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BUILDING BEYOND THE STANDARD

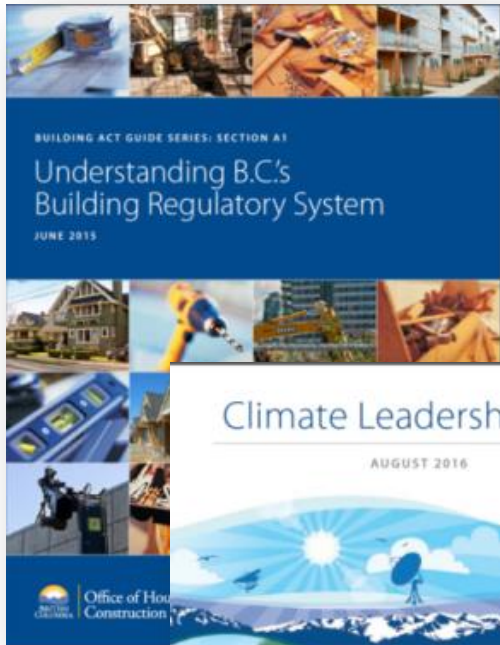
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BC's Energy Step Code: Building Beyond the Standard

- **Where we're going**
- **How we plan to get there**
- **How to engage in the process**

Two Provincial Initiatives Set the Stage

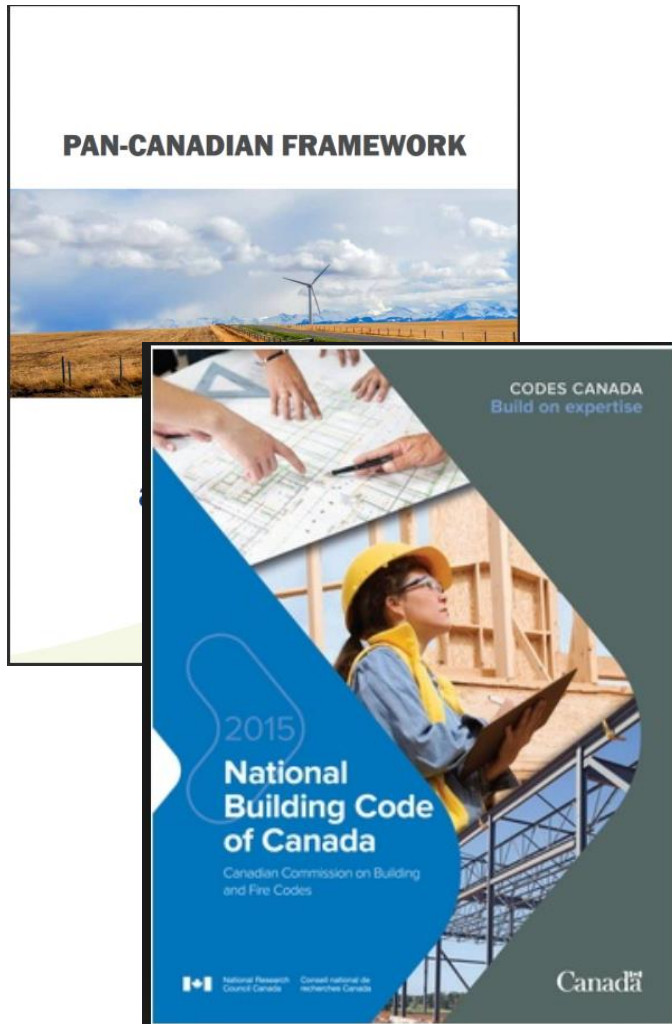


Building Act

- Consistency, Competency & Innovation
- December 2017 marks the end of local building requirements in bylaws.

Climate Leadership Plan

- Establishes a target that all new construction will be net-zero ready by 2032.



Pan Canadian Framework

- Net-zero energy ready by 2030
- Create plan for existing buildings by 2022

National Building Code of Canada

- Introduce a roadmap by 2020
- Building on lessons in BC

Local Government Approaches to Energy Efficiency

Eliminating the Patchwork:

- Local government adopted a wide range of programs and approaches to address building energy efficiency.
- Development industry struggled to stay on top of these requirements.
- BC Energy Step Code offers a common standard for achieving building energy goals.



Energy Efficiency Working Group



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A Focus on Performance



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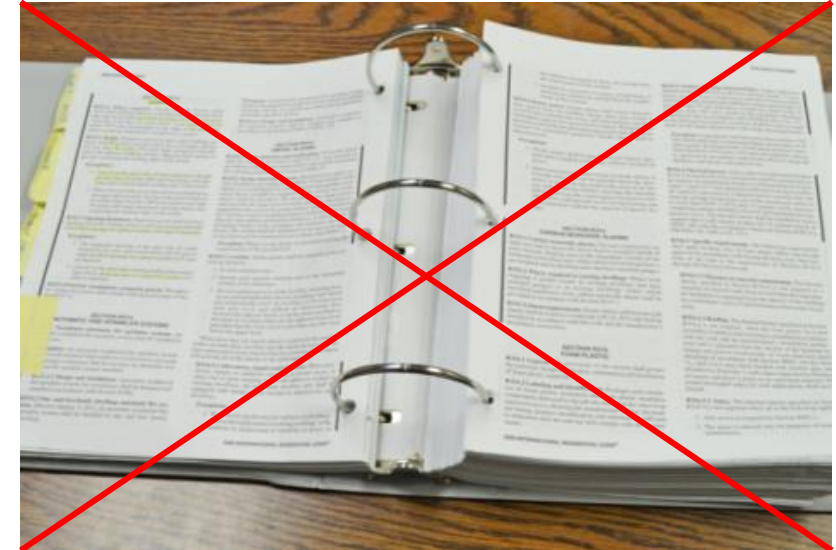
Performance Compliance



Energy modeling



Air-Tightness Testing

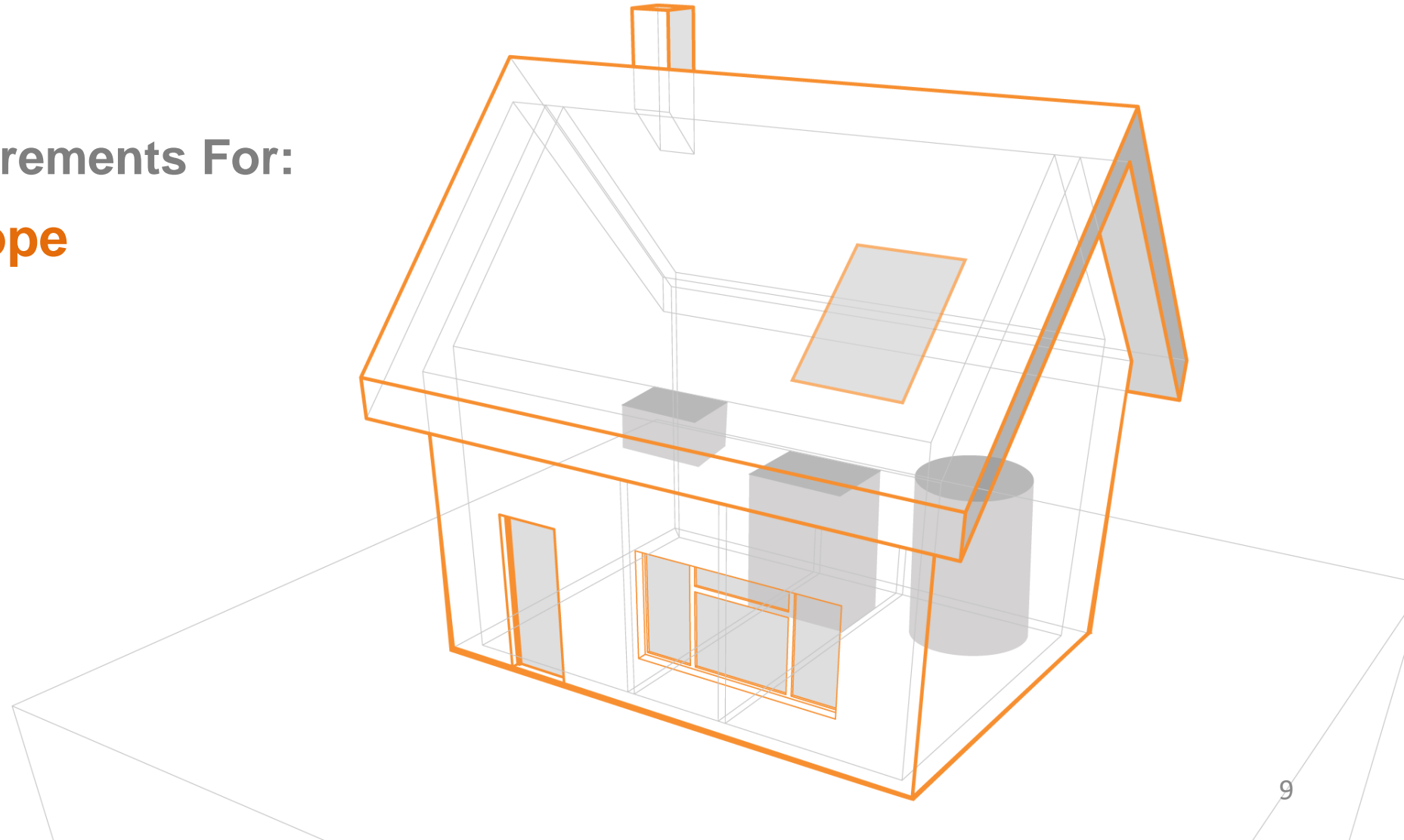


No Prescriptive Requirements

What Does the BC Energy Step Code Measure?

Performance Requirements For:

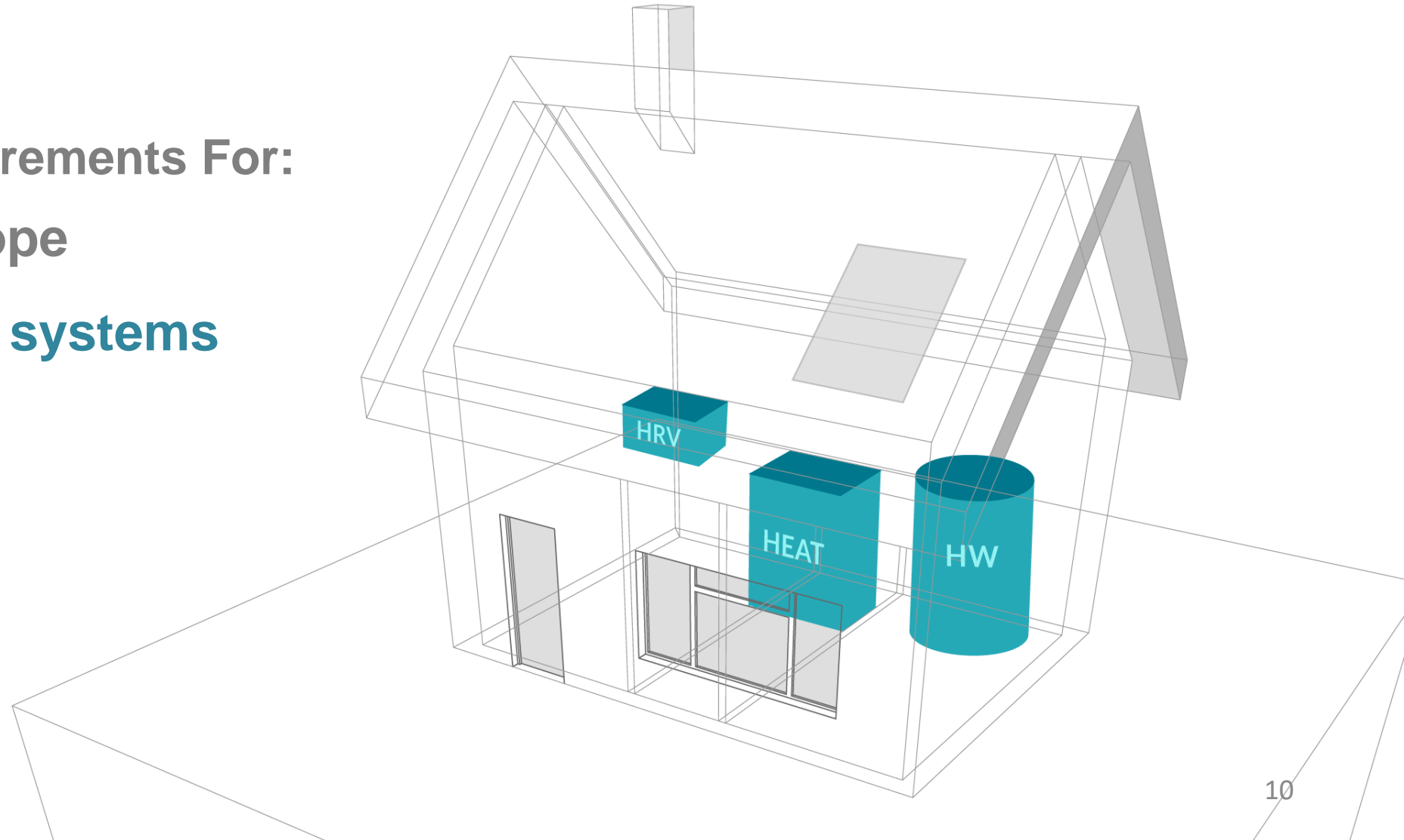
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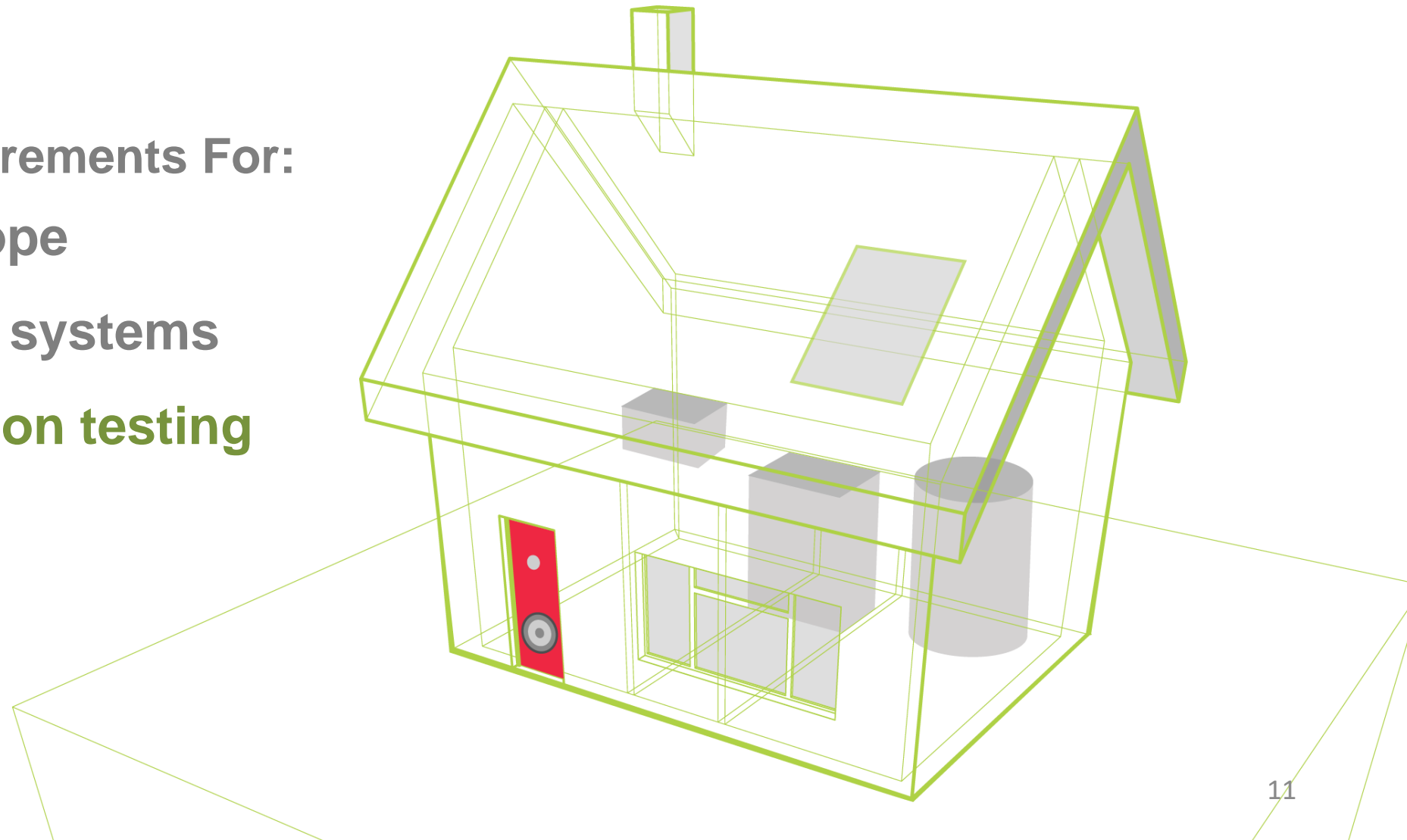
- ✓ Building envelope
- ✓ Equipment and systems



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Performance Requirements For:

- ✓ **Building envelope**
- ✓ **Equipment and systems**
- ✓ **Post-construction testing**
 - Airtightness



Part 9 | Step 1: Enhanced Compliance

2017 -----> 2032

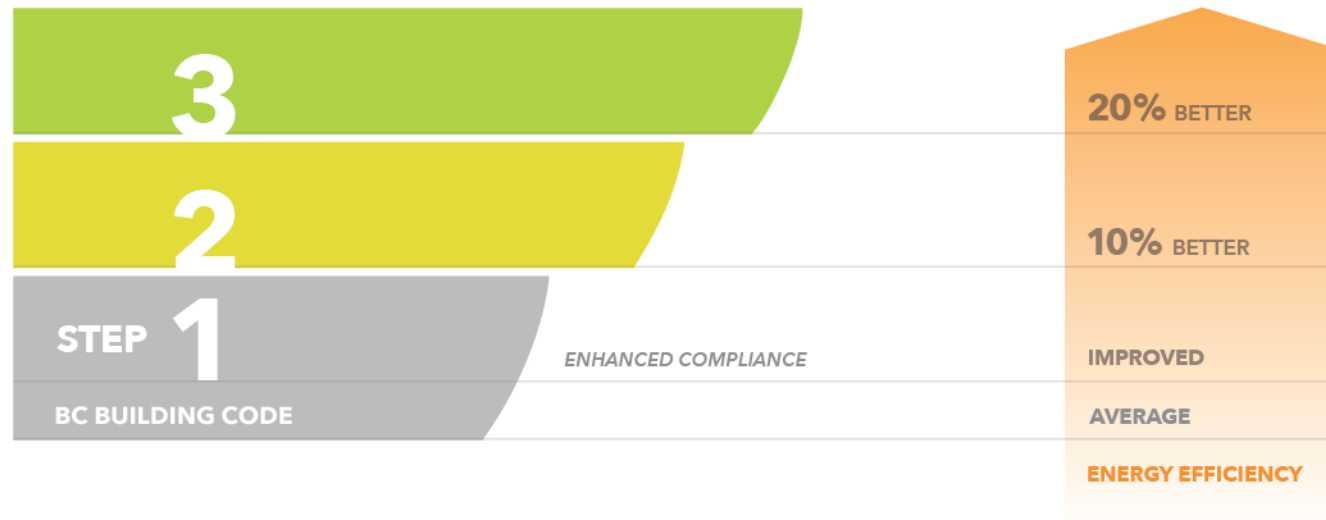
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AVERAGE

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

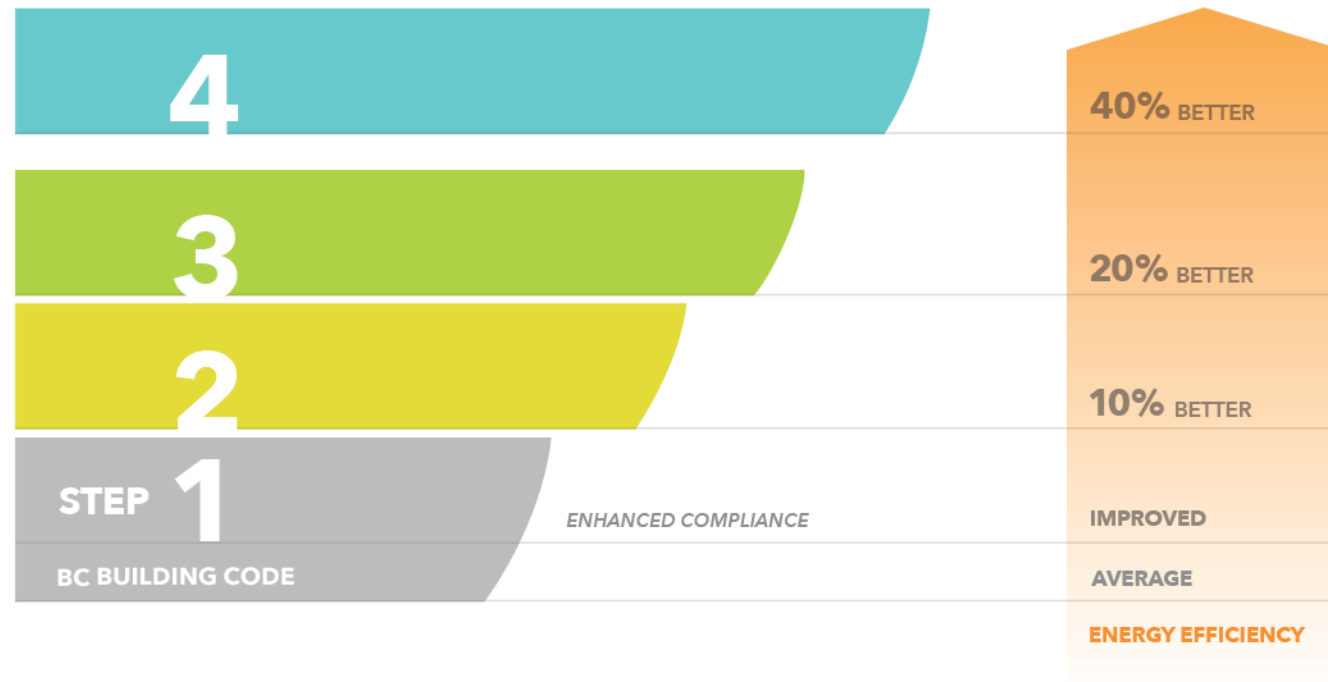
Part 9 | Steps 2 and 3: The Lower Steps

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Part 9 | Step 4: The Threshold to the Upper Steps

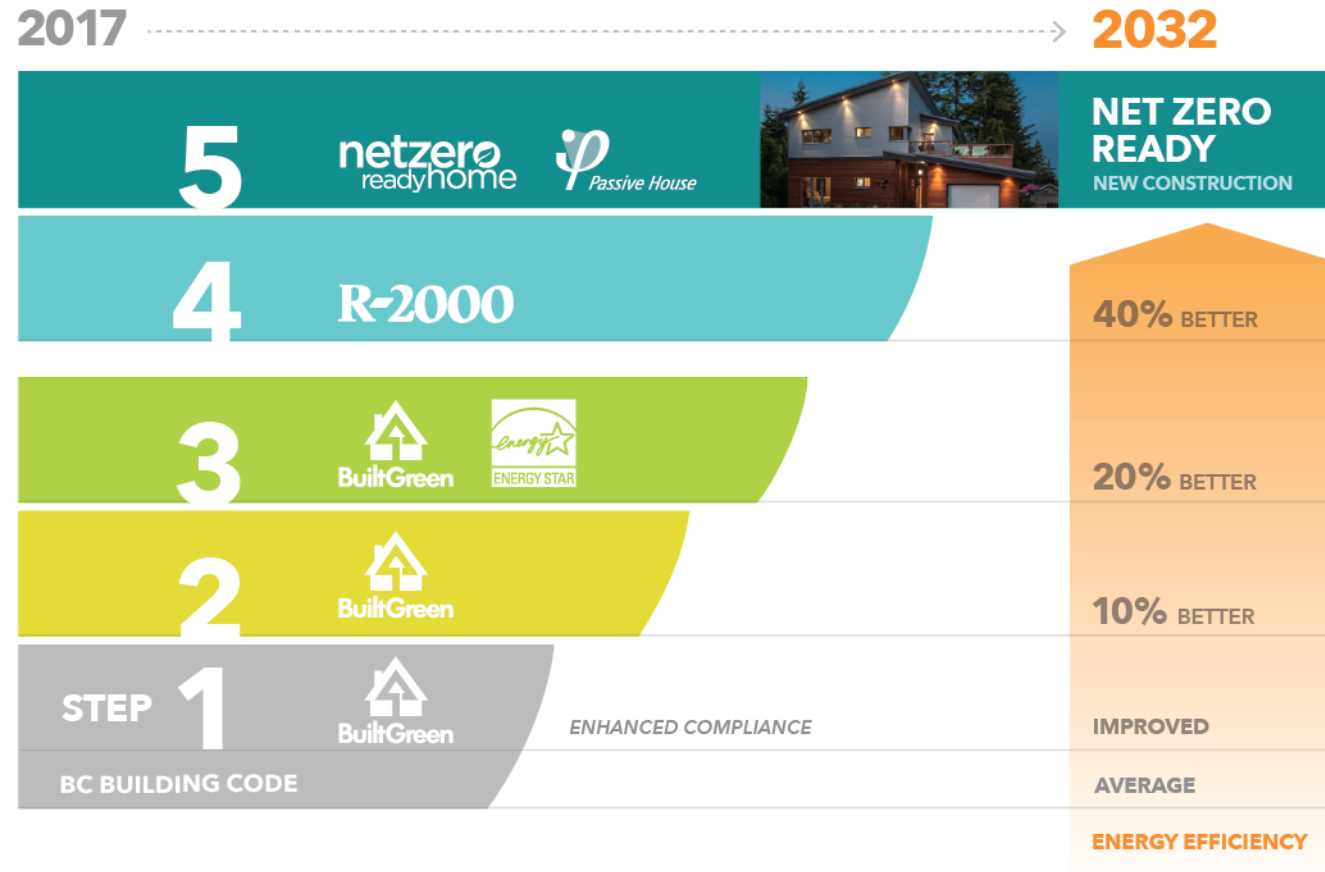
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Part 9 | Step 5: Net Zero Ready New Construction

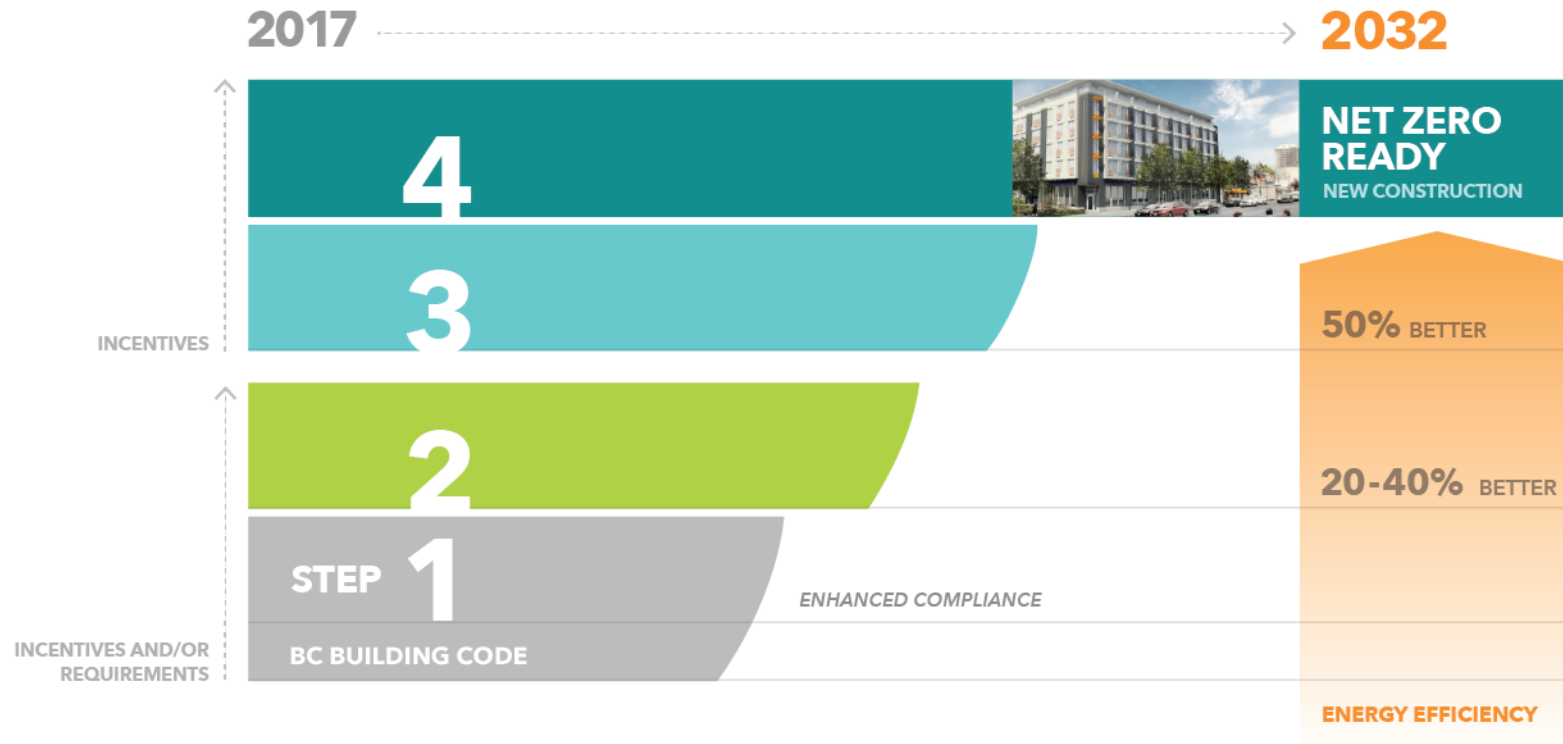


Existing Program Equivalencies



Part 3: High Performance Large + Complex Buildings

PATHWAY TO 2032: PART 3 (MULTI-UNIT RESIDENTIAL)



Geographic Availability

**Part 9 Targets:
Province Wide**

**Part 3 Targets:
Lower Mainland and
South Vancouver Island**

**Province may add or
adjust targets in future**



Alignment With Energy Efficiency Incentive Programs

Sample Programs:

City of North Vancouver

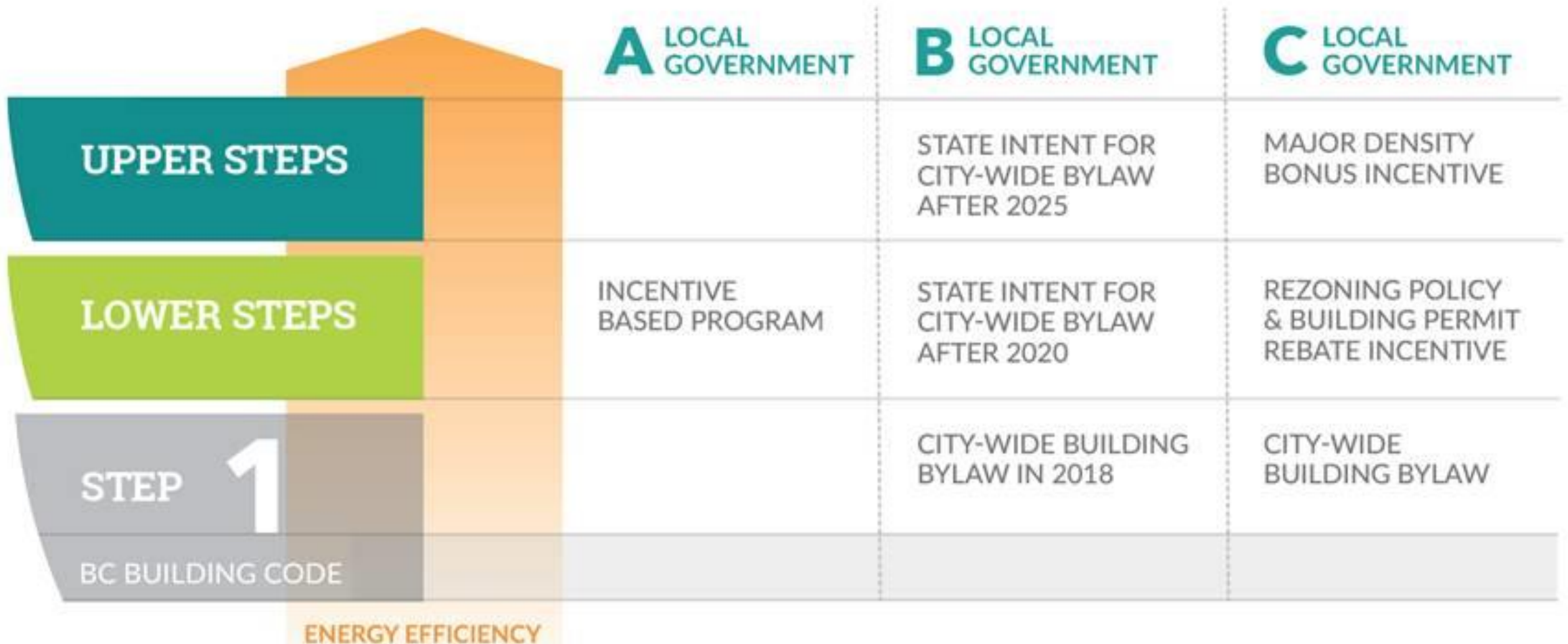
City of Richmond
City of Surrey

Sparwood, Invermere, Kimberley
Langley, Saanich

Resort Municipality of Whistler
City of New Westminster



Putting into Practice: Possible Implementation Approaches



Research and Support Resources

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Completed or Underway:

- Resource hub: energystepcode.ca
- Training and capacity assessment
- Costing study
- Local government readiness survey
- Peer network for local government staff
- Webinars and presentations

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Getting to 2032:

- Clear destination
- Common approach
- Commitment to shared success

Thank You!

Questions?

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