# Land Use in a Building Code??? Meet the International Green Construction Code



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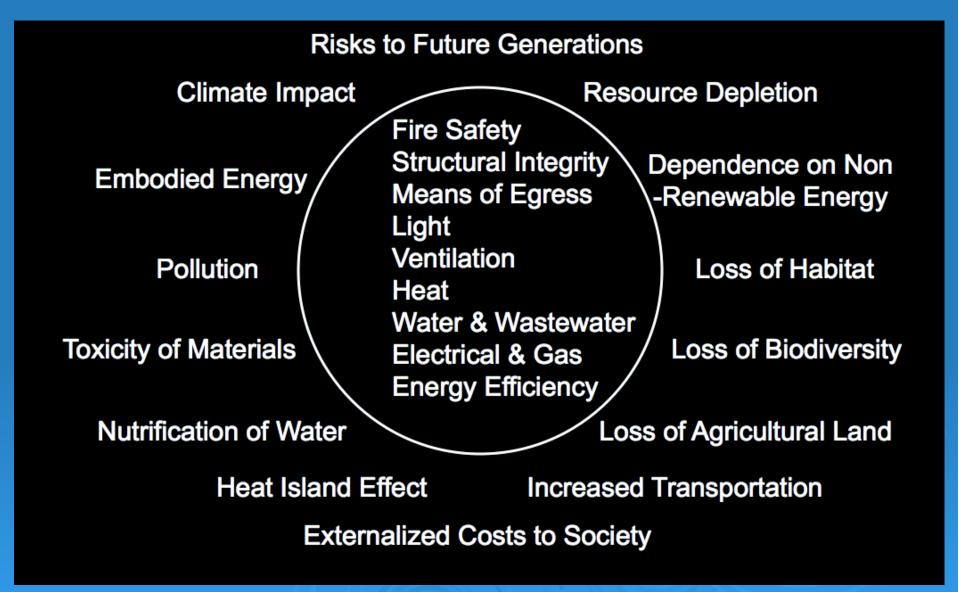
### IgCC "Adoption"

- Florida: IgCC is an option for state-owned facilities
- Boynton Beach, FL: IgCC forms the basis for the local voluntary green code
- Kayenta Township, Navajo Nation (AZ): IgCC adopted on a voluntary basis
- Phoenix, AZ: IgCC is now the voluntary Phoenix Green Construction Code
- Scottsdale, AZ: IgCC replaced the city's voluntary commercial green building program
- Richland, WA: IgCC provides non-mandatory guidance
- Keene, NH: IgCC is an "Allowable Green Building System" in the Sustainable Energy Efficient Development Zone

#### IgCC "Adoption" (cont.)

- Rhode Island: Major state projects must be built to LEED, IgCC or ASHRAE 189.1
- Maryland: Passed legislation that allows local jurisdictions to adopt IgCC as of March 2012
- North Carolina: Incorporated the IgCC rainwater collection & distribution systems section into an appendix of their plumbing code
- Oregon: IgCC energy provisions included in the Commercial Reach Code
- Fort Collins, CO: IgCC extractions used in amendments to the city's building codes (mandatory)

#### Risks attributable to the built environment...



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#### Areas in need of your leadership and input



- Clear guidance for setting buffer widths around wetlands and surface water bodies
- Identify new approaches to protecting floodplains

- Protection of prime farmland
- Increasing location efficiency
- Plant selection and removal of invasive plants



### **ASTM Sustainability Standards**

ASTM Standards are widely referenced in codes and other standards.

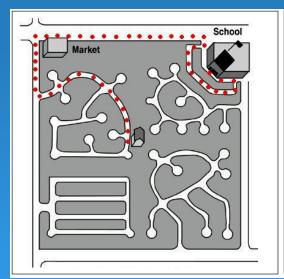
ASTM Sustainability Committee (E60)
 focuses primarily on materials, design, and construction.

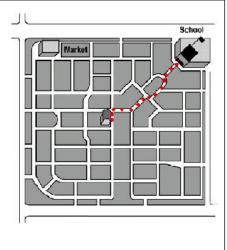
New E60 Task Group: Site Development and Urban Planning

#### Proposed ASTM Siting Standards



Neighborhood Assets









Access to Public Transit

#### IgCC 2015 Development Schedule

IgCC 2012 published (see iccsafe.org)

Deadline for code change proposals

Code Development Hearings, Dallas, TX

Report of Hearings posted

Deadline for public comments

Public comments posted ("Final Action Agenda")

Final Action Hearings, Atlantic City, NJ

March 2012

January 3, 2013

April 21-28, 2013

May 31, 2013

July 15, 2013

August 28, 2013

October 2-9, 2013

## Sustainable Design and Green Building Toolkit for Local Governments, USEPA, June 2010

www.epa.gov/region 4/recycle/green-building-toolkit.pdf

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