

# The Art and Science of Appraising Green Buildings

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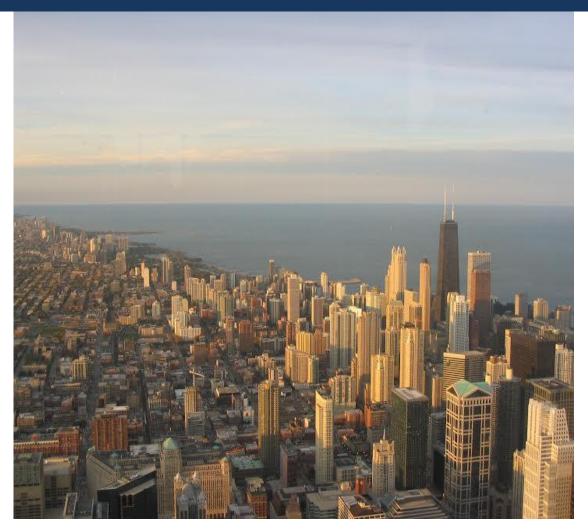
## Better Buildings Summit: Valuing Energy Efficiency

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### Beyond the Empire State Building



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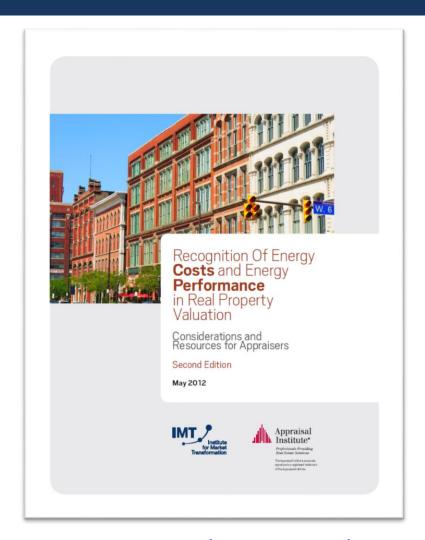
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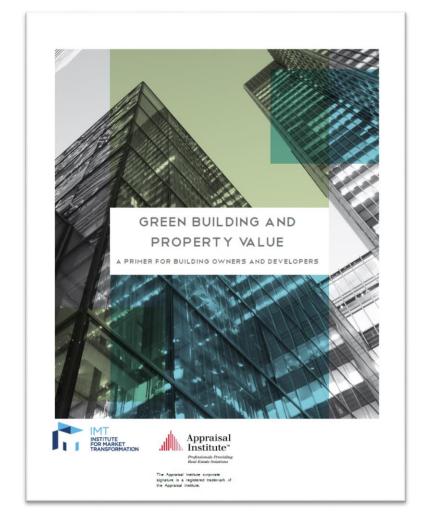






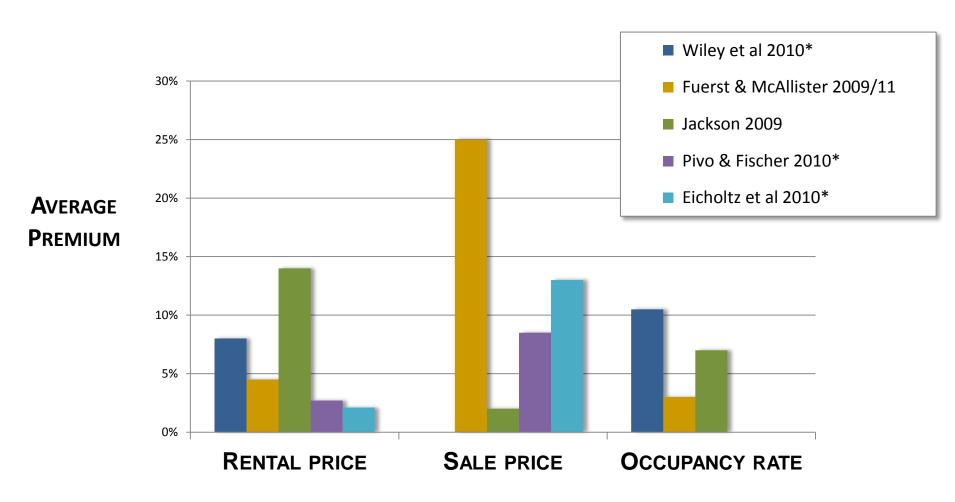
#### Valuing High-Performance Buildings





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### Financial Benefits of High-Performance Buildings



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## Commercial Building Appraisals





### Connecticut Green Bank Attract and Deploy Capital



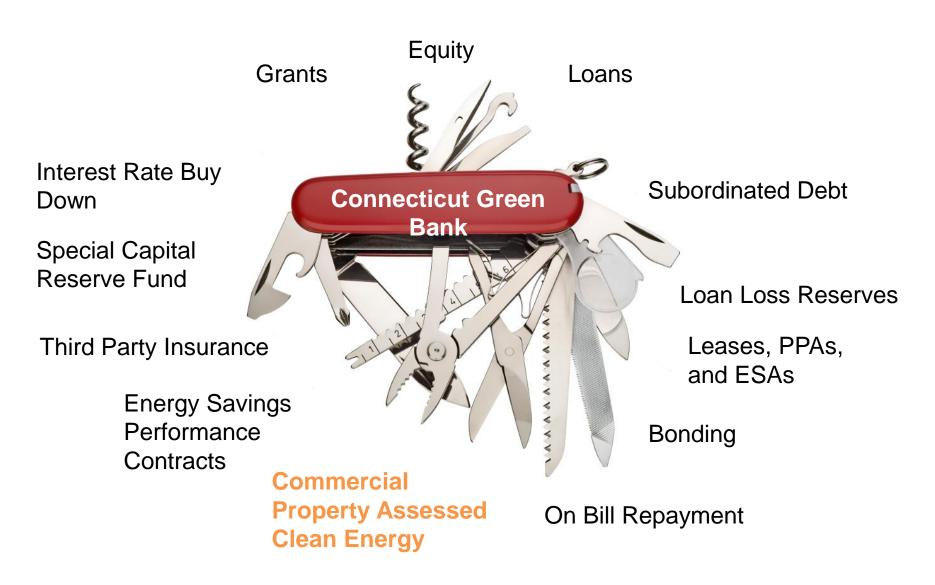
Attract and deploy capital to finance the clean energy goals for Connecticut

Increase the attractiveness to capital providers

Increase the attractiveness to consumers

#### **Green Bank Financial Tools**





### Context: C-PACE Financing



100% financing for energy efficiency or clean energy upgrades.

Using money saved on energy bills, the building owner repays C-PACE financing through an annual benefit assessment charge on the building's property tax bill.

With additional savings to spare, property owners enjoy increased cash-flow while their building is improved.

#### Valuation Challenge



Security of senior lien means underlying property value most important financial underwriting criteria

#### C-PACE calls for:

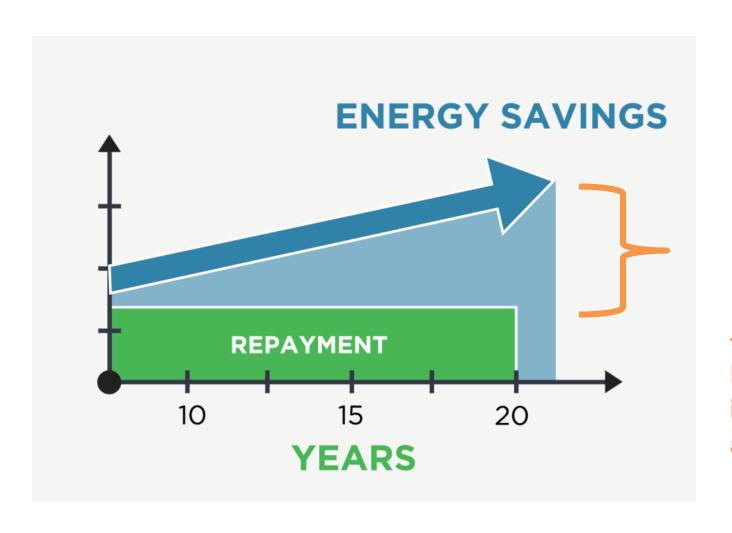
- Max 80% LTV
- Max 35% LiTV (lien to value)

#### Both are often exceeded

- Commercial real estate highly leveraged
- Industrial properties need renewable energy (expensive); most of their asset value is in equipment, not real estate

#### Incremental increase in asset value







Cap rate =Incrementalincrease inasset value

#### Valuation Challenge



#### Example 1:

Precision manufacturer has secured mortgage with national commercial bank at 90% appraised value. Seeks C-PACE financing for 1 MW solar PV facility. Existing mortgage lender orders new, 'as complete' appraisal. Solar increases 'as is' estimate by **30%** 

#### Example 2:

Existing industrial/office space refinances mortgage with regional commercial bank. Seeks C-PACE financing for 250 kW solar PV facility. Existing mortgage lender orders, 'as complete' appraisal. Solar increases 'as is' estimate by nearly **50%** 

Big change in asset value but no clear methodology



## Thank you!

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