

# Home Innovation Research Labs

The National Green Building Standard

After Five Years:  
From the Perspective of an Adopting Entity

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# Market Place Acceptance and Recognition

## Certificates Issued

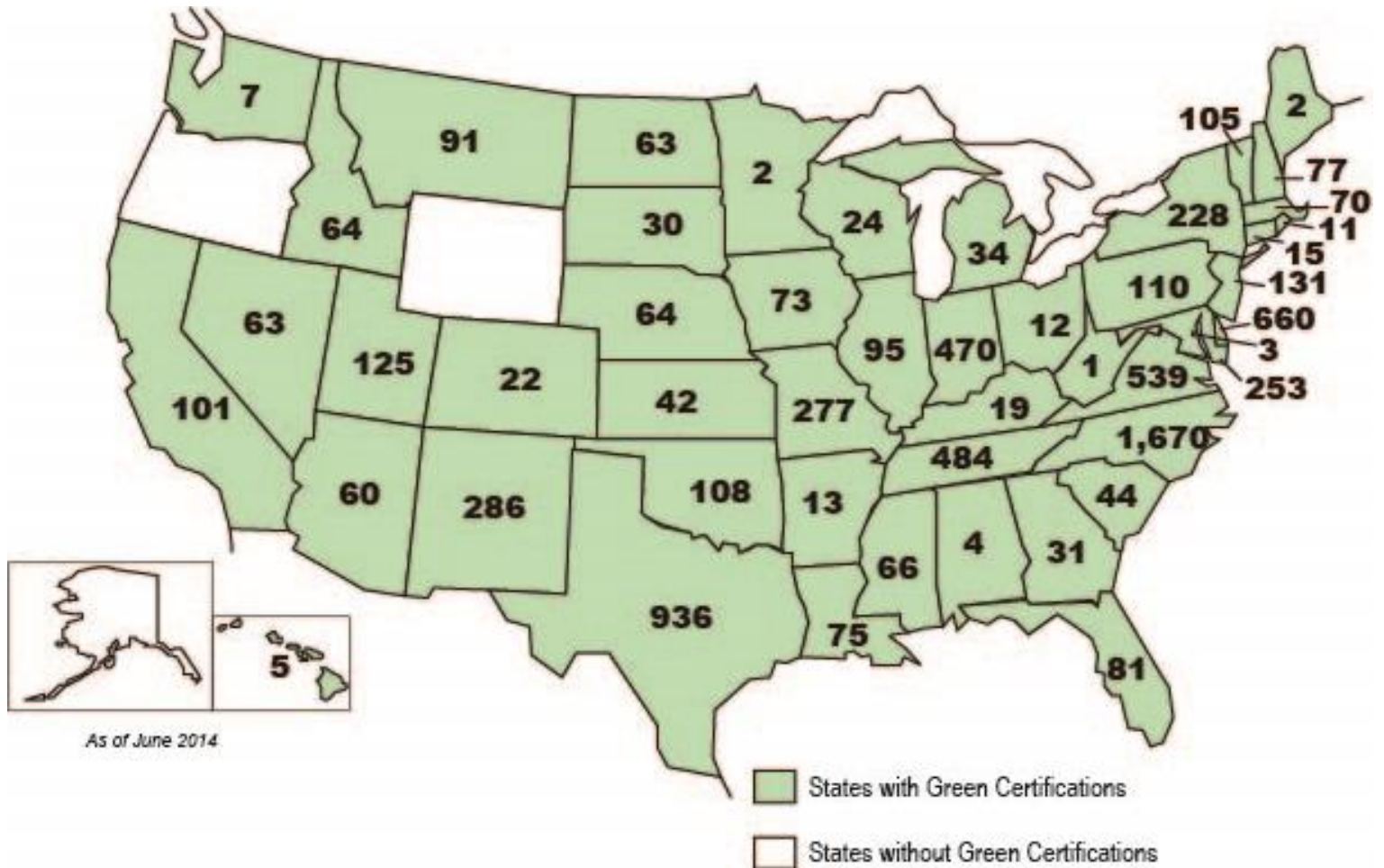
	<b>Guidelines</b>	<b>2008 NGBS</b>	<b>2012 NGBS</b>
<b>SF Homes</b>	1,286	5,853	645
<b>MF bldgs.</b>	NA	870	8
<b>MF units</b>	NA	24,215	200
<b>Land Development</b>	NA	20	2
<b>Renovations</b>	NA	262	3
<b>Functional Areas</b>	NA	NA	2
<b>Months</b>	36	64	16

# Market Place Acceptance and Recognition

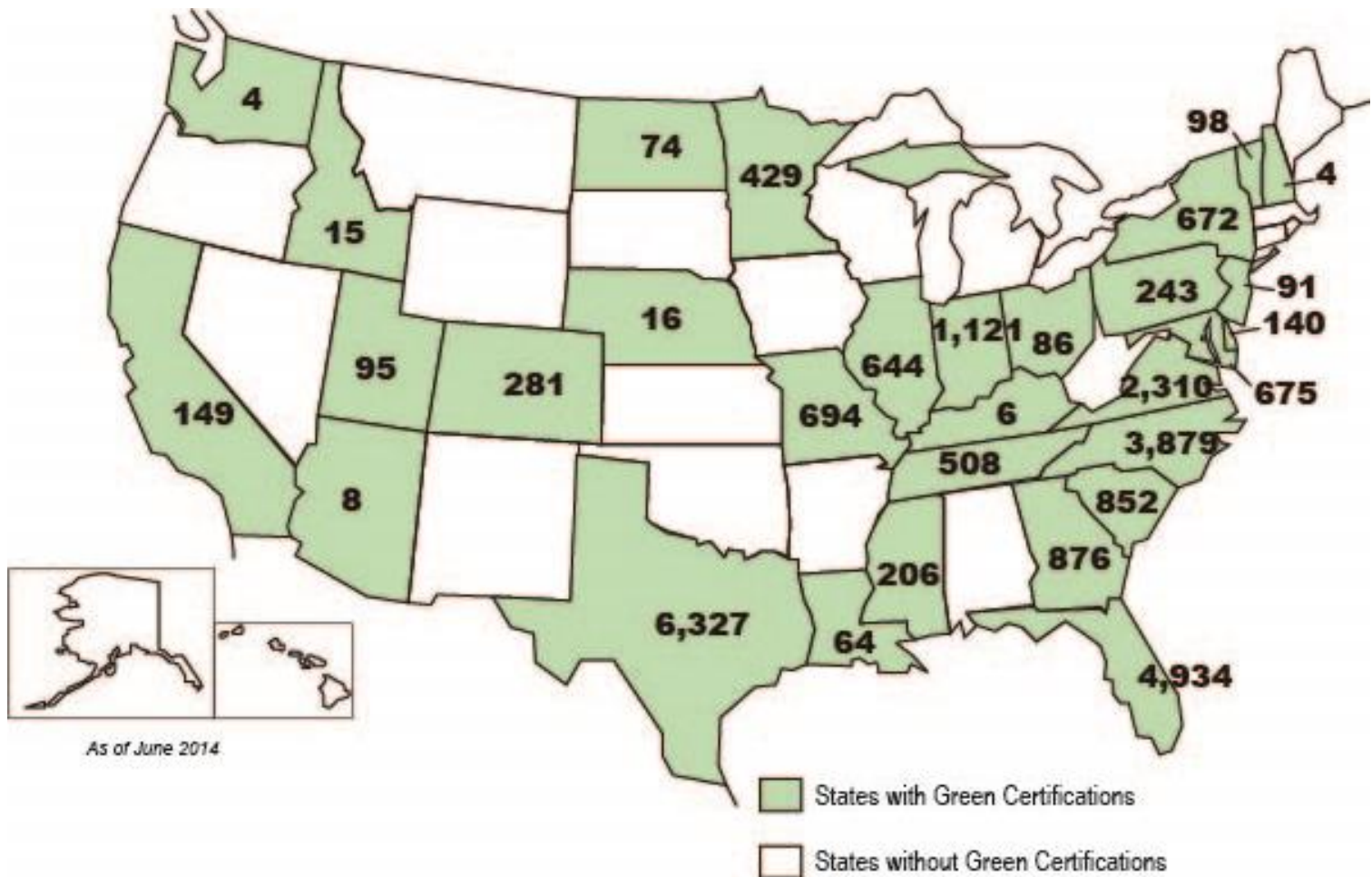
Projects Registered but not yet certified

	2008 NGBS	2012 NGBS
SF Homes	754	786
MF bldgs.	651	209
MF units	42,678	7,548
Land Development	8	2
Renovations	72	29
Functional Areas	NA	1

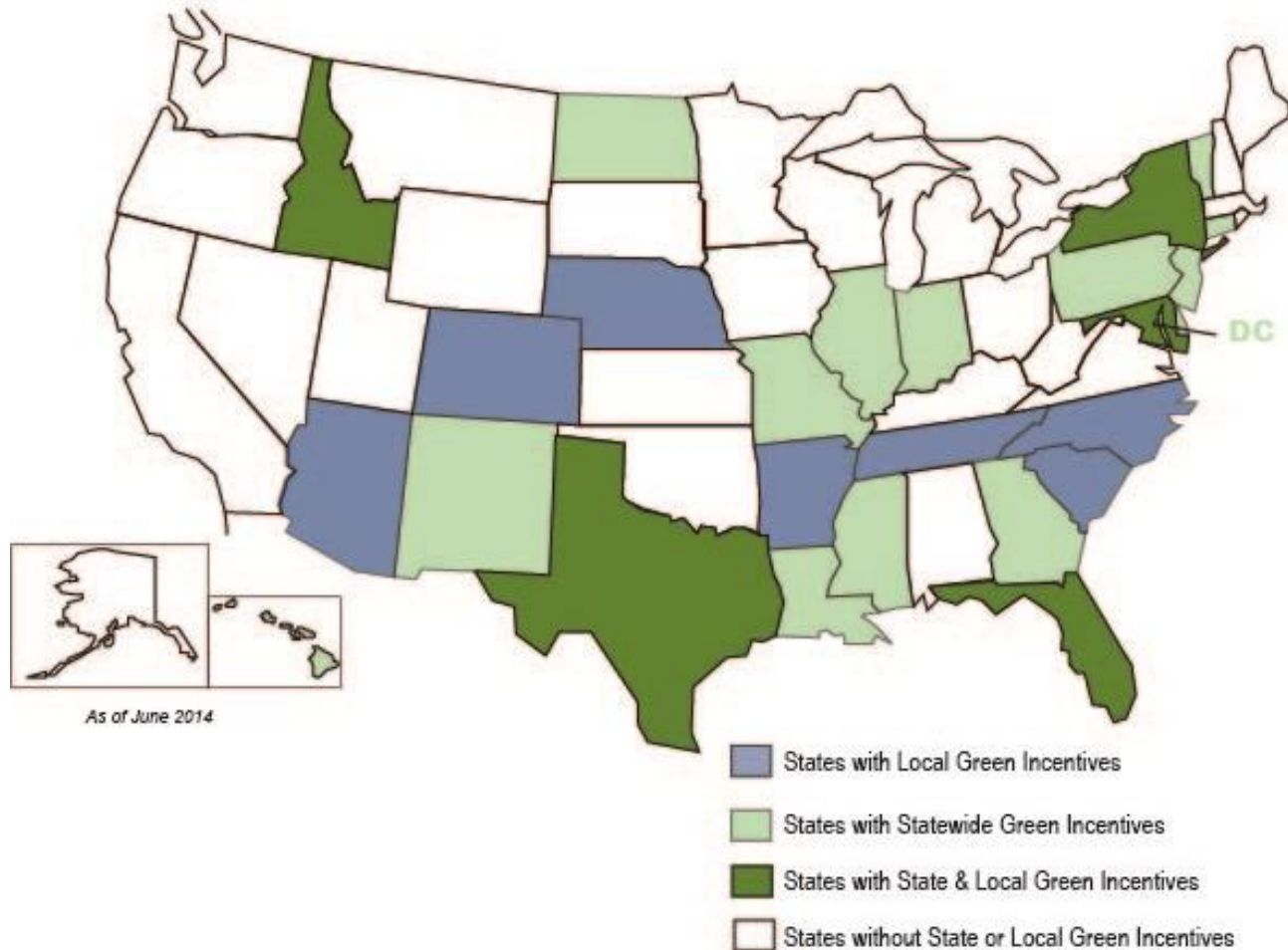
# Single Family Certifications



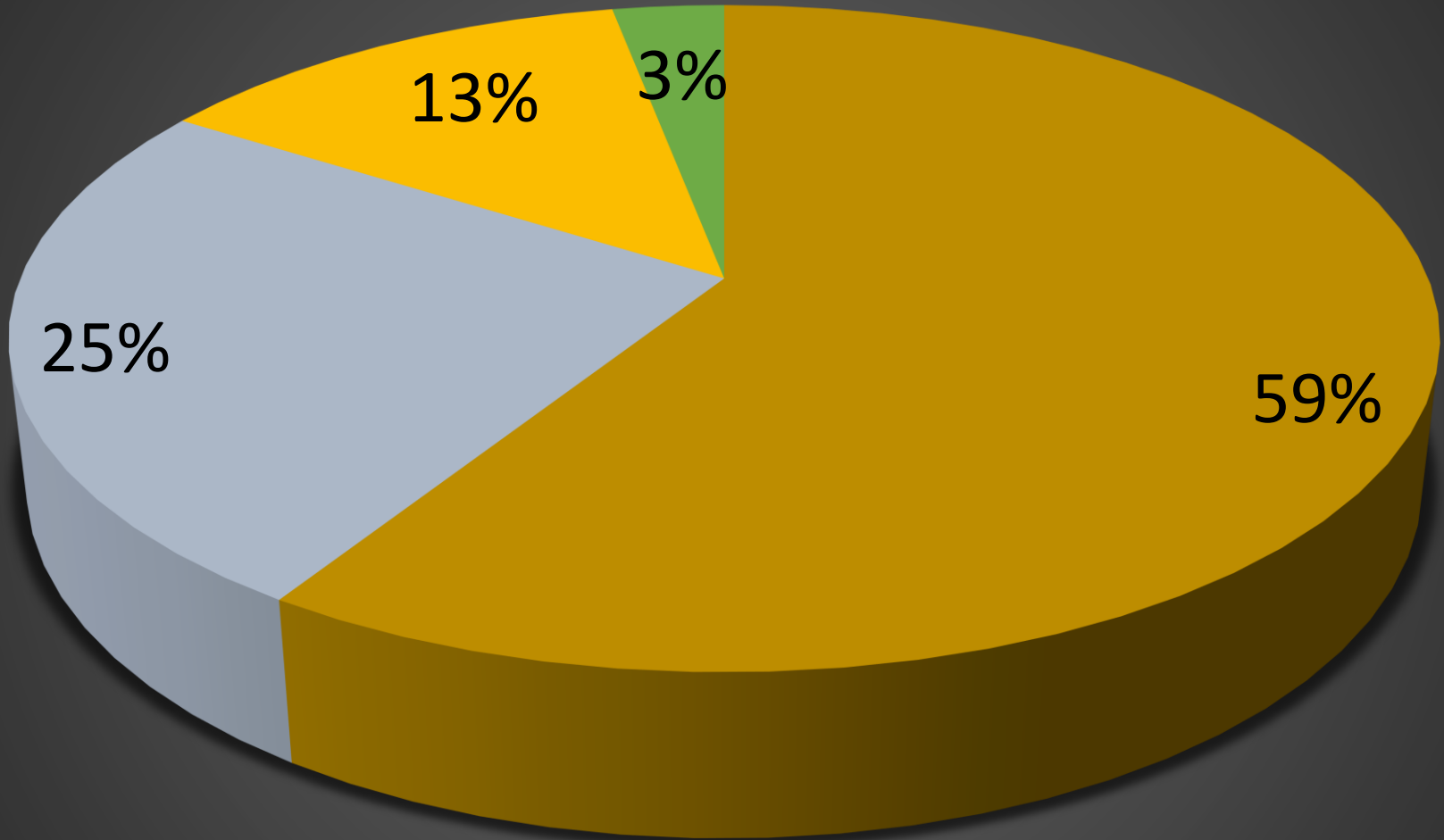
# Multifamily Units



# Green Incentive Programs



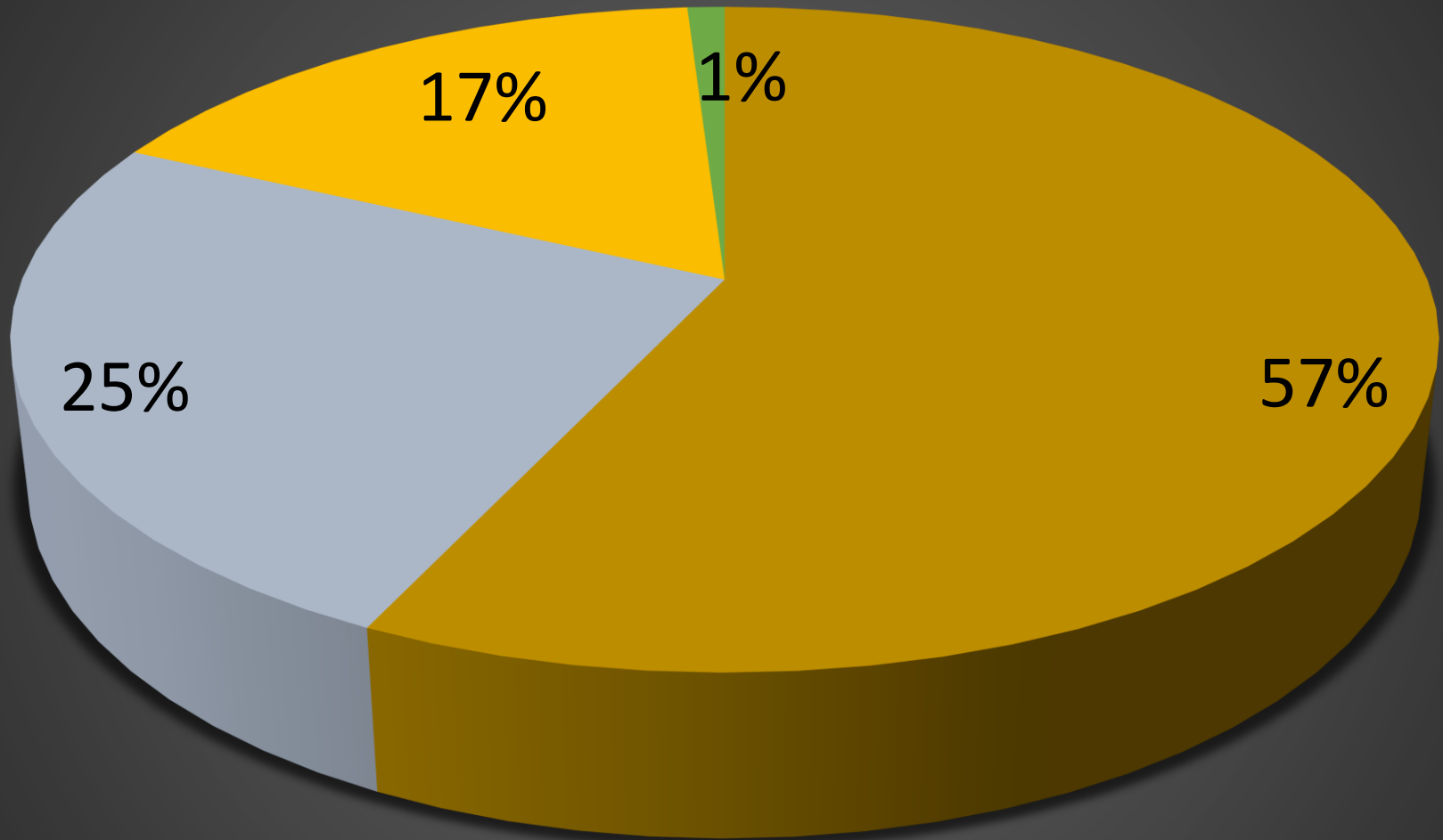
# 2008 NGBS CERTIFICATIONS



■ Bronze   ■ Silver   ■ Gold   ■ Emerald



# 2012 NGBS CERTIFICATIONS



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# Questions From Users

- Home Innovation has responded to over 1000 questions
  - Chapters 4 & 5 practices
  - Multifamily – especially energy
  - Other questions

# Opportunities for Improvement

- Clarify practices
- Equally accommodate a broad range of designs/situations
- Consistency

# Opportunities for Improvement

Consider a wide variety of situations

- Lot/land
  - Urban, suburban, rural
  - Climate
- Construction Type
  - Single-Family
  - Multifamily
    - Low-rise, mid-rise, high-rise, mixed-use
  - Townhouses
  - Foundation
    - Slab on grade
    - Basement
    - Crawl space

# Opportunities for Improvement

- Consider a wide variety of situations –  
Ask yourself
  - Especially mandatory practices – does the practice apply equally/appropriately to all situations?
  - Do the practices place an unequal difficulty to get points in specific situations?

# Opportunities for Improvement

- Definitions

- Be as precise as possible
- 503.4(1) Natural water and drainage features are preserved.
  - What is a “natural water” feature or “drainage feature”?
  - Do you need both a natural water feature AND a drainage feature?

# Opportunities for Improvement

Be sure the practice is clear

- When is it acceptable for points in the following situations:
  - 901.1.2 Air handling equipment not in the garage....
    - If there is no attached garage????
  - 902.4 HVAC supply registers ... are covered....
    - If the home uses a duct less system?????
  - 505.1(1) Off-street parking areas are shared or driveways are shared ...
    - If the home also has a garage ??????

# Opportunities for Improvement

- Opportunities for Improvement
  - When a practice in one chapter refers to another chapter check for clarity
- 801.6.5 (2) No irrigation is installed and a landscape plane is developed in accordance with Section 503.5, as applicable.
  - What parts of 503.5 are needed?



# Opportunities for Improvement

- Avoid minimize & maximize
- Be clear on the use of AND or OR
  - 503.4(3) All or a percentage of impervious surfaces are minimized and permeable materials are used for driveways, parking areas, walkways, and patios.

# Opportunities for Improvement

- Quantify when possible
  - 504.3(7) Soil is improved with organic amendments or mulch.
    - How much soil is improved?
    - How much amendment is added?

# Questions?



# THANK YOU

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