



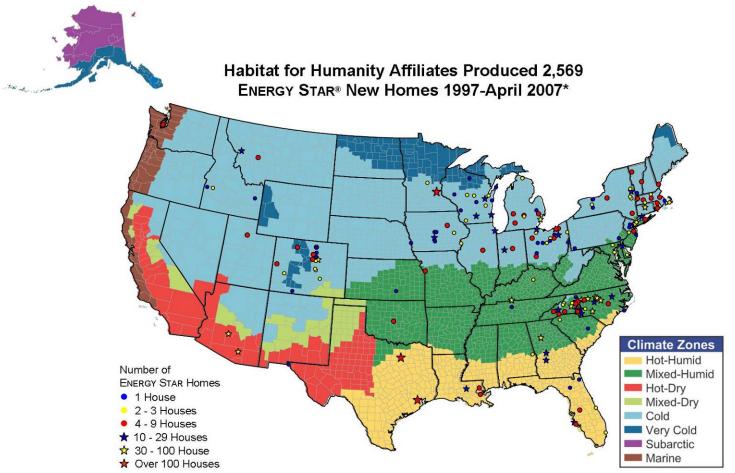
Research Toward Zero Energy Homes

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## Habitat Energy Stars Shine

In the late 1990's, Habitat International made Energy Star construction a "Best Practice" for its domestic affiliates. Based on the national registry kept by the EPA Energy Star New Homes program, 178 Habitat affiliates have built at least one Energy Star home. Together these affiliates have built more than 2,500 Energy Star homes (see map below.) Monthly energy savings translate into improved cash flow for Habitat home owners.

Many of these affiliates have received technical assistance from the U.S. Department of Energy's Building America program, a public-private partnership that brings builders and building scientists together in pursuit of high performance housing. Through the Building America-Habitat partnership, formed in 1995, Habitat affiliates gain access to technical assistance as well as training opportunities at Habitat conferences and workshops.



Data Source: Environmental Protection Agency, ENERGY STAR New Homes Program. May 1, 2007. Map produced by U.S. Department of Energy Building America program <a href="https://www.builingamerica.gov">www.builingamerica.gov</a> \*Map includes only homes officially registered with the ENERGY STAR New Homes program.

