



# NJ Climate Choice Home Program

## NJ ENERGY STAR® Homes “Tier 3” PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

Builder/Developer agrees to the following terms of participating in “Tier 3” of the NJ ENERGY STAR Homes Program for Residential New Construction under New Jersey’s **Clean Energy Program™**, known as NJ Climate Choice Home (“Program”).

- Builder/Developer will provide the Program with a list containing complete contact information for all members of their Integrated Design team (e.g. General Contractor, Architect, Subcontractors, Homeowner/buyer, Energy/Design Consultant, etc.) for each project submitted for participation.
- Builder/Developer agrees to work collaboratively with all members of the Program Implementation Team, including MaGrann Associates, Vermont Energy Investment Corp., Conservation Services Group, US EPA, NJ Institute of Technology, Rutgers Center for Green Building/Bloustein School, Honeywell and the NJ Board of Public Utilities.
- Builder/Developer understands that the NJ Climate Choice Home Program is open to single-family, multiple single-family (i.e. townhouses), and low-rise multifamily buildings (up to 3 stories unless specifically approved in advance on a case by case basis by the Program in consultation with EPA). All other NJ ENERGY STAR Homes Program eligibility requirements apply.
- Builder/Developer understands that Program financial incentives are available only for homes/projects located in a NJDCA Designated SmartGrowth Area, and that failure to complete the project, or to meet Tier 3 (NJ Climate Choice Home) minimum specifications and/or performance goals, will result in repayment to the Program of incentives paid, less any applicable incentives for meeting all lower tier (Tier 1 or 2) requirements.
- Builder/Developer will allow the Program Implementation Team reasonable access to participating projects and homes/units during construction.
- Builder/Developer agrees to provide to the Program incremental construction cost data related to participation.
- Builder/Developer will have all owners/tenants complete and sign a Fuel/Energy & Water Usage and Monitoring Release Form (attached) at the time of closing or lease signing, and submit same to the Program. Builder/Developer will provide the Program with fuel/energy & water usage information for all multifamily building areas under their control for a period of two (2) years from the date of occupancy of the first unit in the building.
- Builder/Developer will participate in and help implement Public Relations and other publicity events in coordination with the NJ Board of Public Utilities and the Program Implementation Team.
- Builder/Developer will complete an EPA ENERGY STAR Climate Choice Partnership Agreement (when available).
- Builder/Developer will comply with all technical standards and participation requirements of the Program and understands that these standards and requirements are subject to change by EPA and/or the Program.

**Builder/Developer further acknowledges that NJ Climate Choice Home represents an exceptional level of energy/construction performance requiring a significant level of effort and engagement by all members of the Builder/Developer’s team throughout the design and construction process in order to be successful.**

Builder/Developer Company Name (or “Owner” if acting as GC): \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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