

### New Initiatives in Community Resilient Power

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## Who We Are



Evolution of a New Clean Energy Strategy to Meet Severe Weather Threats

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## **CEG Resilient Power Project**

- Goal: significantly increase public/ private investment for clean, resilient power systems.
- Engage city officials to develop resilient power policies/ programs, link to state energy policies.
- Protect low-income and vulnerable communities; focus on affordable housing
- Technical assistance & targeted support for pre-development costs for resilient power projects to help agencies/ project developers get deals done.
- See <u>www.resilient-power.org</u> for reports, newsletters, webinar recordings



## Today's Topic : Community Resilient Power

January 15, 2015 | By Rob Sanders, Senior Finance Director, and Lew Milford, President, Clean Energy Group

Resilient Power Equality: Providing Reliable Electricity Solutions to Everyone



http://bit.ly/Resilient-Power-Equality-Blog When it comes to reliable energy technologies to protect against power outages, there is a disparity between the haves and the have-nots.

*Call it "resilient power inequality."* 

## Today's Guest Speakers

- Rob Sanders, Senior Finance Director, Clean Energy Group
- Jared Lang, Sustainable Development Manager, National Housing Trust
- Tom Osdoba, Vice President of Green Initiatives, Enterprise Community Partners





## **Innovative Financing Models**

Once decision is made to pursue resilient power project – how do you finance it?

Municipalities, housing/ community developers have broad range of options.



Source: Clean Energy Group



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### **Community Resilient Power: Baltimore**

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- How can cities deploy more solar in low income communities and be more power resilient?
- CEG report built on Baltimore's DP3 Report that evaluated critical facilities/ infrastructure.
  - Focus on community buildings
  - Bonds and credit enhancement mechanisms
  - Public buildings and nonprofit-owned facilities.
  - Third-party ownership, lease-financed
  - Foundation PRIs

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- Public schools, libraries, police/fire stations.
- Explore legal exposure under ADA.
- The full report can be downloaded at <u>http://bit.ly/RPP-ResilientCommunities.</u>



#### Clean Energy for Resilient Communities:

Expanding Solar Generation in Baltimore's Low-Income Neighborhoods

February 2014

Report Prepared for The Abell Foundation by Clean Energy Group

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### Resilient Power for Affordable Housing & Assisted Living Facilities

- **SuperStorm Sandy**: 375,000 New Yorkers—including 45,000 public housing residents—lived in mandatory evacuation zone.
  - Many low-income, elderly & disabled in NYC public housing were stranded.
  - No heat, backup generators, emergency boilers, or working elevators.
  - Many had no other affordable place to stay, no means of leaving their neighborhoods because mass transit did not operate.
- Battery storage systems combined with on-site generation are needed for residents to shelter in place.
- Many resilient power projects structured with no up-front costs.





## **CEG Resilient Power TA Fund**

- CEG works with owners/ developers of multifamily affordable & supportive housing, community facilities
- Provide limited project predevelopment funds for near term resilient power projects:
- Project scoping
  - Review building plans
  - Analyze utility bills (peak shaving)
  - Identify critical loads to be covered for how long
  - Preparation of detailed project budget & proformas
  - Submission of funding & financing applications
  - Coordination/ integration with solar PV developer





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## NYC – Affordable/Supportive Housing

- Bright Power 3 NYC multifamily housing projects
- Via Verde (Bronx) retrofit existing 66 kW PV plus 150 kW gas emergency generator
  - Existing generator covers some critical loads (elevators & lighting)
  - Solar PV + storage will cover water booster pumps, etc.

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## Hybrid Approach is Needed

- Financing is just one key public resource that is needed to accelerate the deployment of resilient power for critical facilities and infrastructure.
  - Technical assistance
  - Targeted support for predevelopment costs
  - Consistent, supportive policy

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# Jared Lang

### SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT MANAGER,

NATIONAL HOUSING TRUST

## **About National Housing Trust**

- National Housing Trust (NHT) is a national nonprofit engaged in housing preservation through public policy advocacy, real estate development, and lending.
- The National Housing Trust has preserved or helped to preserve more than 25,000 affordable homes through real estate development, lending, and technical assistance.
- Leveraged more than \$1 billion in financing.

### About NHT/Enterprise Preservation Corp

- Owns & Operates 3,000 affordable rental units along the East Coast and Illinois; encouraging for-profit or non- profit partnerships.
- Achieved green certification (Enterprise, Earthcraft or other) on 8 properties in its portfolio.
- First Enterprise Green Certified property in Washingon, D.C. (Galen Terrace).
- Typical > 20% energy reduction in new projects.

## EXTENSIVE SOLAR OWNER

6 properties already have solar (Almost 1 Megawatt of power)



## CHANNEL SQUARE BATTERY STORAGE PROJECT



## WHERE IS CHANNEL SQUARE?



## ENERGY & WATER UPGRADES

- Low-flow shower heads and faucet aerators
- New efficient hot water boilers with new VFD pumps
- High-efficiency interior/exterior lighting upgrades
- Washington Gas Energy Services supplies 100% wind renewable power









## PROPOSED SOLAR INSTALLATION

- 300,000 Kilowatt hours of Solar Photovoltaic
- 7,200 Therms of Solar Thermal



## **BATTERY STORAGE**







## WHY BATTERY STORAGE?

- Resiliency during grid outages (Power critical loads)
- PV System Cost Reduction
- Extended Solar Inverter Warranty
- Guaranteed performance
- Peak shaving
- Reduced demand charges



## CHALLENGES?

- Connecting battery to solar, building, and utility grid
- Integrating battery design with solar design
- Finding space to locate the battery
- Tying into existing generator
- Providing access to battery maintenance team
- Because of all these factors, execution will require extensive coordination between interested parties
- Financing and installing solar is hard enough



## THANK YOU

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### Green Communities Neighborhood Scale



Date: Wednesday, January 30, 2015



### James W. Rouse Our founder + inspiration



### Enterprise creates and preserves affordable homes across the country



### Green Communities provides framework for green affordable housing



### **Solution: Neighborhood Scale?**

- New initiative: Build upon our work to shape the future of sustainability and community development.
- Neighborhood-scale projects: Work with local partners at the neighborhood scale to better tackle persistent problems.



### **Outcomes : Better Neighborhoods**

- More affordable housing units through lower development costs
- Increase housing security through lower utility expenses
- Communities that are sustainable, healthy and resilient
- Affordable housing close to transit and economic opportunities



### Site 1: Sun Valley, (Denver, CO)



- Denver Housing Authority,
- Master Planning Industrial/Innovation District,
- New construction + redevelopment,
- 250 acres mixed use



### Site 2: Lathrop House, (Chicago, IL)



- Public Housing Revitalization ,
- New construction + rehab,
- 30 acres residential + commercial,
- 1,116 mixed-income units



### Site 3: Little Tokyo, (Los Angeles, CA)



- 750 mixed income apartment units,
- 27,500 sf of retail,
- 102,500 sf of office,
- 50,000 sf of cultural space



### Example: Little Tokyo, (Los Angeles, CA)





#### **District Waste Water Management**



#### SYSTEM OVERVIEW

- 35-40% potable water use reduction through the treatment and reuse of domestic wastewater for toilet flushing, district energy cooling water make-up and irrigation (street and park)
- Wastewater treatment provided by a living machine which uses natural treatment processes to clean water.
- System to serve all new buildings
- Existing buildings such as MOCA and the Japanese American Museum have potential to be connected to system.

#### SYSTEM COMPONENTS

- Two (2) living machine systems. One serving Block 7 and one serving Mangrove (living machine size likely 4,000-6,000 SF)
- Equipment rooms and storage tanks required to be located adjacent to living machines (integrated into basement of buildings)
- Gravity collection system to convey wastewater to living machine
- Pressure system to provide nonpotable water supply
- Each building has potable and nonpotable water connection



#### **District Storm Water Management**



#### SYSTEM OVERVIEW

- Pótential to reduce stormwater management capital costs by 15-20%
- Stormwater from new development to be managed with district stormwater facilities (ie, shared stormwater facilities)
- Green infrastructure (ie, natural systems) preferred management approach
- System to serve all new buildings
- Existing buildings such as MOCA and the Japanese American Museum have potential to be connected to system.

#### SYSTEM COMPONENTS

- Gravity collection system
- District stormwater facilities such as stormwater planters and stormwater ponds
- Dispósal via drywells (assuming suitable sól conditions)

#### DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

- System developed by private partner (in partnership with LTSC) based on longterm stormwater management agreement between stormwater
  - management provider and building customers (ie, stormwater credit)



#### **Community Solar**





#### SYSTEM OVERVIEW

2MW of solar PV potential

#### SYSTEM COMPONENTS

- Solar PV panels on all new building roofs
- Solar PV panels on large existing building roof (ie, MOCA and Japanese American Museum)
- Potential for electric vehicle (EV) charging stations

#### **DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY**

 System developed by private partner (in partnership with LTSC) based on power purchase agreement (PPA) solar provider and building customers



#### **District Energy**



#### SYSTEM OVERVIEW

- 15-20% more efficient than buildingscale systems and 10-20% more cost effective
- One central plant provides heating and cooling services to all new buildings within Little Tokyo
- No heating and cooling equipment at building-scale
- Existing buildings such as MOCA and the Japanese American Museum have potential to be connected to system.
- System should be sized to serve future Parker Center and Regional Connector Block expansion.

#### SYSTEM COMPONENTS

- Central Plant (natural gas fired boilers for heating and electrical chillers for cooling) integrated into building on Parcel K (20,000-30,000 SF)
- Four pipe distribution system (2 heating and 2 cooling)
- · Energy transfer stations at each building



### Resiliency

- 8.5 million people lost power during Hurricane Sandy
  - Without HVAC, hot water, and electricity for up 2 weeks
  - Residents told to cut water use because treatment plants lost power
- HW buildings with CHP systems remained operating



The Brevoort three nights into the Hurricane Sandy blackout with lights shining powered by four Tecogen InVerde CHP units.



### **Options for Allocating Surplus:**



### Benefits to a Neighborhood Scale Approach

### Local Residents

- Reduced utility expenses
- Increased economic opportunities
- Amenity rich development
- Increased safety
- Better transit links
- Resilient systems
- Healthier homes
- Higher quality of living
- Sense of pride

### Property Owners

- Lower development & operating costs
- Bulk utility rates
- Reduce exposure to fluctuating utility rates
- Decreased vacancies
- Improved public perception of brand

### Other Benefits

- Utilities avoid peakhour strain
- Cities benefit from economic activity
- Improved storm water management
- Recharged aquifers
- Reduce rate of natural resource depletion



### **Resilient Power Project Upcoming Events & Links**

- RPP e-Distribution List Sign-Up to get notices of future webinars and the *Resilient Power Project Newsletter*: <u>http://bit.ly/RPPNews-Sign-Up</u>
- More information about the project, its reports, and other information can be found at <u>www.resilient-power.org</u>.



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