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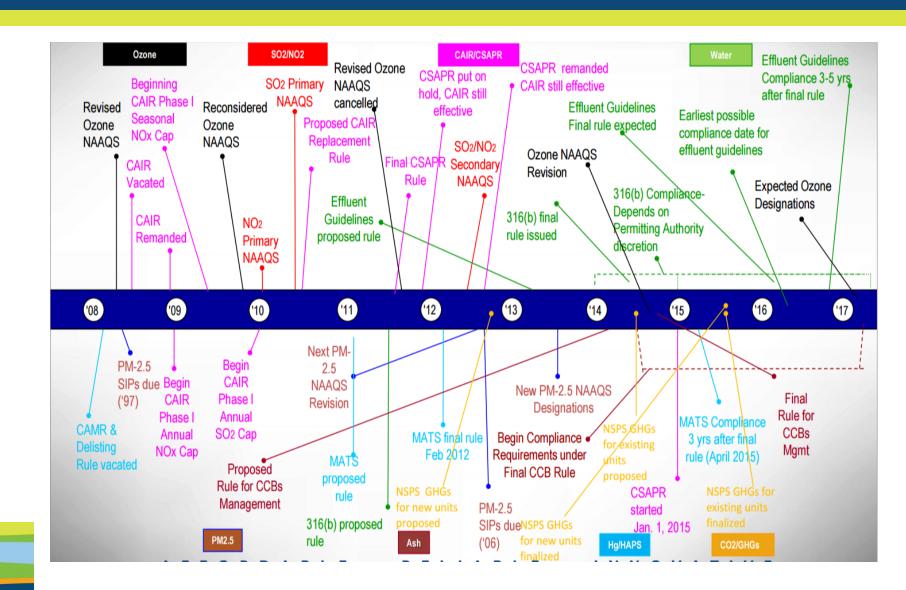
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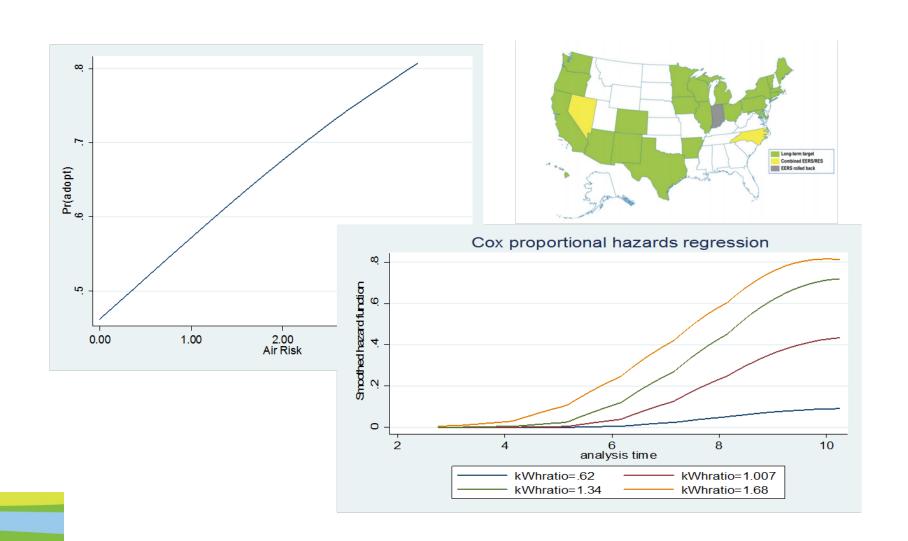




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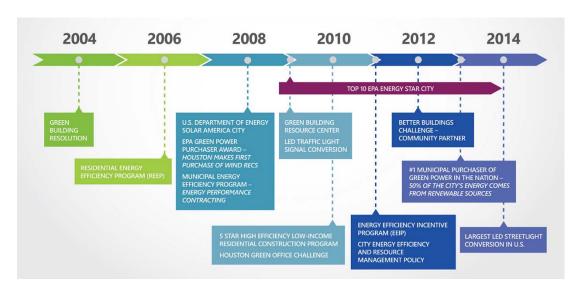
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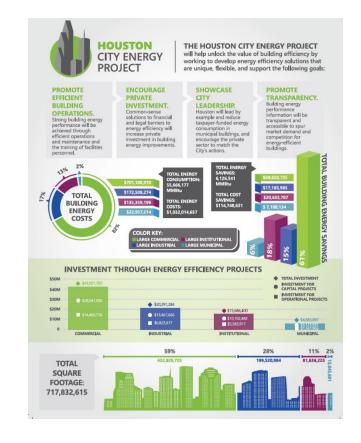
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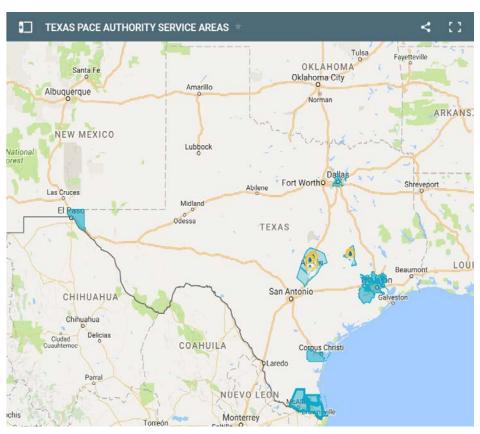








Financing: PACE in Houston





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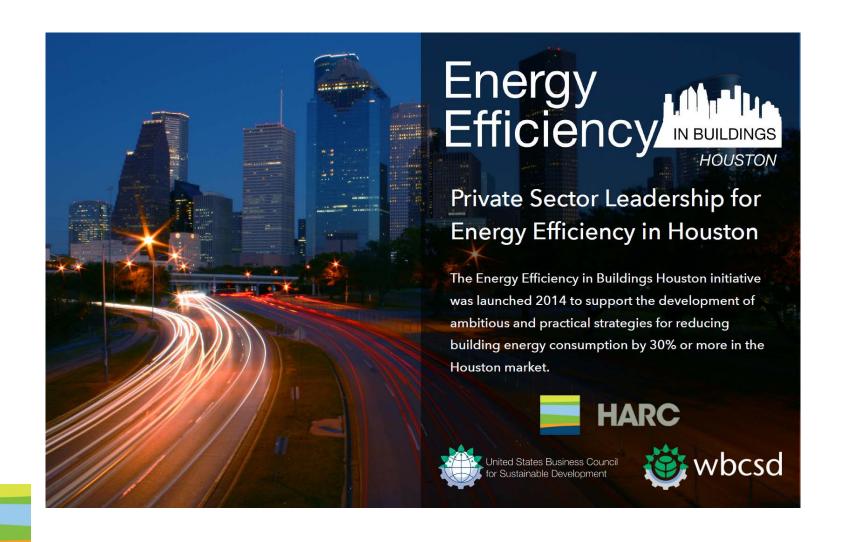
We encourage you to create a Property Assessed Clean Energy Program (PACE) region, which will be among the first in Texas. The authority to create such a district was provided in 2013 through the Texas PACE statute, SB 385. With this new program, the City of Houston will create jobs, promote business retention and expansion, upgrade building stock, promote energy and water conservation, and serve as a model for the rest of the state. The program is entirely voluntary and does not rely on taxpayer funding.

The proposed PACE region is being developed with the guidance of Keeping PACE in Texas' PACE in a Box. This is the nation's first PACE model designed by volunteer stakeholders to be user-friendly, uniform, sustainable and scalable. Using a uniform, Texas-designed model, PACE in a Box decreases costs and increases the likelihood of greater participation by local firms. This market-based approach will assist City of Houston businesses to address deferred maintenance by investing in energy and water conservation-based improvements to their properties without the risk of over-investment. PACE enables commercial, industrial and multifamily real estate property owners to overcome the steep upfront costs for water and energy efficiency improvements by utilizing private sector financing for up to 100% of the capital improvements. This is done through a voluntary contractual PACE property assessment secured by a senior lien on the property. Businesses will benefit by saving more on their monthly utility bills than the costs of the financed improvements.

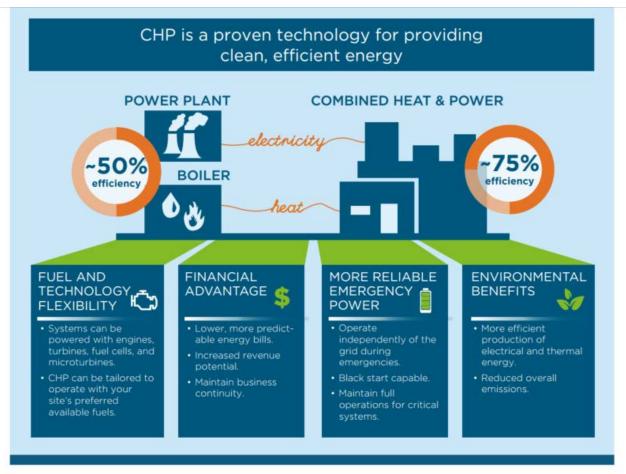
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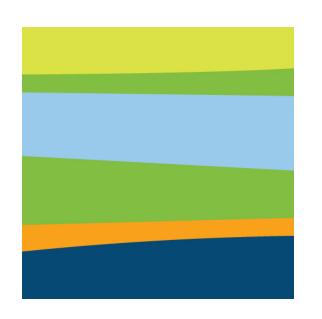




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