

2020 National Green Building Standard (NGBS) Overview and NY Project Examples

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ABSTRACT

The National Green Building Standard ICC / ASHRAE – 700 (NGBS) has become the leading green building certification for residential buildings because it offers a flexible, rigorous, and affordable rating system. The NGBS establishes practices for the design, construction, and renovation of green residential buildings and land developments. With the 2020 NGBS version, expanded building eligibility and new compliance pathways make the NGBS an even more valuable tool for demonstrating high performance. Join this session to learn about the NGBS and the certification process. Presenters will share examples of NGBS Green Certified buildings located in New York and highlight common practices pursued by local builders and developers.

BIOGRAPHY

Cindy Wasser is the Senior Manager of Green Building Programs at Home Innovation Research Labs. In this role, she manages day-to-day aspects of the NGBS Green Certification program, based on the ICC/ASHRAE-700 National Green Building Standard.

Previously, Cindy was a consultant with ICF where she supported the implementation of the U.S. EPA's residential labeling programs, namely ENERGY STAR, Indoor airPLUS, and WaterSense. In earlier roles, Cindy provided sustainability technical assistance at the National Association of Counties (NACo) and engaged communities for long-range planning within the City Planning Department of Montpelier, Vermont.

Cindy holds an MBA in Sustainability from Bard College and a B.S. in U.S. Environmental Policy and from Rutgers University.

Cindy has presented at various national conferences, including the International Builders' Show; Residential Energy Services Network (RESNET) Annual Conference; North American Passive House Conference (NAPHHC); and the National Council of State Housing Agencies (NCSHA)

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