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Chris and Russ, I am very happy to hear that NCHFA will be updating the QAP to more current energy or green building standards. As a Green Rater/Verifier working predominately in the Southeast, I find it hard to believe that North Carolina doesn't have this included yet while Georgia and South Carolina do.

Now is the time for 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 and regional programs include EarthCraft, 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.

Have a great weekend!

Thanks,

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