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Scott, Chris, Russ -

As you know, we at MHO have pursued "stretch" green building goals when feasible in our tax credit developments, including achieving LEED Gold on Glen Rock Depot, and installing solar PV and hot water across several of our properties.

We appreciate NCHFA's commitment to baseline energy efficiency criteria in the QAP, and were pleased to hear that NCHFA will be updating the QAP to more current energy or green building standards. It will create affordable housing that is better for residents, property managers, and the surrounding community. **We strongly recommend NCHFA to select a recognized third-party energy or green building program.** Examples of reputable national programs include Enterprise Green Communities, NGBS Green, and LEED. Third-party programs are familiar to the affordable housing industry and provide other benefits, like training, technical assistance and quality assurance. This approach will reduce NCHFA staff time commitment and align North Carolina with surrounding states.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions about this recommendation.

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