Environment and Energy Committee Meeting Invitation ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager and Other Tools for Energy Benchmarking July 16, 2024, 9:30-11 a.m., virtual on Zoom

<u>ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager</u> is a free U.S. EPA online tool that organizations can use to measure and track energy performance in buildings with the aim of improving energy efficiency. The Portfolio Manager helps local governments or businesses with **benchmarking**, which means measuring and comparing a building's energy use to similar buildings, past consumption, or a reference performance level. The secure platform also allows jurisdictions to assess water and waste/materials consumption.

ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager is undergoing the <u>most comprehensive upgrade to Portfolio</u> <u>Manager</u> in 10 years, which is made possible by Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) funding. The U.S. EPA is <u>gathering input</u> from stakeholders on the current Portfolio Manager and will continue to seek feedback as it rolls out new features during the next few years.

Join us at this meeting to find out more about ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager, available training on the tool, and offer your input on the proposed improvements. We will also learn about the <u>BEAM (Building Energy Analysis Manager) tool</u>.

Meeting Details

Topic: ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager and Other Resources for Energy Benchmarking
Date: Tuesday, July 16
Time: 9:30-11 a.m.
Register: Please register in advance for the Zoom meeting with the link that was sent to Committee members.

Benchmarking energy consumption for municipal buildings through ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager is a good start to community energy management.

To extend benefits of energy benchmarking to other buildings, a community may adopt a benchmarking ordinance, which requires owners of certain buildings to report how much energy the buildings consumed.

Still more energy savings benefits can be derived from **Building Performance Standards (BPS)**, which build on benchmarking ordinances by setting both interim and long-term targets for reducing energy use in those buildings. Municipalities may receive free technical assistance by joining a cohort or getting involved in our <u>Advanced Building Energy Efficiency Policies (ABEEP)</u> <u>Task Force</u>.

Partners will also discuss opportunities to receive technical assistance, support, and free access to platforms that help with implementing BPS, including the <u>BEAM (Building Energy Analysis</u> <u>Manager) tool</u>.

<u>Greenest Region Compact</u> goals and objectives: Reduce energy consumption. Track and benchmark energy consumption through ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager. Use energy for buildings and facilities efficiently. Achieve ENERGY STAR certification for your municipal buildings.

<u>Climate Action Plan</u>: Optimize building energy. Implement clean energy policies. Engage property owners to optimize building efficiency. Support benchmarking and building performance standards to optimize energy efficiency. Manage water and waste sustainably.