), is a national system that allows homes to receive an energy rating, like the MPG rating available for cars. The Home Energy Score uses a 10-point scale to reflect how much energy a home is expected to use under standard operating conditions. The Home Energy Score uses a standard calculation method and considers the home’s structure and envelope (walls, windows, foundation) and its heating, cooling, and hot water systems. Only Assessors who pass DOE’s Simulation Training can provide the Home Energy Score. [www.HomeEnergyScore.gov](http://www.HomeEnergyScore.gov)

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Indoor airPLUS: EPA’s Indoor airPLUS is a voluntary EPA label for new homes that integrate a set of construction practices and technologies to reduce indoor air pollutants and improve the indoor air quality in a new home beyond minimum code requirements. It is only available to homes that first meet ENERGY STAR® Certified Home requirements. [http://www.epa.gov/indoorairplus](http://www.epa.gov/indoorairplus)


Living Building Challenge: Created by the Living Future Institute, the Living Building Challenge is the world’s most rigorous proven performance standard for buildings. People can use the regenerative design framework to create spaces that, like a flower, give more than they take. Living Building Challenge certification requires actual rather than modeled performance. Therefore, projects must be operational for at least twelve consecutive months prior to evaluation. [https://living-future.org/lbc/basics/](https://living-future.org/lbc/basics/)

Low E: “Low emissivity” indicates a coating is added to the glass surface. The coating allows visible light to pass through the glass while stopping radiant heat energy from entering the building by passing through the glass. Approximately 40% of the sun’s harmful ultra violet rays are blocked and insulation enhanced. [https://energy.gov/energysaver/energy-efficient-windows](https://energy.gov/energysaver/energy-efficient-windows)

NGBS Small Project Remodel: Run by the Home Innovation Research Labs, this program certifies whole house and small project remodels as energy efficient. Unlike the Whole–House Remodel, the Small Project certification is prescriptive. Chapter 12 of the National Green Building Standard includes a list of mandatory practices, related to materials use, sustainable products, energy efficiency, and indoor environmental quality. A Home Innovation Accredited NGBS Green Verifier gives a final inspection to verify Small Project certification. During inspection, the Verifier will ensure the applicable practices have been met. [http://www.homeinnovation.com/services/certification/green_homes/remodeling_certification/remodel_home_certification_process](http://www.homeinnovation.com/services/certification/green_homes/remodeling_certification/remodel_home_certification_process)

NGBS Whole Home Remodel: Run by the Home Innovation Research Labs, this program certifies whole house and small project remodels as energy efficient. Certification of a whole–building remodel requires demonstrating that there has been a minimum of a 15% reduction in energy consumption and at least a 20% reduction in water consumption over the pre-remodel condition. There are some mandatory practices that must be met. A minimum number of points must be obtained from practices related to Lot Design, Resource Efficiency, Indoor Environmental Quality, and Homeowner Education. [http://www.homeinnovation.com/services/certification/green_homes/remodeling_certification/remodel_home_certification_process](http://www.homeinnovation.com/services/certification/green_homes/remodeling_certification/remodel_home_certification_process)

Passivhaus Standard: German standard for low energy homes that began in the 1980s. Passivhaus is a rigorous, voluntary standard for energy efficiency in a building, reducing its ecological footprint. It results in ultra-low energy buildings that require little energy for space heating or cooling. The Passive House Institute (PHI) is an independent research institute that has played an especially crucial role in the development of the Passive House concept - the only internationally recognized, performance-based energy standard in construction. [http://passiv.de/en/](http://passiv.de/en/)

Passive House Institute US (PHIUS): Buildings designed and built to the PHIUS+ 2015 Passive Building Standard consume 86% less energy for heating and 46% less energy for cooling (depending on climate zone and building type) when compared to a code-compliant building. PHIUS+ 2015 is the first and only passive building standard based upon climate-specific comfort and performance criteria aimed at presenting a cost-optimized solution to achieving the most durable, resilient, and energy-efficient building possible for a specific location. [http://www.phius.org/home-page](http://www.phius.org/home-page)

Passive Solar: Passive solar is technology for using sunlight to light and heat buildings with no circulating fluid or energy conversion system. [http://rredc.nrel.gov/solar/glossary/](http://rredc.nrel.gov/solar/glossary/). A complete passive solar building design has the following five elements: (1) aperture (collector) (2) absorber (3) thermal mass (4) distribution (5) control. [http://www.nrel.gov/docs/fy01osti/27954.pdf](http://www.nrel.gov/docs/fy01osti/27954.pdf)

Rain Garden: A rain garden is a depressed area in the landscape that collects rain water from a roof, driveway or street and allows it to soak into the ground. Planted with grasses and flowering perennials, rain gardens can be a cost effective and beautiful way to soak into the ground. Planted with grasses and flowering perennials, rain gardens can be a cost effective and beautiful way to reduce runoff from your property. Rain gardens can also help filter out pollutants in runoff and provide food and shelter for butterflies, songbirds and other wildlife. More complex rain gardens with drainage systems and amended soils are referred to as bio-retention. [https://www.epa.gov/soakuptherain/rain-gardens](https://www.epa.gov/soakuptherain/rain-gardens)

SEER: Seasonal energy efficiency ratio - The higher the SEER rating, the more efficient the equipment is. A higher SEER can result in lower energy costs. [https://energystar.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/212111387-What-is-SEER-EER-HSPF-](https://energystar.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/212111387-What-is-SEER-EER-HSPF-)

Smart House: A smart house is a home that has highly advanced, automated systems to control and monitor any function of a house – lighting, temperature control, multi-media, security, window and door operations, air quality, or any other task of necessity or comfort performed by a home’s resident. [http://architecture.about.com/od/buildyourhouse1/g/smarthouse.htm](http://architecture.about.com/od/buildyourhouse1/g/smarthouse.htm)


WaterSense: EPA released its Final Version 1.1 WaterSense New Home Specification. This specification will be effective January 1, 2013 and establishes the criteria for new homes labeled under the WaterSense program and is applicable to newly constructed single-family and multi-family homes. [http://www.epa.gov/watersense/new_homes/homes_final.html](http://www.epa.gov/watersense/new_homes/homes_final.html)

Whole Building Ventilation System: A whole building ventilation system assists in a controlled movement of air in tight envelope construction. Whole building ventilation equipment is often a part of the forced air heating or cooling systems. There are various methods of providing whole home ventilation including a heat recovery ventilator (HRV) or an energy recovery ventilator (ERV). Four primary types of methods here provided: [https://energy.gov/energysaver/whole-house-ventilation](https://energy.gov/energysaver/whole-house-ventilation)

Zero Energy Ready Home (ZERH): To qualify as a DOE Zero Energy Ready Home, a home shall meet certain minimum requirements, be verified and field-tested in accordance with HERS Standards by an approved verifier, and meet all applicable codes. Builders may meet the requirements of either the Performance Path or the Prescriptive path to qualify a home. [http://energy.gov/eere/buildings/zero-energy-ready-home](http://energy.gov/eere/buildings/zero-energy-ready-home)

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