



COMMONWEALTH

Green Low-Income Housing Coalition

Commonwealth Green Low-Income Housing Coalition's goal is to utilize cutting edge energy efficiency and production to reduce the burden on the housing social safety net in New England's second largest urban community. The savings can then be utilized for programs and housing for low-income people. Additionally, CGLIHC will lower the carbon footprint of the many housing programs involved. The current partners for this initiative include Oak Hill CDC, Dismas House, Latin American Health Alliance, Jeremiah's Inn, Evergreen House, Interfaith Hospitality Network, Abby's House, The Bridge (various locations in Massachusetts), Advocates, Friendly House, and Our Fathers' House - Fitchburg.

RESULTS Sample Low-Income Properties

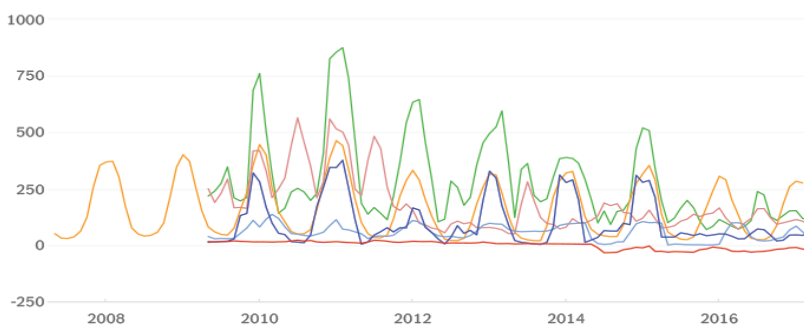
Number of current agencies enrolled: **12**
Number of member sites: **30**

Total energy use in BTU per square foot

PROPERTY 1

Name	Full-Year Sum	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Apt. 4 Electric #1296..	49.4k	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Gas #10335860069	48.2k	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Apt. 2 Electric #0050..	40.7k	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Apt. 1 Electric #8780..	18.1k	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Apt. 3 Electric #0050..	15.7k	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Water #240346000	Not included in total reports	
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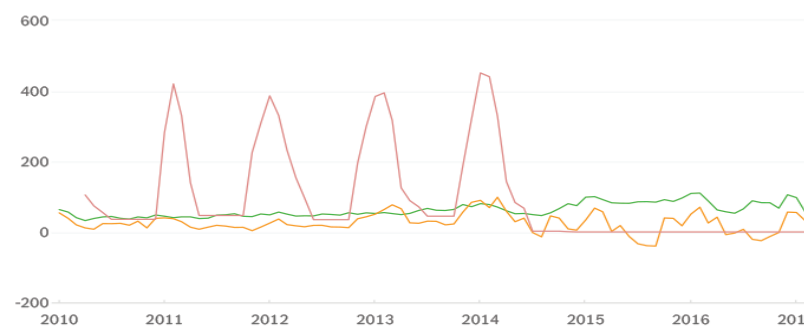
Detailed data per month



PROPERTY 3

Name	Full-Year Sum	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electric #382536002..	26.1k	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electric #257769402..	4.85k	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Oil #231236	0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Detailed data per month



A group of board members, residents, volunteers and staff at Congregate site #1



Congressman James McGovern's Farm tour where he learned about the Farm's energy and gray water system



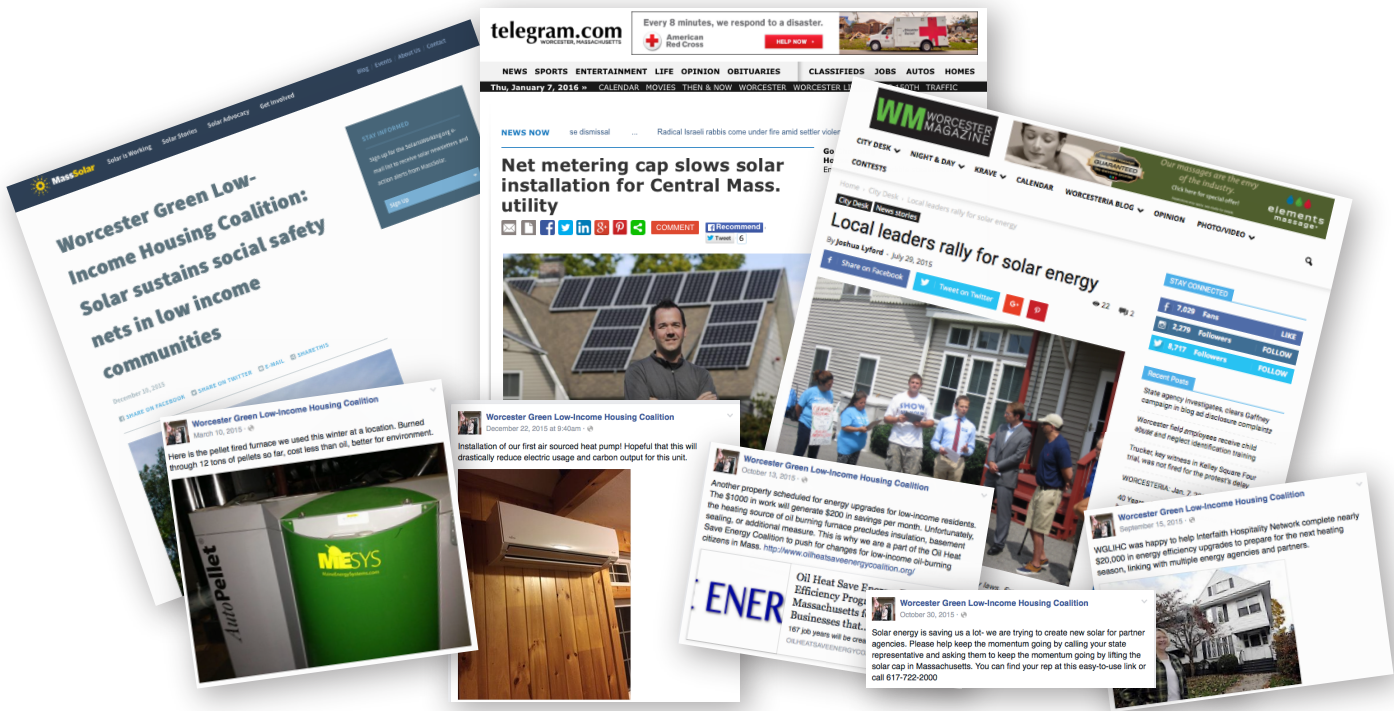
Congressman McGovern at Westborough Farmers Market with the Farm that participated in the pilot project



At left, Replacing Jeremiahs Inn heating system.



Erin and Karin with the sink positive system.



ADVOCACY

- Initiative staff served on the steering committee of the Governors Affordable Access to Clean Energy Initiative, helping to draft a blueprint for green energy in Massachusetts.

- Staff also presented their model for low-income energy affordability to the HUD National Renew 300 Conference, showcasing how our model of investing in solar and energy efficiency create savings and less carbon output for low-income housing providers.

- GLIHC works with Foundation for Metrowest to pilot the Massachusetts Gray Water initiative, a project which aims to demonstrate and advocate for gray water and recycled water efficiency programming to help low-income energy programs lower costs for low-income people, and to preserve our rivers and water.

- CGLIHC staff wrote and published editorials on the removing the current solar caps preventing the development and expansion of solar for low-income people

- CGLIHC hosted a solar tour with statewide advocates to showcase the installations and push for better solar measures statewide.

- CGLIHC partners with Environment Massachusetts and others to advocate for a 100% Renewable energy future in Massachusetts, hosting the state's first 100% Renewable Roundtable with engineers, legislators, architects, advocates, low-income housing, and energy companies.