

Select History of Rental Energy Efficiency in Columbia

2011 - Council hears a report suggesting a pilot program to collect non-City utility information on participating rental properties and display the data on a map on the City website.

2012 - Students from the Truman School of Public Affairs present a Capstone project report to the Environment and Energy Commission.

2014 - Following Council approval, the City of Columbia published a map displaying water and electricity usage for registered rental properties.

2016 - Multiple departments and commissions from the City of Columbia held a Rental Energy Efficiency Forum at City Hall.

2017 - The Environment and Energy Commission presented a Rental Energy Efficiency Report to the City Council.

2018 - Through the Urban Sustainability Directors Network, Staff from the Housing Division, City of Columbia Utilities, Office of Neighborhood Services and the Office of Sustainability participated in a rental energy efficiency standards training with Rocky Mountain Institute and peer cities.

2019 - With grant funding from the Urban Sustainability Directors Network, Staff from City of Columbia Utilities, Office of Neighborhood Services and the Office of Sustainability participated in a rental energy efficiency peer exchange workshop and training with colleagues from Ann Arbor, MI, Dearborn MI, Denver CO, Seattle WA, Somerville MA, Cambridge MA.

2019 - Stakeholder conversations Columbia Housing Authority, Columbia Board of Realtors, Columbia Apartment Association. Staff from City of Columbia Utilities, Office of Neighborhood Services and the Office of Sustainability initiate conversations about rental energy efficiency, related policies, incentives, processes.

2019 - Case Study of HPwES in Rental Properties - Utility Services Division develops a case study examining the impact of the Home Performance with Energy Star program on rental properties.

2019 - The Safe Healthy Affordable Housing group of the Community Health Improvement Plan works to advance the state of rental energy efficiency. Members include City and County Staff, local community organizations, Commission liaisons, Columbia Board of Realtor members, Columbia Apartment Association members.

2020-2022 Healthy Housing CAAP Team made up of members of City of Columbia Utilities, Office of Neighborhood Services, Public Health and Human Services, Office of Sustainability, Columbia Fire Department, work to implement the transition of the Home Energy Score process be more accessible.

2021 The Climate and Environment Commission presented a report to City Council Detailing the benefit of improving the accessibility of Home Energy Scores.