

Tacoma Power's Evolving Conservation Programs

March 23, 2022



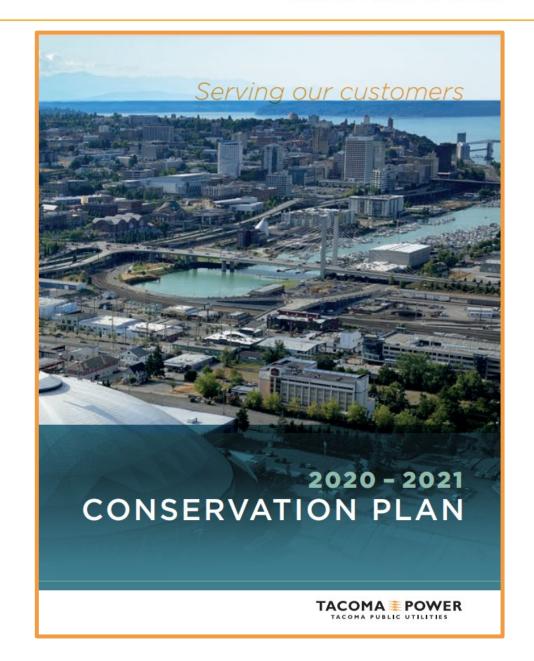
Why Conservation?



- Cost effective resource
- Good for the environment
- Good for customers

Conservation Plan:

- Analysis driven
- Equitable
- Programs that appeal to customers



Supports Strategic Directives



SD1Equity and Inclusion



SD4Stakeholder
Engagement



SD5 Environmental Leadership



Residential Portfolio



Incentives for

- Window replacement
- Insulation
- Heat pumps
- Water heaters



Low Income



Customers with electric heat

- Meet income qualifications
- Own and occupy their home

Eligible for a rebate and deferred loan



Evolving Context



Equity focus

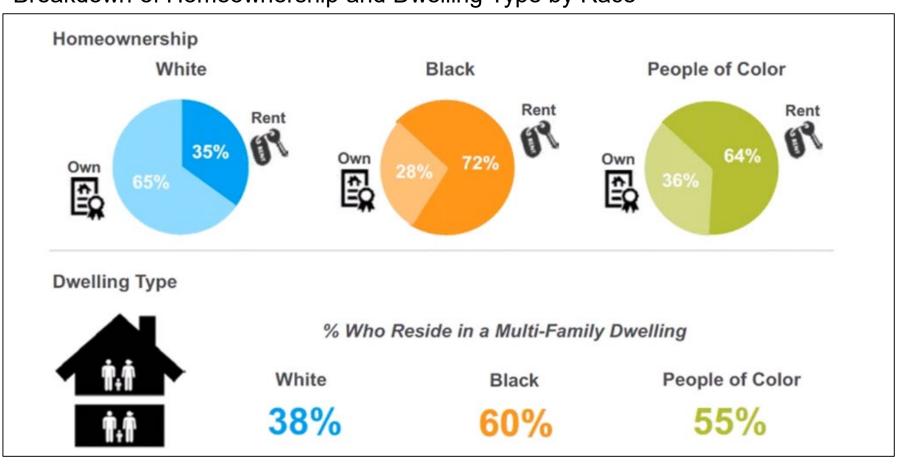
 Washington Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA)





Applying an Equity Lens

Breakdown of Homeownership and Dwelling Type by Race



(SECC White Paper: Racial Disparities Among Lower-Income Energy Consumers, 2021)

Energy Burden and CETA

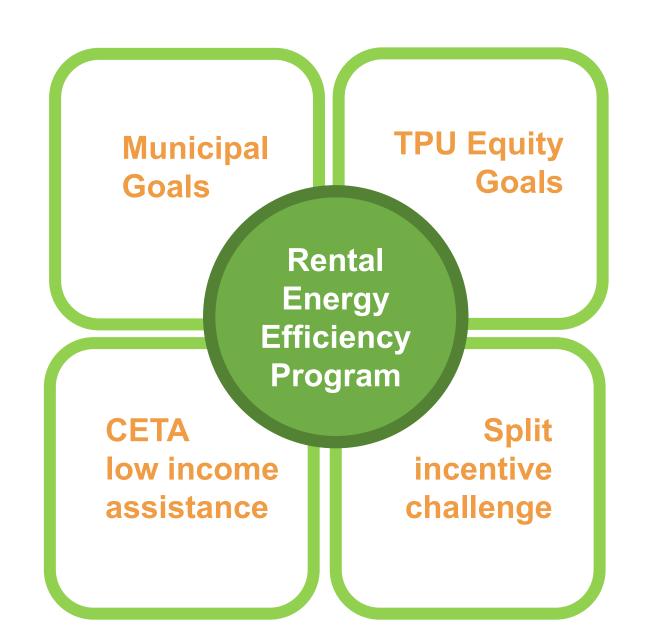




Target conservation spend: \$780,000 per year

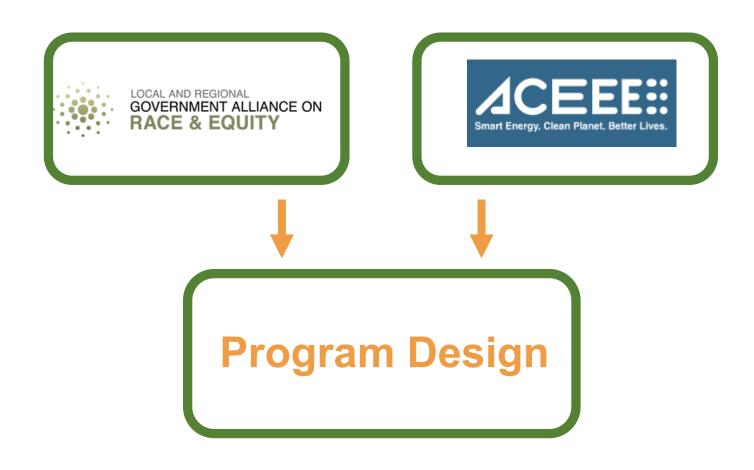
Four objectives. One program.





Informed and Respected Guidance



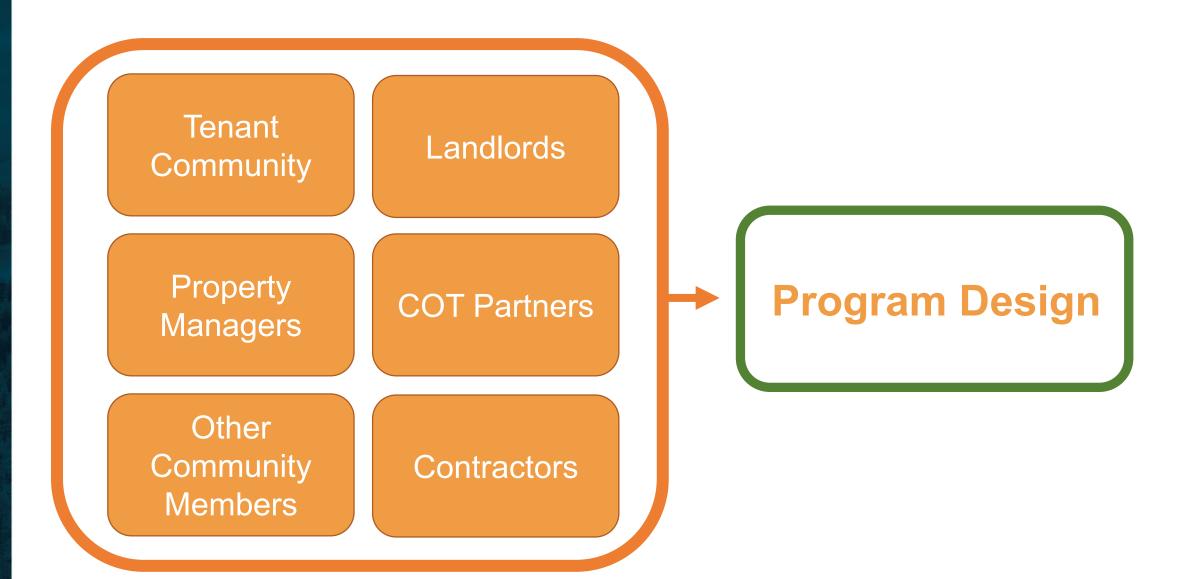


(GARE: Racial Equity Toolkit: An Opportunity to Operationalize Equity, 2016)

ACEEE Report: A New Lease on Energy: Guidance for Improving Rental Housing Efficiency at the Local Level, 2021)

Community Engagement





Themes: Tenants





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Improvements lead to rent increases.

What can we do without upgrades by simply changing our behavior?



Themes: Landlords





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We have competing priorities.

Help us navigate the process.

We need tax reductions and incentives!

No upfront out of pocket costs.

Themes: Community Partners







Build trust through us – the utility is not considered a "trusted partner".

Be sensitive to landlords and impacts of Covid rent and eviction moratoriums.

> Leverage our strong relationships in the community.





Lessons we learned







Take a whole building approach











Higher incentives needed for landlords with low income tenants





Provide flexibility





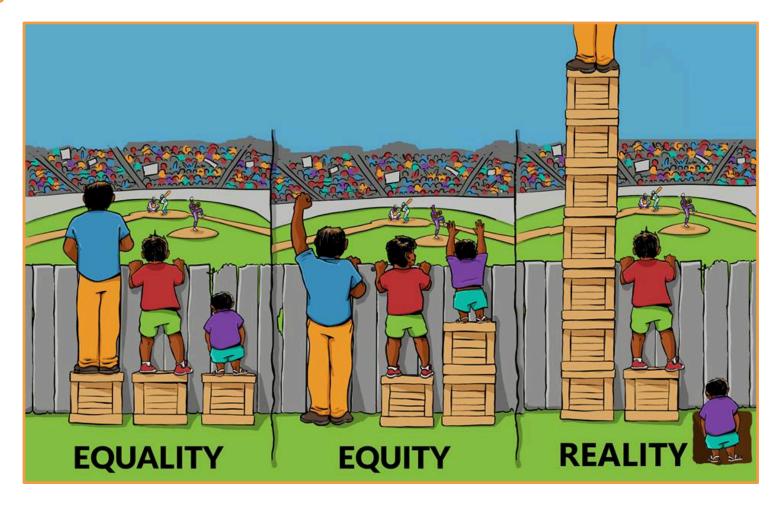
Patiently build community relationships



Lesson #5:



Landlords have all the power, so hold them accountable and engage tenants



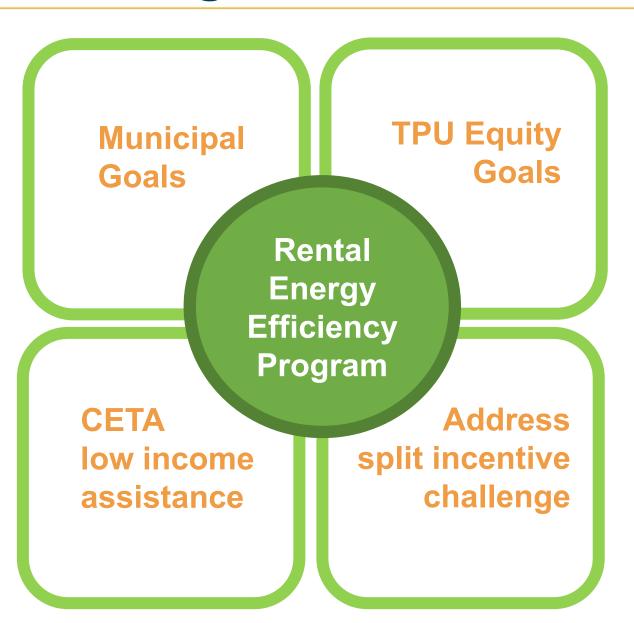
STRATEGIES



For lasting impact and change

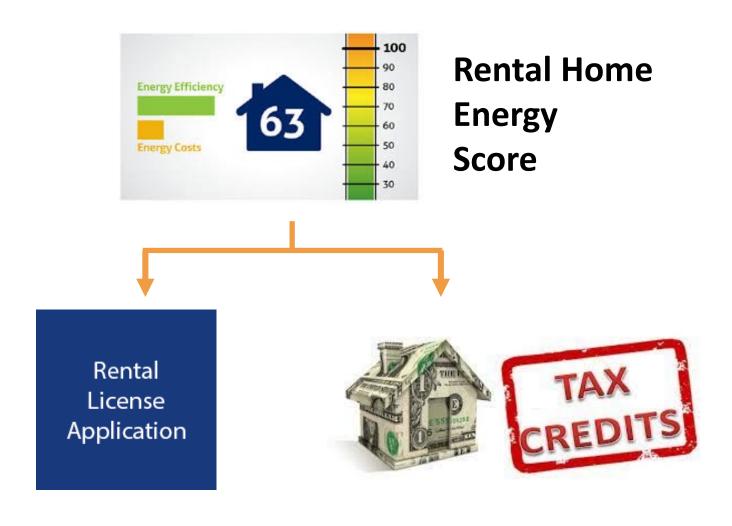


We must collaborate with COT and Pierce County



Policy Measures





Programmatic Measures





Opportunity



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Very High

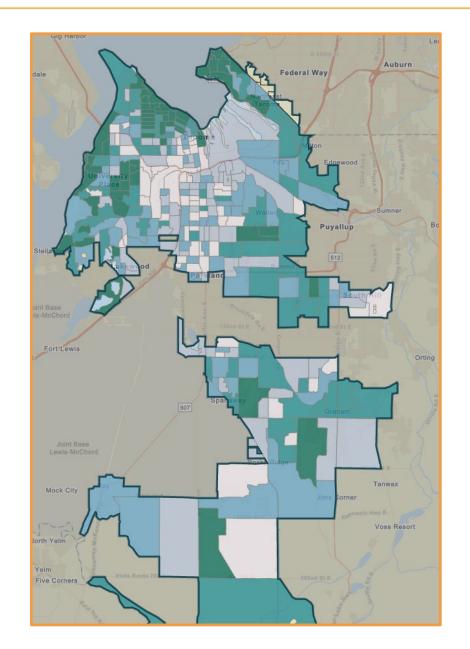
High

Moderate

Low

Very Low

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Costs





- Utility revenue
- Avoided tax on BPA incentive funding
- Federal infrastructure funds

PROGRAM OFFERINGS



Start here





Affordability Covenant





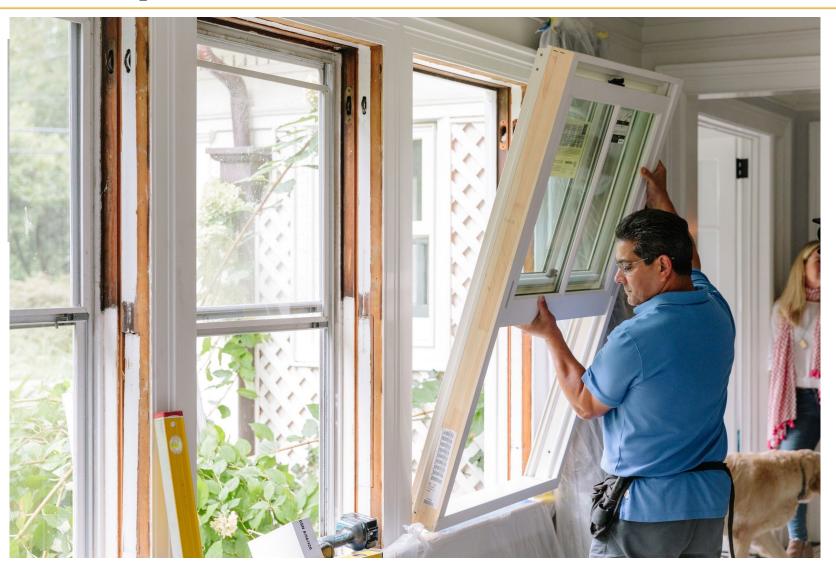
Insulation





Window replacement





Heating Systems



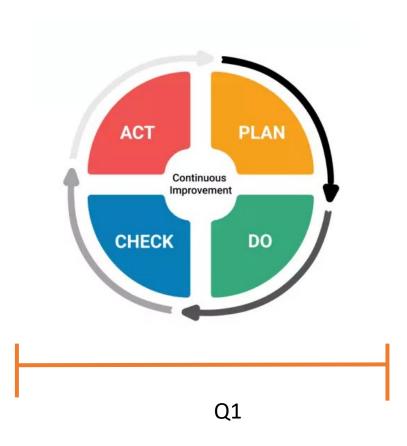


Next Steps



Q1 2022





Q2 2022







Q1 Q2

Q3 2022









Q1

Q2

Q3

Questions

