









WEST VILLAGE

How UC Davis is Creating the Largest Zero Net Energy Development in the U.S.

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WEST VILLAGE CONTEXT

CORE DRIVERS FOR DEVELOPMENT ADVANCE THE UNIVERSITY'S MISSION

Linking home to school and work



Affordability

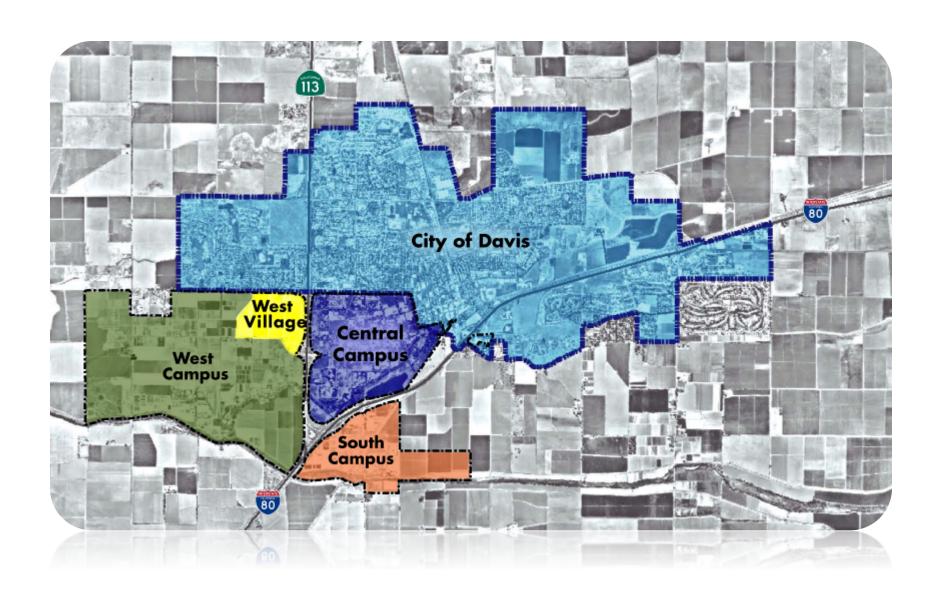


A community focused on education



Leadership role in environmental planning and design







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- Water management& open space
- Recreation fields and parks





ZERO NET ENERGY IN WEST VILLAGE



CALIFORNIA'S GOAL OF ZERO NET ENERGY

- △ All new residential construction in CA will be ZNE by 2020
- △ All new commercial construction in CA will be ZNE by 2030







CHALLENGES TO ACHIEVING ZERO NET ENERGY

- Solution No existing large-scale deployments of community-scale projects by traditional developers
- ©Current policies are not structured to encourage community-scale ZNE adoption
- Current market conditions have reduced risk-tolerance
 - Need for ZNE financing mechanisms
- Split-incentives
- Cost of up-front capital



UTILIZING STATE AND FEDERAL GRANTS

- Supporting design
 - California Energy Commission (CEC) RESCO grant
 - Department of Energy (DOE) grant
 - California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) grant
- Subsidizing both renewable supply and demand reduction

LEVERAGING ECONOMIES OF SCALE

Large project allows for replicable design strategy

ADDRESSING SPLIT INCENTIVES

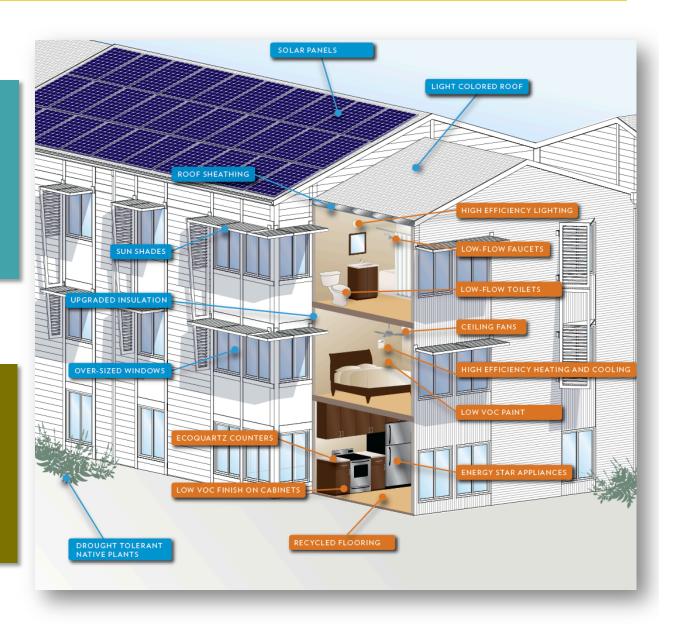
Incorporating energy bill into rent for multi-family housing (Strategy not ideal as there is no price signal to tenant) (Strategy won't work for Single-Family Homes)

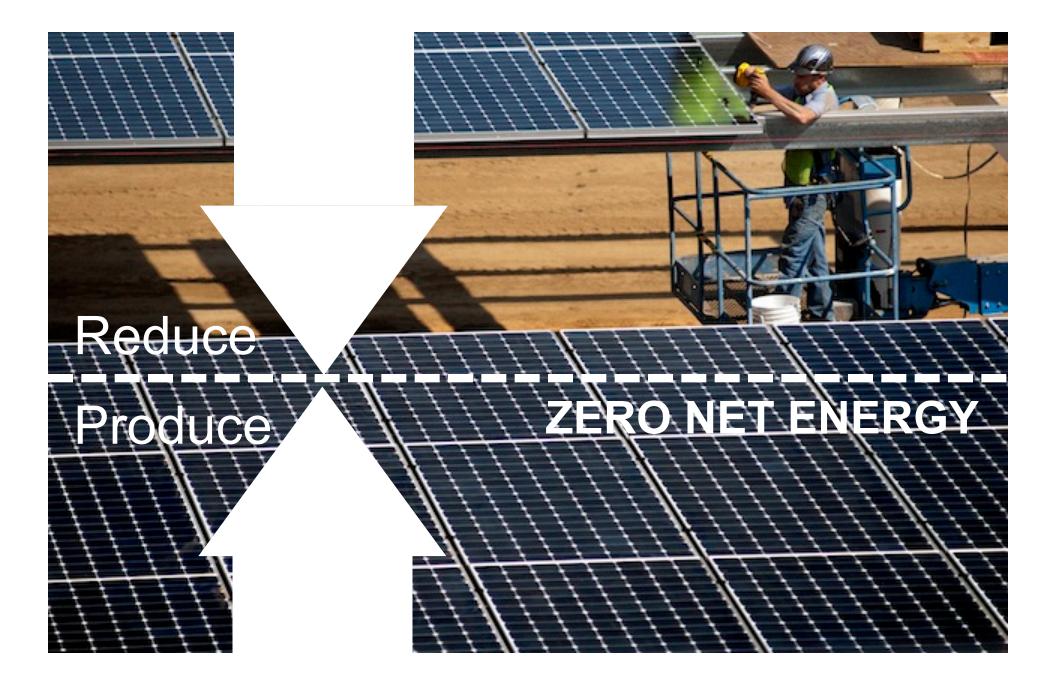
ENERGY REDUCTION

Energy efficiency measures designed to reduce energy demand by 50%.

ENERGY PRODUCTION

Solar PV system designed to produce renewable energy to meet community needs.













URBAN VILLAGES













WHY ZERO NET ENERGY?

2008 2009 2010 2006 2007 2011 **UC Davis EEC EEC** report Chevron **UC Davis & Department of West Village** assembles with **Davis Energy WVCP Energy** awards opens with brief **FFC** \$2.5M **Energy Group** Solutions Village Square, project **Board of Community** Los Rios & conducts advisory energy Renewable committee efficiency financial and **Advisors** in Student 'packages' (fu technical Washington, **Energy Grant** Housing nded by **DOE** analysis of Zero D.C. to UC Davis August 2011 **Build America Net Energy** California Program) Concept for **CPUC** awards **CEC** awards **WVCP Energy** \$2.5M \$ 500,000 Commission CSI RD&D **Matching Davis Energy** awards **\$2M Grant** to UC **Grant** as match **Group** updates 'RESCO' grant for **DOE Grant** Davis energy to UC Davis efficiency

packages



AGREEMENT ON SHARED GOALS

- Zero net impact to developer's pro forma
- Zero net additional annual energy spend by end-user
- Zero Net Energy
 - Maximize cost-effective efficiency measures
 - Maximize on-site renewable energy
 - Optimize for smart grid





MOTIVATION FOR DEVELOPER

- Build and maintain a relationship with the Landowner
- Increase marketability of its brand
- Access to discounted, cost-effective, and reliable technologies
- Opportunity for exposure to advanced and emerging energy-efficient technologies
- Gain green building experience
- Increase Marketability of Product



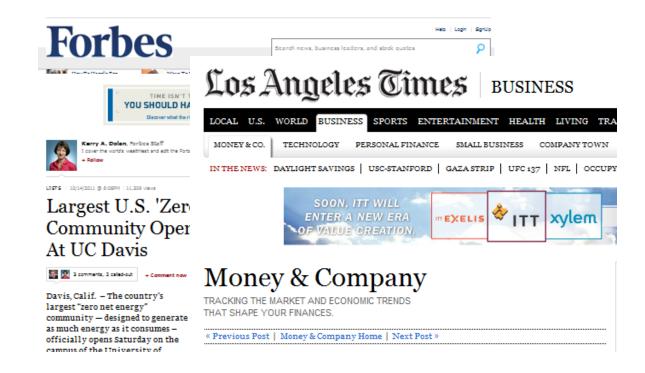
MOTIVATION FOR LANDOWNER

- Access to industry partners
 - Funding support for programs and research projects
 - Supporting students
 - Executing research contracts
 - Acquiring general sponsorship
 - Closer to market impacts
- Facilitates RDD&D opportunities
 - Research projects
 - Development of new technologies
 - Demonstrations
 - Deployment



MOTIVATION FOR COMMUNITY

- Increase marketability of the Davis brand
- Attract students, staff, and faculty by providing sustainable housing options





MOTIVATION FOR REGULATORS

- Setter understand and address barriers to wide-scale ZNE adoption
 - Structuring incentives that work at a community-scale level versus current options (single-family home and buildings)
- Partner with University researchers
- Gain insight into innovative energy pricing structures



MOTIVATION FOR ENERGY CONSULTANTS & ADVOCACY GROUPS

- Partner with industry leaders
- 6 Gain insight into barriers to adoption and best practices
- Increase marketability of brand
- Utilize West Village as a case study



MOTIVATION FOR INDUSTRY PARTNERS

- Unique access
 - University/West Village brand and related PR
 - Academic R&D capabilities
- Opportunity to conduct RDD&D
 - Product/IP development
 - Product demonstration to policymakers and influential stakeholders
 - Product deployment opportunities at West Village

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IS CALIFORNIA'S GOAL APPROPRIATE?



CLEAR THAT THE CONCEPT OF ZNE HAS AN APPEALING NATURE

- Simplistic objective is easy to communicate and is compelling
- © Resonates with communities and customers that want to have local ownership of their energy/carbon footprint
- Shared goals are powerful drivers for innovation



NOT CLEAR THAT ZNE COMMUNITIES DESIGNED LIKE WEST VILLAGE WOULD BE COST-EFFECTIVE AND EQUITABLE

- Serves several important functions:
 - Storage
 - Peak power provision
 - Reliability
- Net-metering communities (e.g. West Village) take advantage of resources
 - BUT, current business models don't pay for these services



NOT CLEAR THAT ZNE IS TECHNICALLY FEASIBLE FOR MANY LOCATIONS/PROJECTS

- High-rise buildings and locations where resources constrained will have a harder time (e.g. land, solar, wind, biomass availability)
- Retrofits
 - Larger and much more costly that will need to be addressed over time



MAY NEED TO RE-EVALUATE THE ZNE GOAL

- 6 Utilities are currently working to restrict net-metering
- May want to require ZNE communities to also be Zero Net Peak with on-site reliability
- 5 This could ultimately localize energy tariffs in the future