



# Residential Utility Billing Program

U.S. Army & Lend Lease Experiences in Saving Energy Through Behavior





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# Resident Responsibility Program History



- DOD Mandated Program (1996) to:
  - Hold Residents Responsible for their Energy Usage
  - Achieve a 20% Reduction in Energy Consumption
- Across the Army, most privatized communities either:
  - Send Mock or No Charge Statements
  - Provide Credits to Residents Below Average and Charge Residents for their Consumption Above Average
- All homes are metered for gas & electric
- SYNERGY (Saving Your Nation's Energy, Conserving Our Resources) Rewards
  - a web-based program that rewards families with conservation credits for conserving energy



# Resident Responsibility Program History



1998

OSD established mandatory privatization utility policy Apr 2003

Initial Army Utility Policy Implementation Workshop Jan 2004

Implementation Session with sites / partners - FHFH part of 5 project pilot Sep 2006

Official rollout of Army Resident Responsibility for Utilities Program Mar 2007

Program policy update

Aug 2008

Program policy update Apr 2010

Rebranded to RCI Energy Conservation Program (RECP), aka, "Live Army Green"





- Saving Your Nation's Energy, Conserving Our Resources
- Web-based program that rewards families with conservation credits for conserving energy
- The SYNERGY Rewards program is designed to educate residents and encourage a whole-family approach to achieving conservation.





# **SYNERGY: Saving Your Nation's Energy**

Residents Earn Conservation Credits for

- Below Average Consumption
- Reducing their Consumption

Redeem Credits for Popular Merchandise

## **Earn Additional Credits by:**

- Conducting Home Energy Audit
- Attending Energy Conservation Workshop
- Kids Energy Conservation Education Activities
- Super Savers







# SYNERGY: Two Ways to Earn Credits



# Earn Credits Compared to Peers:

 With energy consumption below average compared to peers' household energy

# Earn Credits with Electricity and Natural Gas Reductions

- Residents who use above average energy can earn credits by lowering their consumption level
- Residents who already conserve energy get benefits and have incentive to conserve further

# As energy prices fluctuate, credits retain their value

- With credits based on saving energy, not on saving money
- Positive approach to encourage conservation





Questions Regarding This Statement?

Phone: 877-530-7373

Hours: 8:00 AM TO 5:00 PM M-F (CST)

Service Address

ddress 3 Edsel Street Fort Drum, NY 13603

Account No.:

00004042-02

Resident:

Conservation Credits Earned this Period:

Fort Drum NY 13603-3045

Credit Balance as of 1/12/2015:

Statement Date:

Statement No.:

0

1/13/2015

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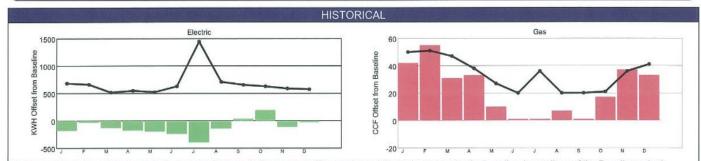
Had you activated your SYNERGY Rewards account, you would have earned Conservation Credits this month. Activate by the 25th of the month to receive your credits, PLUS 150 bonus credits by visiting http://synergyrewards.fortdrummch.com

METER INFORMATION									
ID	Service Period	Days	Meter No.	Mult.	Units	Present	Previous	Usage	Billing Threshold
EL	11/25/2014-12/25/2014	30	2668206.1	1	kWh	12976	12049	927	1531
GS	11/25/2014-12/25/2014	30	2665495.1	1	therms	1393	1272	121	129

CURRENT UTILITY REWARDS EARNED							
ID	Description	Usage	Average Usage of Similar Homes/Baseline	Relative Difference	<b>Energy Credits Earned</b>		
EL	ELECTRIC	kWh	956	-29	21		
GS	GAS	therms	88	33	0		

#### CONSERVATION CORNER

You can save around 5% to 15% a year on your heating bills by setting your thermostat back between 10 to 15 degrees for at least 8 hours during the winter months. This is made possible with programmable thermostats! The best times to lower the temperature in your home during the winter months are while you are sleeping, or when no one is at home. The closer you can comfortably get your inside temperature to the outside temperature, the lower your energy usage will be. This is also true for the summer months when using the air conditioning.



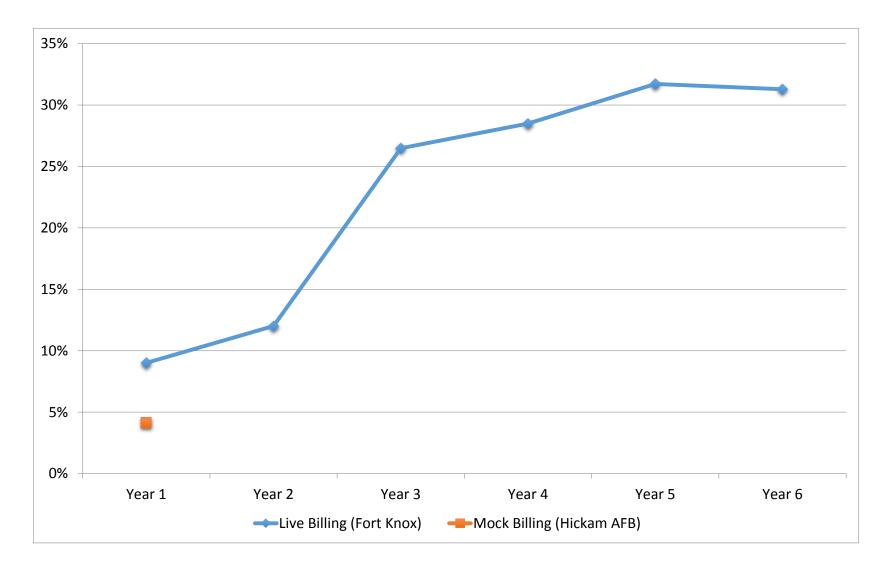
The **Baseline** is the average usage for homes that are similar to yours. The zero on each graph represents the baseline (regardless of the Baseline value) and the bars represent the amount of energy consumed that is above or below the Baseline on a monthly basis. The amount of Reward points earned are based on 1) the difference between the actual usage and baseline (actual minus Baseline) and 2) conservation habits. **The Threshold** represents the uppermost 2.5% (two standard deviations above the baseline) of usage for homes similar to yours. Meeting or exceeding the Threshold will result in receipt of Excess Use invoice for all usage above the baseline for the statement period.

Account No.	Statement No.	Statement Date		
00004042-02	4042021214	1/13/2015		



# Mock and Live Billing









# Building Energy Management System (BEMS)

- Provides the platform to have 100% of residents active in Synergy. Our current enrollment is 65%.
- Utilizes existing synergy statements data and provide real time feedback to resident thus maximizing the credits obtained.
- Provides opportunity for daily communication on Synergy redemption opportunities thus increasing the rewards for our residents.
- Provides 100% of thermostats programmed.
- Allow residents with shared boiler systems to understand their gas consumption and provide opportunity to gain Synergy credits.
- Gives residents real time feedback on baselines, profiles and billing thresholds. Greater understanding = Motivation for behavior change.





# Building Energy Management System (BEMS)

#### In Home Dashboard

- Residents can track usage &
- make adjustments to daily activities to increase energy savings

SHOWCASE HOM	E			
My SYNERGY			My SYN	ERGY
My SYNERGY Score	96	%		
My SYNERGY Mode	TRUE			Force value
Control All Lights	FALSE			Force value
My Home Energy Cost (\$)	135.082			
Main Electrical Supply Amps L1	12.695	A		
Main Electrical Supply Amps L2	8.864	A		
Main Electrical Supply Demand	0.413	KW		
Main Electrical Consumption	442.893	KWH		
Lights Off Time Delay	2			Force value
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# Building Energy Management System (BEMS)

#### 156 Safi Rd - SYNERGY Score

### **Usage Scorecard**

 The SYNERGY Score helps to create competition and drive community level conservation.







- Over 70K RCI homes (87%) now in live or mock billing (41 of 44 RCI Projects)
- Army RCI Cumulative savings over \$60M to date funds reinvested into projects to add/maintain homes and to improve quality of life
- Lend Lease homes have achieved 15-23% average reduction in energy usage over the program life
- Typical Statement Distribution:





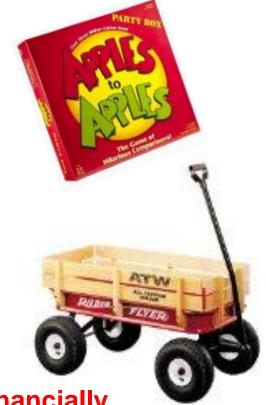
# Extra Slides



# **Peers determined by Profiles**

Homes of same:

- Size
- Age
- Floor plan
- Position within building,
- Heating/air conditioning systems



\*The highest users (approx. top 3%) will be held financially responsible for their energy consumption



## **Programs in place to Engage Residents**

- RSC's at sign in and then follow-up a week after move-in.
- Quarterly Utility Workshops
  - Personalized invites to high energy users and new residents.
- Home Energy Audits (Resident Request)
- Synergy presence at all major resident functions
  - Earth Day Drawing for Washer / Dryer among 12 super saver winners.
- Extreme XS User emailing's
- Social Media (newsletter, facebook, synergy website)









- High Resident Turnover
  - Logistics of handling move overs and maintaining resident credits.
  - Ensuring new residents get adequate program training upfront and follow-up from community center staff.
- Difficult to quantify gas savings in Legacy product due to shared boiler systems and aging HVAC systems.
- Enduring low occupancy period difficult to maintain target active residents.



- Billing program commenced in January 2013.
- Excess use calculated as consumption > than 2 sigma > than baseline.
- Billing amount calculated as consumption minus baseline multiplied by utility rate set by the DPW.



# Compare kBtu / Sq. Ft Wx Corrected Data

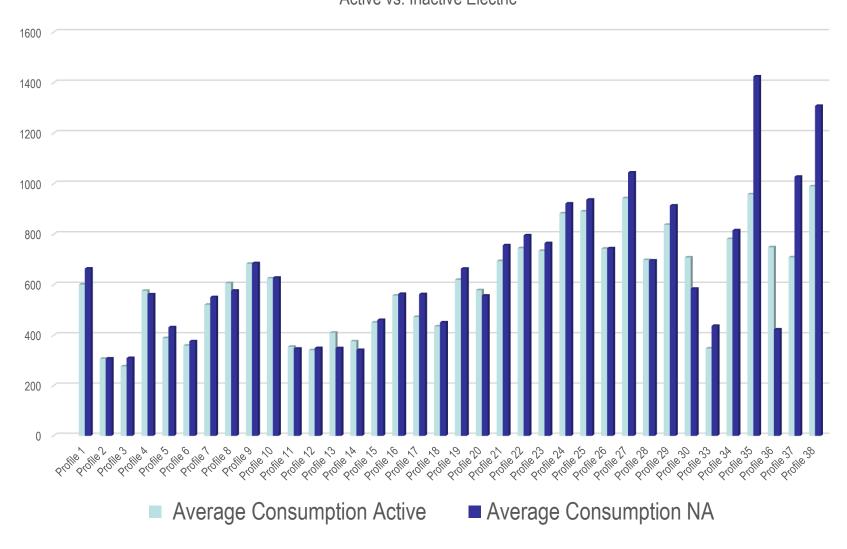
0	Legacy Electric:	2011 16.558	2012 <b>16.510</b>	2013* 14.995	2014 13.702	Actual Reduction 17.25%
0	Legacy Gas:	55.997	60.759	62.373	61.944	10.6 % increase *
0	New Electric:	19.351	18.964	18.208	17.583	9.1 %
0	New Gas:	41.531	42.800	40.059	40.882	1.5%

#### Notes:

- 1. 2013 was the start of live resident billing.
- 2. Legacy Gas trends can be contributed to shared boiler systems, leaky homes and aged HVAC equipment. These numbers support the impact of the Green Retro project.
- 3. New Gas uptick in CY 2014 may be attributed to aging equipment, and a poor regression correlation due to polar vortex.



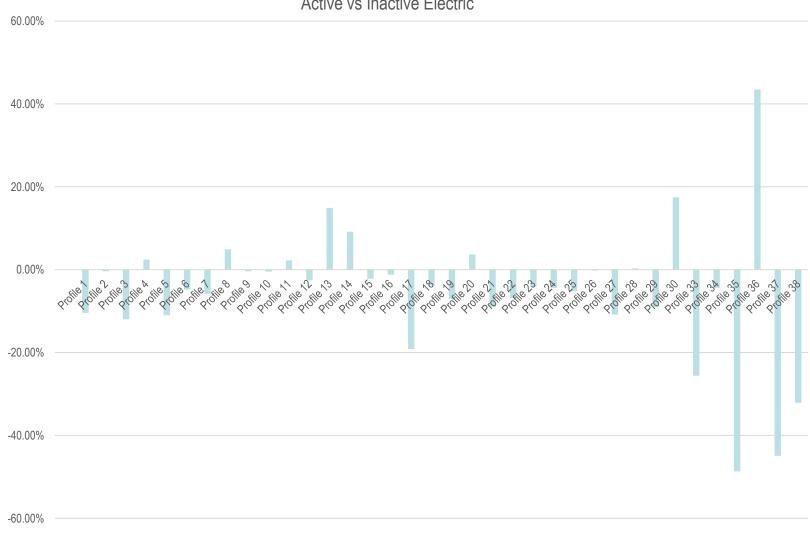
#### Active vs. Inactive Electric





# Fort Drum Data

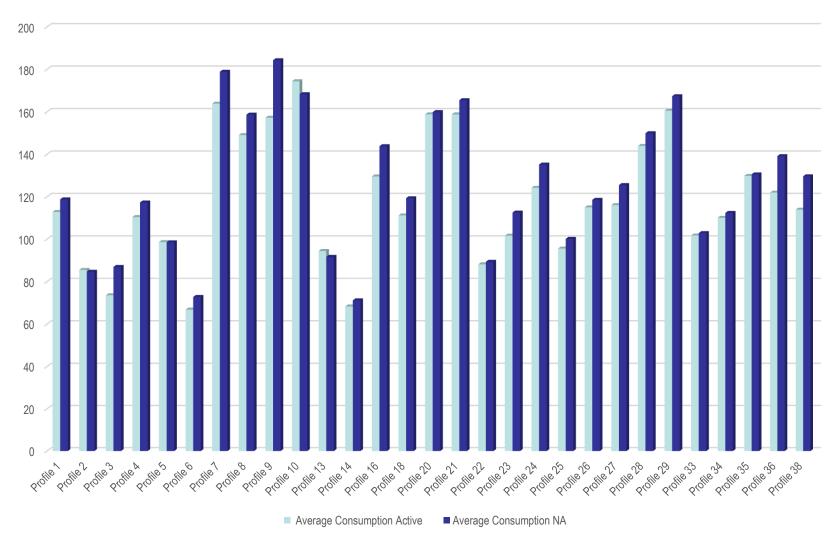






# Fort Drum Data

Active vs. Inactive Gas

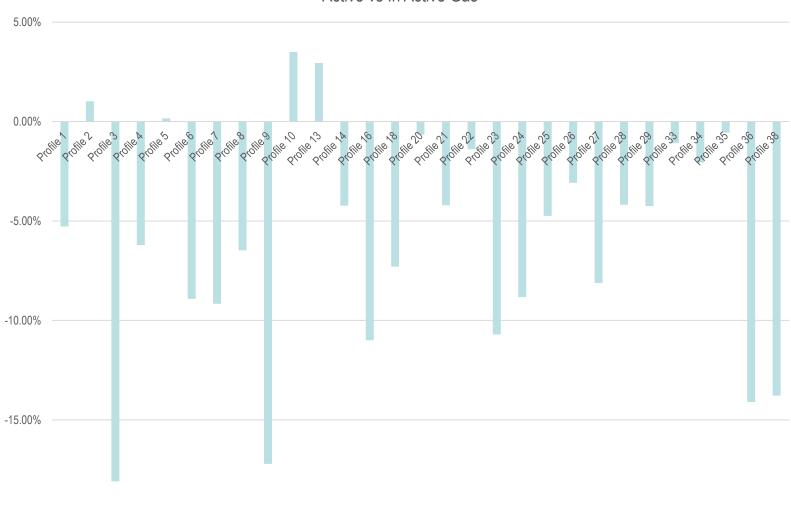




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# Fort Drum Data

#### Active vs In Active Gas





### **Fort Drum Utility Infrastructure Facts**

- Electric meters call in every 2 hours and Gas meters every 12 hours.
- Consumption data transferred to Web via cellular service with Verizon.
- Resident utility statements run from the 25th of each month.
- Resident bills and statements mailed separately arrive at residence second week of following month.
- 100% resident homes equipped with programmable thermostats.

#### Issues

- Takes 30 45 days for a resident to understand they have a consumption issue.
- A large majority of residents do not program their thermostat
- Residents do not understand the profiles, baselines and billing thresholds and thus are blind to making changes to start earning credits.
- Residents with shared boiler systems don't know their gas consumption



# Questions?