

# 176 NWA ADDITION & RENOVATION

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Low Carbon

Urban Infill

PHIUS

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# GOALS FOR THIS PRESENTATION:

• Demonstrate proof-of-concept: Low-climate-impact building

• High performance detailing: How it affects the form and expression of architecture.

# KEY PLAYERS:

Arthur Chukhman- Architect and GC and client

New Frameworks- Enclosure Contractor, Design & Project Consultant

Chris West- Eco Houses of VT, Energy Modeling for PHIUS

Taylor Richey- Finish carpenter, Siding, Flooring, Timber framing, Porches.



MODERN ADDITON TO OLD BUILDINGS. CORRUGATED METAL PRECEDENT



MIX OF FLAT AND GABLE ROOFS



LARGE SCALE AND SMALL SCALE MULTI-FAMILY



VARIETY OF HEIGHT AND SCALE



VIEW FROM NORTH WINOOSKI AVE



VIEW OF SOUTH WEST ELEVATION FROM DRIVE WAY



VIEW FROM NORTH WEST



VIEW FROM NEIGHBORS TO THE NORTH



VIEW OF BUILDING FROM BACK YARD



VIEW FROM NORTH WEST

# **Existing Building**

# VT Gas Retrofit Program Including:

- 1. Dense pack 2x3 walls
- 2. Loose Fill attic R-60
- 3. Spray foam basement walls R-15
- 4. Basic air-sealing

EUI Calculation	
Building Area (sf)	1550
Ave EUI Before VTGas Retrofit	95.7
Ave EUI After VTGas Retrofit	62.6
EUI Reduction %	35%

- 1. Certify Passive House (PHIUS) for all new construction
- 2. Renovate existing duplex and not raise rent per bedroom.
- 3. Make the new unit Net Zero Operation Energy
- 4. Optimize for low carbon construction
- 5. Maximize the common backyard for social gathering.
- 6. Minimize car parking, Maximize covered bike parking (1/bedroom).
- 7. Capture rainwater for gardening.

- Passive House goal identified early on in process
- Interest in embodied carbon, talk at BBD in 2018 solidified the necessity to prioritize
  - Role of education and research and trades groups in moving industry forward
    - Building Science Group
- Collaboration & Integrated Process



# Traditional Eave

- 1. Large overhang- protect wall from weather
- 2. Large overhang- to shade the south windows from summer sun
- 3. Gutter to protect wall from water and to divert or collect the water
- 4. Soffit vent to vent the attic



# Modified for high performance

- 1. We still have a large overhang to protect the wall from weather
- 2. Added heal in the truss moves the overhang up higher, so larger overhang is needed for the same amount of shading.
- 3. We still have a traditional gutter
- 4. We still have a soffit vent



# Modified for this project

- 1. Corrugated metal siding so not worried about protect siding from weather
- 2. Windows are in the middle of a thick wall, so the head trim provides some shading to the windows.
- 3. Gutter is recessed into the corner of the roof to wall intersection, where insulation is the least effective.
- 4. We are venting the attic through a gap under and behind the gutter



Eave Detail



# Front - Before

# Front - After







# Back After



# Section Diagram















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# Sections

# What is embodied carbon?

The amount of CO<sub>2</sub> and other Greenhouse Gases (GHGs) released into the atmosphere as a result of the extraction and manufacturing of building materials.



### Global C02 Emission by Sector

### Data Source: Architecture 2030



# We cannot "net zero energy" our way out of the climate crisis.

# Embodied Emissions + Operational Emissions

# = Overall Climate Impact

	WA	ALL ASSEMB	LY SUMMARY	/		
WALL ASSEMBLY	R-Value	Thickness	R-Value/in	Cost/Sf	Project Cost	% Diff
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CODE WALL	26.06	8	3.26	\$37.58	112,761	
MINERAL WOOL WRAP & BATT	45.71	14	3.26	\$41.82	\$125,462	8.6%
FIBERBOARD WRAP w DP	45.93	14.25	3.22	\$39.28	\$117,827	5.1%
TJI WALL	49.07	15.5	3.21	\$40.90	\$122,707	8.1%
DOUBLE STUD WALL	50.94	18	2.83	\$41.22	\$123,688	8.8%



Saved Embodied CO2e in walls = 15+ Years Operating CO2e!

- Design & Planning process prioritized costs early and often
- Line itemed costs
  - Allows for client choice
  - Helps to prioritize key goals
- Targeted New Frameworks involvement
  - Envelope-only contractor
  - Commitment to outcomes allowed for creative roles and process to make building possible
  - Hourly PM support





- Cost plus contract
- Estimated contract total: \$250,315.35
- Revised contract total w COs: \$261,354.73
- Actual total: \$255,138.30 (\$6216.05 under contract total)
- \$113/square foot 41% of total cost of project

- Carbon Storing & Low Embodied Carbon materials selection:
  - FSC framing lumber, regionally harvested (Quebec)
  - Gutex-wood fiber board chosen over mineral board
  - Densepack cellulose chosen over mineral batt
  - Glavel-Foam glass sub slab insulation
- \$255,140 total cost, \$113/square foot, 41% of total cost of project (\$275/sf)





# Glavel Install

### Foundation walls



## Thermal Break Detail



Outboard mineral wool boards 6" thick first 4 feet, then 3" thick to footing.

High density XPS Thermal break at walls. High density EPS thermal break at slab





- Chosen to use all FSC framing lumber
- To optimize cost
- Allowed NFW crew to focus on air barrier transitions, and put our value there
- Pros and cons



# Prefab/ Panelized Framing





-Hemlock timber frame porches and exposed interior structure

-White Cedar siding and slats

# -ocal Timber







# Gutex

- Carbon Storing
- Tongue and Groove Waterproof
- vapor open







- 0.29 ACH50,
- 0.018 CFM50/sf of exterior wall,
- 65 CFM50, 3565 sq ft of enclosure:

# blower door test reaction



# Air Sealing





# Windows



Solar Pathfinder shows the deciduous trees for summer shading.

This reduces the need for overhangs



# Solar Site Analysis Report

Layout Point 1 Image File: 176 N Winooski S E6 2nd fl4June.jpg

# Solar Obstruction Data

Month	Unshaded % of Ideal Site Azimuth=180 Tilt=44.5	Deciduous Area(s) Solar Radiation Transparency = 80% kWh/m <sup>2</sup> /day	Unsnaded % of Actual Site Azimuth=210.8 Tilt=90.0	otal Solar lesource iraction (SRF) Actual vs leal)	Ideal Site Efficiency Azimuth=90.0 Tilt=90.0
January	65.0%	1.04	64.8%	132.1%	68.3%
February	60.6%	1.19	61.1%	101.9%	69.3%
March	48.5%	0.96	49.2%	68.6%	79.3%
April	47.5%	0.65	49.3%	53.0%	76.1%
May	54.3%	0.00	56.9%	53.9%	70.0%
June	55.4%	0.00	57.9%	50.2%	68.8%
July	54.9%	0.00	56.3%	53.8%	68.2%
August	37.1%	0.00	37.9%	41.7%	62.3%
September	12.5%	0.00	13.2%	17.6%	44.9%
October	59.5%	1.16	60.9%	99.2%	66.6%
November	66.8%	1.01	66.6%	135.6%	63.3%
December	69.3%	0.89	69.7%	162.1%	66.8%
Totals	52.6% Unweighted Yearly Avg	6.90 Effect: 25.6% Sun Hrs: 0.57	52.1% Unweighted Yearly Avg	65.4% Unweighted Yearly Avg	67.4% Unweighted Yearly Avg

Solar Site Analysis Report from Solar Pathfinder Assistant shows Unshaded% giving monthly and annual.

This is input into WUFI Passive for each window.

After the windows had been installed we discovered that the window frames were different then what was used in the energy model.

•	Profile system:	SCHUCO Living 82 MD, (previously SI82) uPVC Window/Door System
•	Hardware:	SCHUCO VarioTec, fully perimeter locking with 2 security closures and safety lock SCHUCO Handle, style – standard, color-white, hinges-white
		Entry Doors 1,2,3 : Handle Color EV1 Interior/Exterior (matte silver color) Not 0.13!
	Color Finish:	Interior/Exterior: White DOORS: Interior White/Exterior: Color Foil ( 9002 Siena Noce )
•	Frame:	SI 82 (Windows), 6-Chamber Profile System with corresponding Uf-value of 0.190 Btu/(h-ft <sup>2</sup> .°F)
:	Glazing: Accessories:	Triple Glazed Low E Insulated with Warm-Edge Spacer System Ψg-value of 0.018 Btu/(h·ft.°F) Insect Screens in White, Grey Mesh <b>180 mm</b> aluminum sills in white color included. (Aluminum Sill Length Specified as 1" Less than Unit Width)

Glazing Type	U-value	SHGC	VT
CLIMATOP XN TRIPLE PANE	0.105	0.54	0.77
CLIMATOP ECLAZ TRIPLE PANE	0.123	0.60	0.74

Thermal bridge free construction to the rescue!



# 'Positive' Thermal Bridging







Images Of Detail 176 N Winooski Ave: Outside Corner Wall to Wall 30Jan19



Ventilation

Ventilation Closet with Zehnder CA350 ERV



	Planned OFM	1	leasured CF	М	VENTI	LATION MEASUREMENTS
RETORN AIR	Medium	Low	Medium	High	Valve Type	Valve Position or ComfoSet Disk 0-4
1. 1-Bathroom	24	17	25	34	Roma	
2. 2-Bathroom	24	17	26	33	Roma	
3. 3-Kitchen	36	22	36	45	STB-2	
SUM:	84	<mark>84</mark> 56		112		
	Planned OFM	r	leasured CF	М		
JUPPLI AIK	Medium	Low	Medium	High	Valve Type	Valve Position or ComfoSet Disk 0-4
1. 1-Bedroom	24	18	25	33	Luna	
2. 2-Master Bed	24	17	24	32	Roma	
3. 3-Living Room	36	24	37	49	Luna	
SUM:	84	59	86	114		
Trim	Low	Medium	High	Comfort Te	mperature	0
Ventilator Setting Return Air:	35	55	85	Filter Condi	ion	new
Ventilator Setting Fresh Air:	25	38	50	Weather		clear 60

### Heat pump above door in first floor entry



Modeled Demand : 7,000 Btu/hr,

(2) single zone Mitsubishi cold climate heat pumps. 9,000 Btu/hr each.

Needed at least two heads for distribution (first and second floor)

Second floor is has no heat source and stays within 4 degrees on the coldest days if doors are open.

First floor location in alcove is proving to be difficult to hit a set point.

# Plumbing

WaterSense is a prerequisite for PHIUS

It requires a maximum of 0.60 gallons of water in the longest run of pipe

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Spread carbon competence

Develop more small scale multi-unit projects.

Complete a full analysis on the climate impact of this building.