

Hi,

I am on the Truro Energy Committee as well as the Truro Climate Action committee here on the outer cape.

In aligning w/ state goals we want EJ in grants for affordable housing projects, more financial assistance for energy retrofits on low to moderate income homes and an Energiesprong type financing model for retrofits. (NYSERDA a New York State Agency and the state of California both have Energiesprong pilot programs)

From the Energiesprong website:

"In general, an Energiesprong renovation or new build is financed by future energy cost savings plus the budget for planned maintenance and repairs over the coming 30 years. This allows residents to keep the same cost of living. In the case of housing associations, tenants pay the housing association an energy service plan which is the equivalent of their previous energy supplier bill. The housing association can use this new income stream to partly fund the renovation works. Typically, legislation needs to be amended to allow such a conversion of the monthly energy bill into a monthly energy service fee for the housing association."

We need a mechanism and more incentives to help low to moderate income people upgrade their homes. Without enhanced incentives and financing mechanisms important work and conservation measures won't be possible. People with limited resources often have more pressing priorities.

I would like to see a NetZero Stretch Code using Passive House or other carbon neutral performance based codes along with these incentives and financing mechanisms.

Thank You and good luck!

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