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# ***Salazar Architect Inc.***

***Discovering a Prototypical  
Sustainable Design Process***

Energy Trust of Oregon Net-Zero Emerging Leader: Emily Waldinger

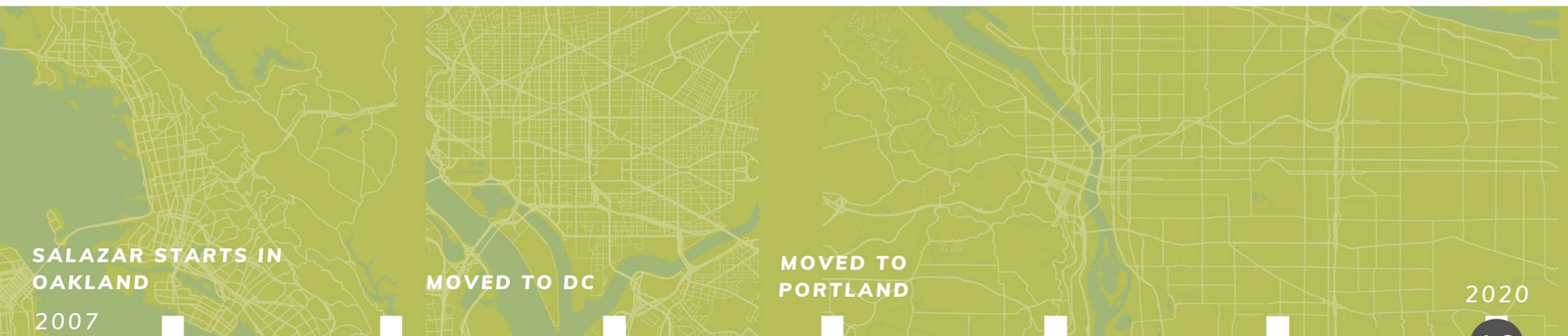




The background features a collage of architectural drawings and photographs. On the left, there are photos of a modern building facade and a person walking. In the center, there are several architectural diagrams and site plans. On the right, there is a detailed site plan with numbered callouts. The text is overlaid on a dark, semi-transparent rectangular area.

**Salazar Architect Inc.** creates high-impact **public interest architecture** through thoughtful client, resident and **community involvement**, innovative design and creative interiors. **Environmental stewardship, economic stability** and **social empowerment** are integrated concepts and by being responsive to these needs we design unique, meaningful places that are **rich in architectural character and affordable to build.**





**SALAZAR STARTS IN OAKLAND**

2007

**MOVED TO DC**

**MOVED TO PORTLAND**

2020

**1**  
**FIRM SIZE**

Wood Street  
Fox Courts  
Oak to 9th

Fruitvale Gateway  
Kenneth Henry Courts  
Yosemite Village

Zygmunt Arendt

CHP  
Headquarters

**3**

Keller Plaza  
Highland 24

**2**

Westlake Terrace  
Liberty Garden  
Apartments

Vibrant!  
Kateri Park

Right 2  
Root

**4**

Cascadian Terrace  
Dos Rios Station

**11**

Heirloom  
Mutual on the Blvd  
Williams Plaza  
PSU RBD

Fourth Plain  
Mutual on 46th  
Small Homes NW  
Dahlke Manor  
Fountain Place  
AIA 2030  
COMMITMENT  
ETO NZEL

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# Firm Structure

Salazar Architect's staff are organized in three Design Labs, spending 10% of their time on activities that advance our firm's community-based mission.

- Design reviews of ongoing work
- Conferences / Trainings
- Invited Speakers
- Pro-Bono work (One+)

We coordinate the Design Labs and project staffing so that knowledge is holistically integrated into the design work that we do.

- Alex Salazar - Community Design Lab
- Jennifer Nye - Well-being Design Lab
- Matt Bokar - Sustainable Design Lab

## COMMUNITY DESIGN LAB

public interest • process  
not product • participatory •  
engaging • empowering •  
civil rights • equity



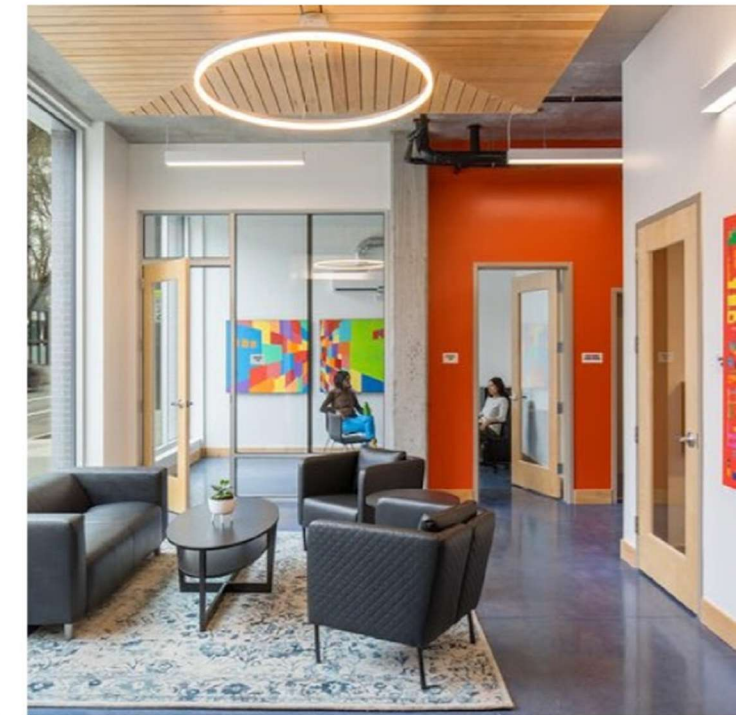
## WELL-BEING DESIGN LAB

community health • trauma  
informed • wellness •  
natural systems • biophilic

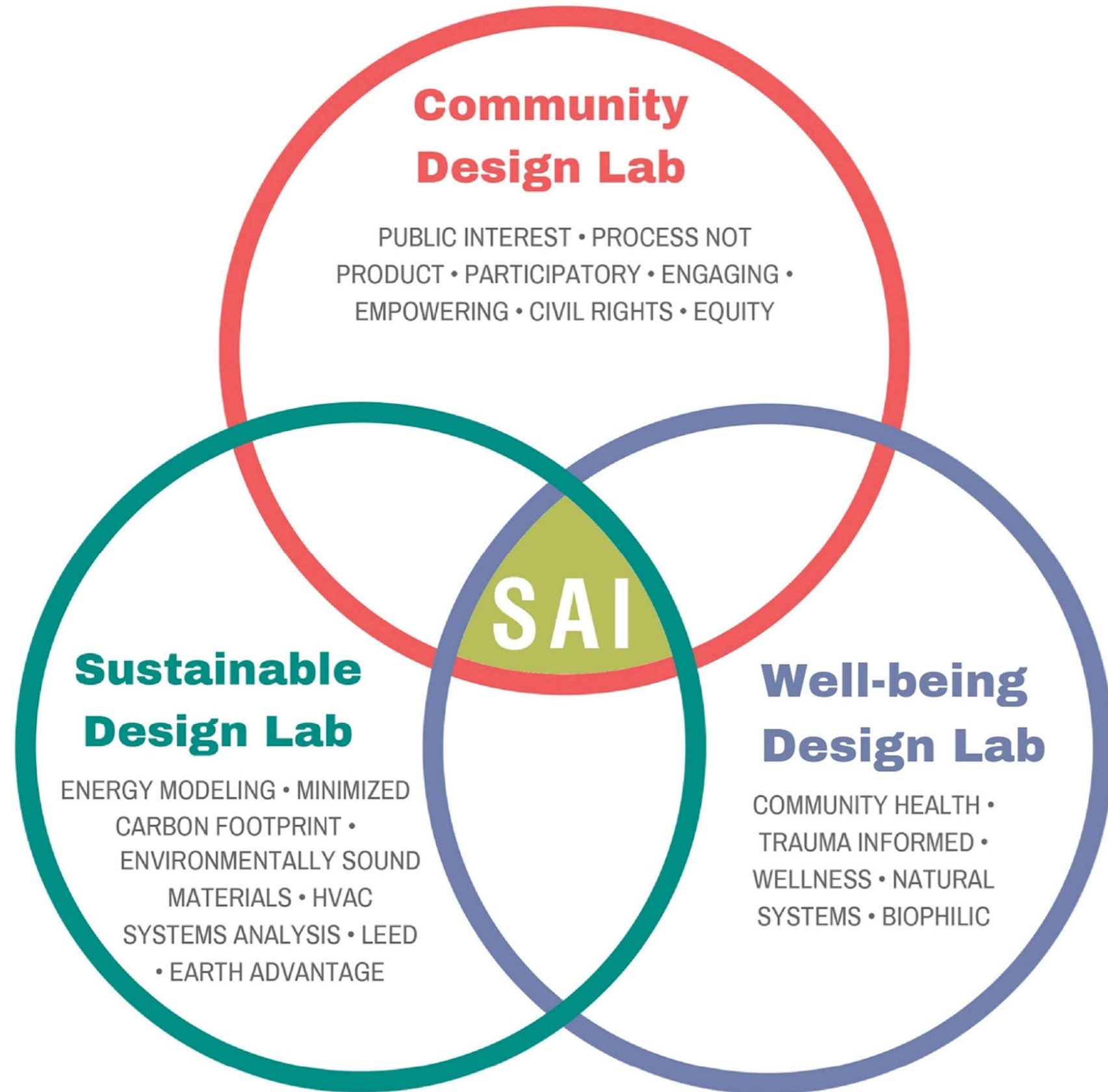


## SUSTAINABLE DESIGN LAB

energy modeling • minimized  
carbon footprint •  
environmentally sound  
materials • HVAC systems  
analysis • LEED • Earth  
Advantage

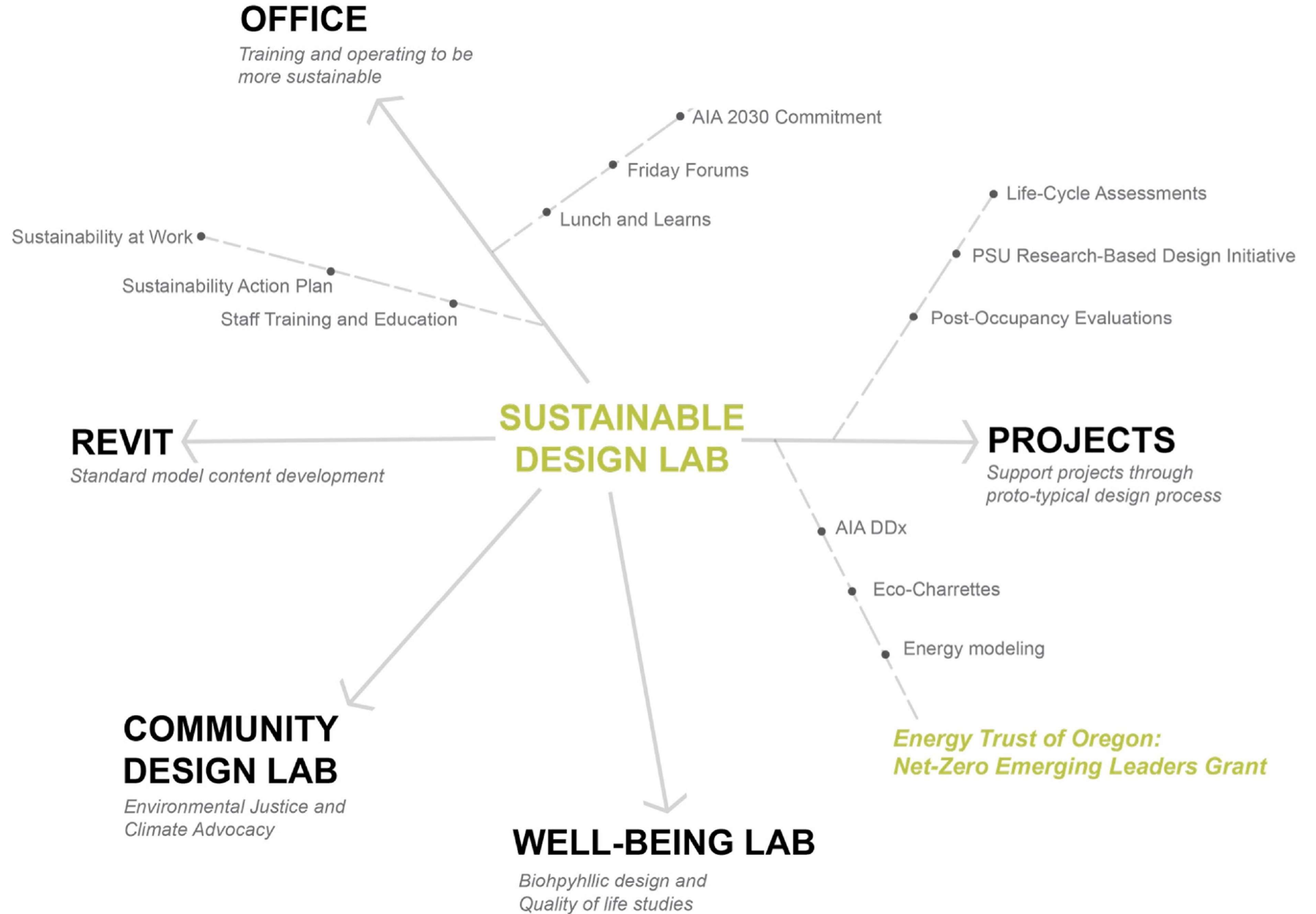








**Sustainable Design Lab  
Organizational Diagram**







# Energy Trust: Net-Zero Emerging Leaders Internship Scope

GETTING STARTED / FORMALIZING APPROACH

AIA DDX

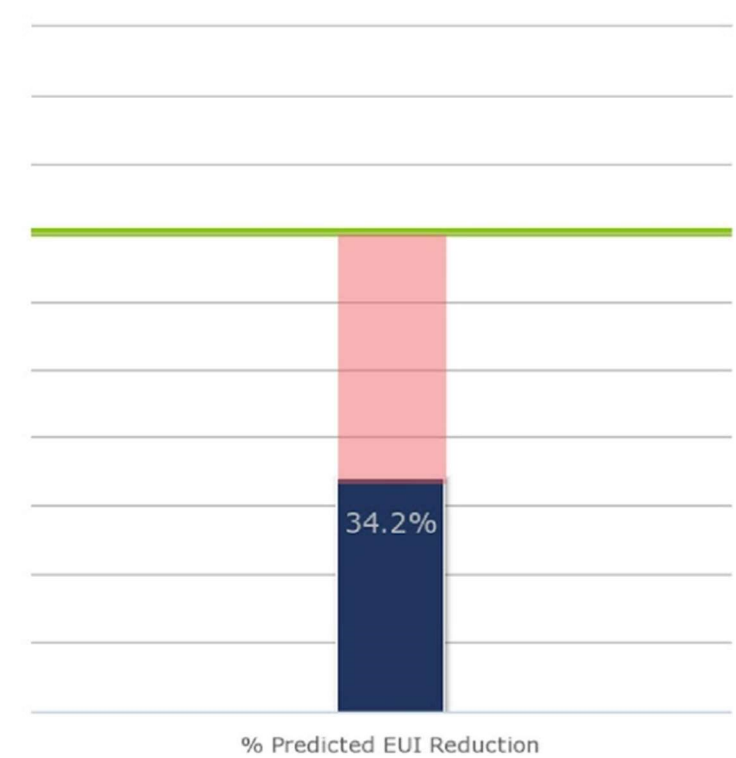
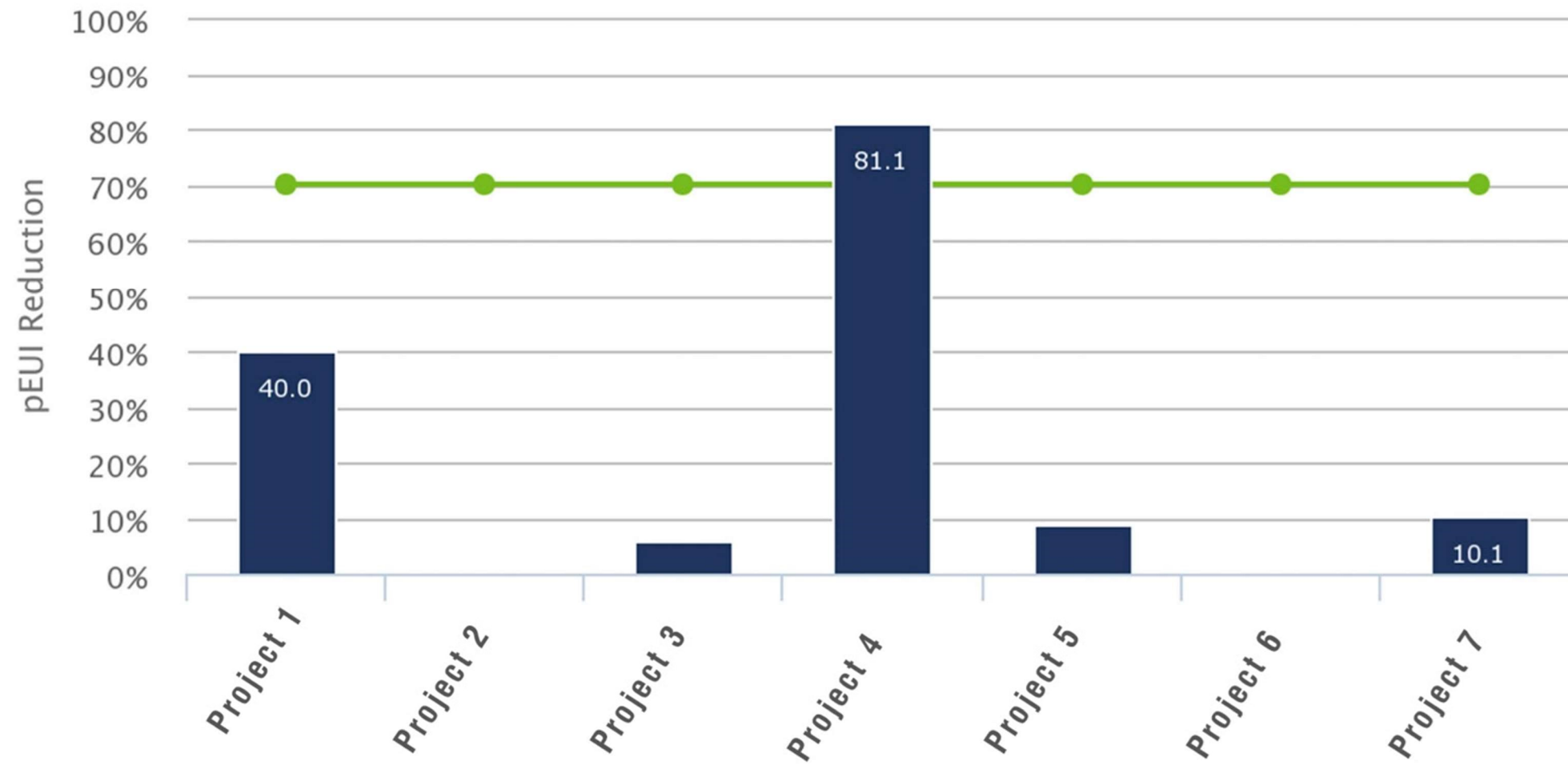
ENERGY MODELING

PROTO-TYPICAL  
DESIGN PROCESS



# AIA 2030 CHALLENGE: GETTING STARTED / WHERE ARE WE NOW?

## Firm: Project Types: Residential Mid/High Rise Projects



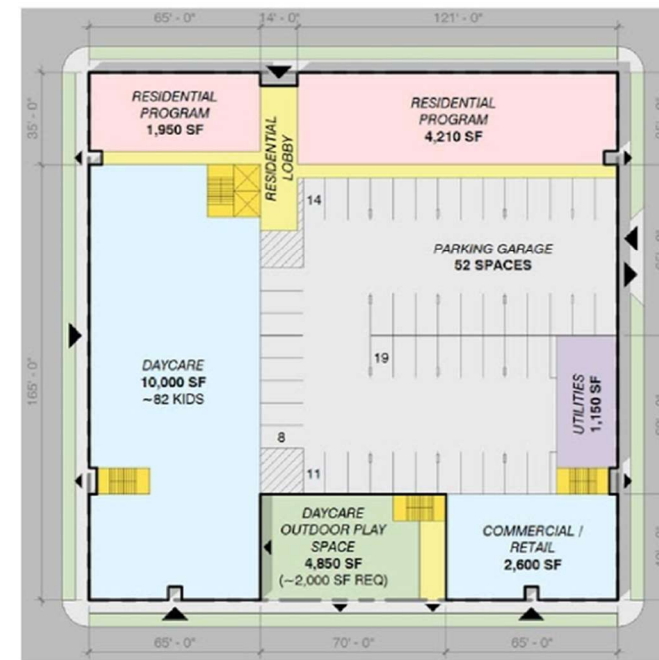
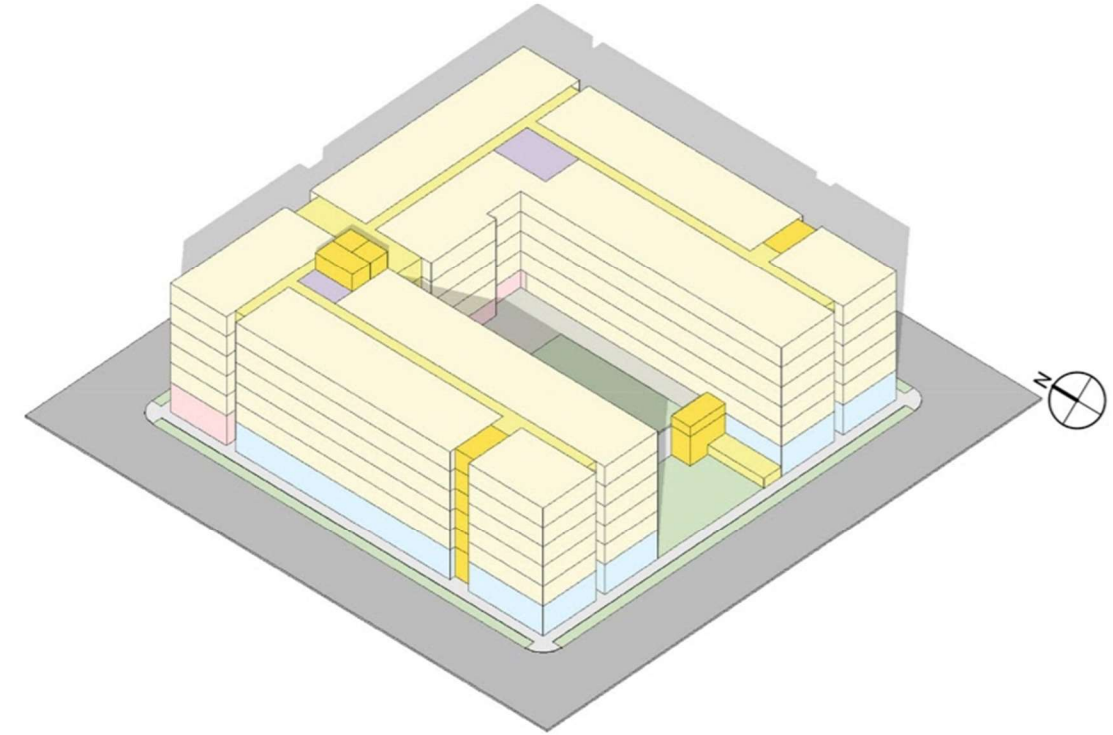
### Average Project EUI

- Firm performance today
- Delta between current performance and AIA 2030 Goals

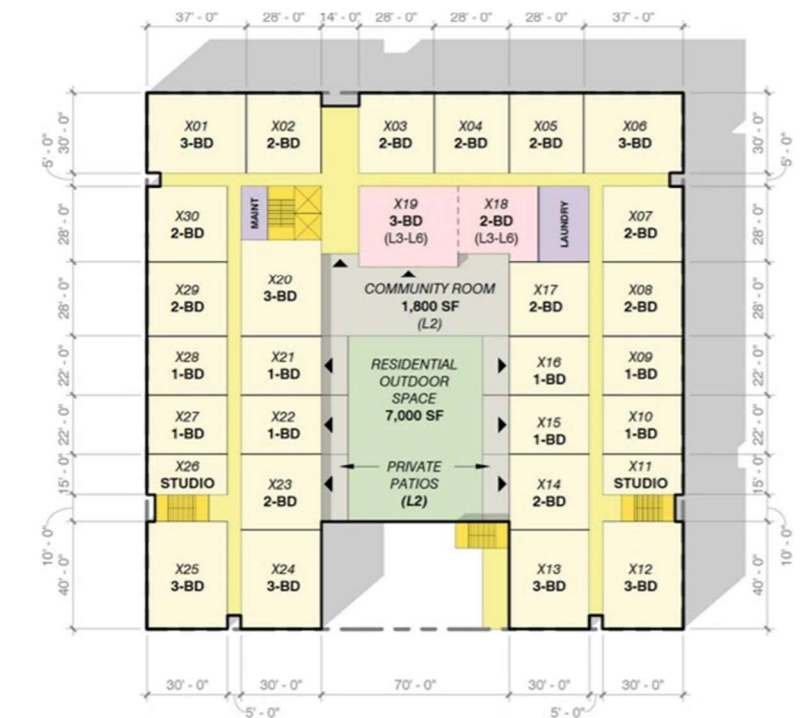


## Case Study: Mixed-use affordable housing

- Project Info :
  - podium, 5 over 1, child development center, parking garage, residential amenities, podium courtyard, small retail space
- Test how to integrate energy modeling in the Conceptual and Schematic Design Phase
- Energy Focused Design Process:
  - Internal project kickoff meeting to discuss opportunities to meet 2030 Goals
  - Eco-charrette with Sustainability Lab
  - Take mass models and ideas from Eco-charrette into Sketch-Up and Sefaira
  - Compare scenarios through energy modeling tools

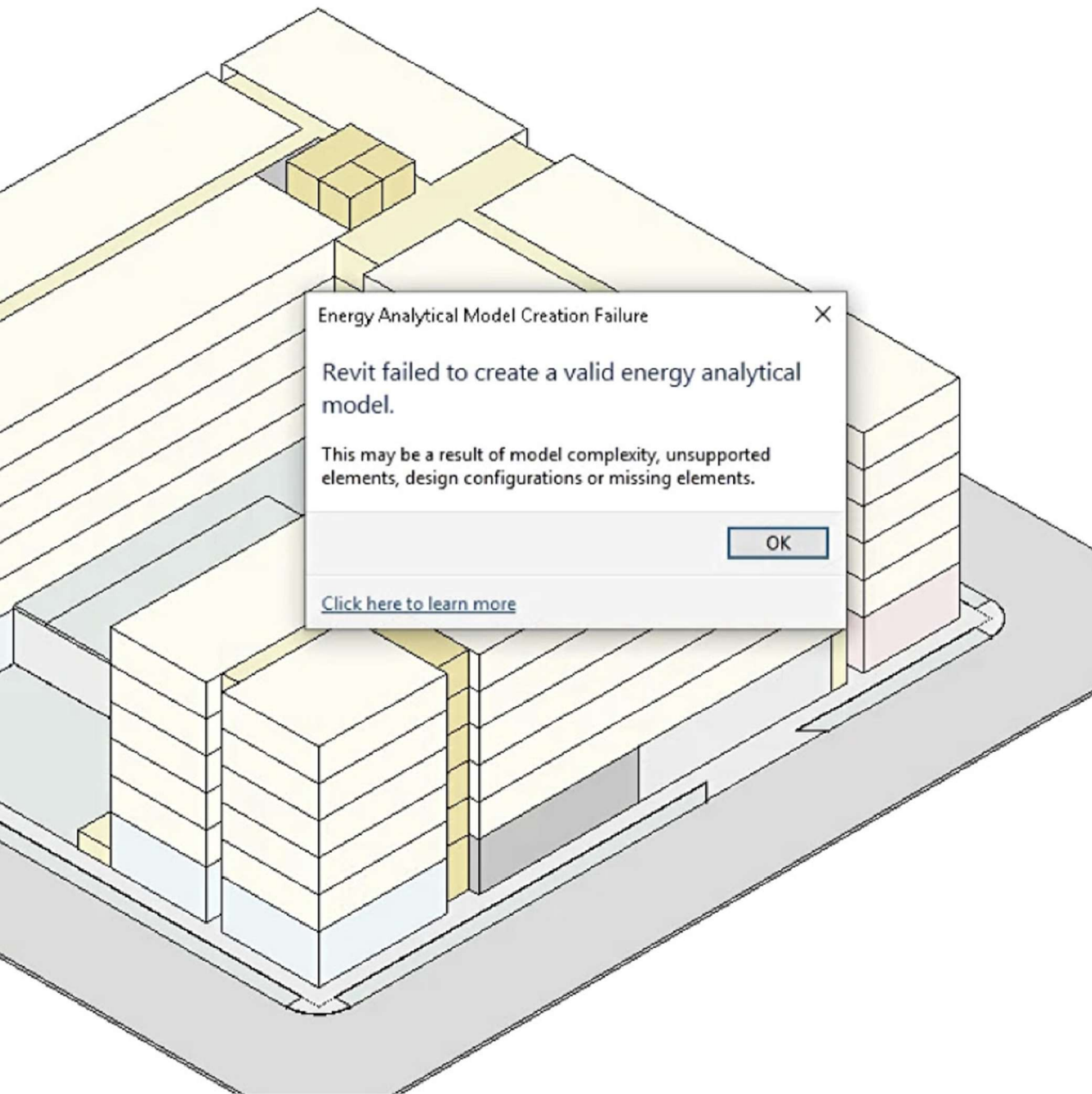


GROUND FLOOR PLAN



PODIUM LEVEL PLAN
















# Challenges

## Energy Modeling is messy

- Affordable housing programming constraints
  - Effectively modeling a complicated program
- Accounting for human behavior
- Integrating new systems that best fit into our current design process
- Sefaira and Insight 360 have different inputs and outputs
  - No perfect solution
  - Which modeling system works best?

Group of Baseline Concept & Baseline Concept HVA...		15,258 (cfm)	372.9 ton	18 kBTU/ft <sup>2</sup> /yr	\$175,753	
	<b>Baseline Concept</b> 193,820 ft <sup>2</sup> Clone Del Export Idf	HVAC System Type Fan Coil Units and Central Plant	7,629	166.2	18	\$87,186
	<b>Baseline Concept HV...</b> 193,820 ft <sup>2</sup> Clone	HVAC System Type Package Terminal AC (System 1)	7,629	206.7	18	\$88,567
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	Ext. Hallways Concept	Fan Coil Units and Central Plant	8,315	213.4	18	\$95,239
	Ext. Hallways HVAC test	Package Terminal AC	8,315	266.9	18	\$96,737
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	Balconies Concept	Fan Coil Units and Central Plant	8,017	166.4	17	\$90,786
	Balconies Concept HVAC t...	Package Terminal AC	8,017	207.0	18	\$92,079
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	Jagged Walls Concept	Fan Coil Units and Central Plant	2,850	88.1	19	\$34,405
	Jagged Walls Concept HV...	Package Terminal AC	2,850	130.7	20	\$34,953
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**Facade Glazing**

Assembly U-Value  BTU/h·ft<sup>2</sup>·°F

Solar Heat Gain Coefficient (SHGC)

**Walls**

Assembly Type

Assembly R-Value  ft<sup>2</sup>·h·°F/BTU

**Floors**

Floor Finish

Ground Floor R-Value  ft<sup>2</sup>·h·°F/BTU

**Infiltration**

Infiltration Type

Design Infiltration Rate  ACH

**Roof Glazing**

Assembly U-Value  BTU/h·ft<sup>2</sup>·°F

Solar Heat Gain Coefficient (SHGC)

**Roofs**

Roof Type


Roof R-value  ft<sup>2</sup>·h·°F/BTU

**Override Glazing Ratio** Turn on

Window to Wall Ratio

⚠ If this override is applied, the fixed glazing on your 3D model will be considered operable.

**Building Orientation**



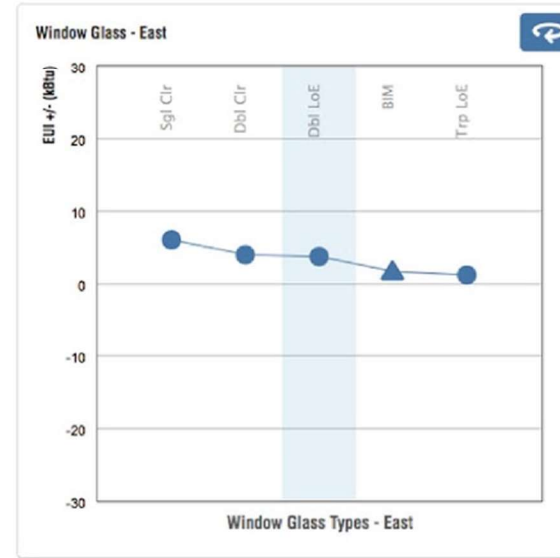
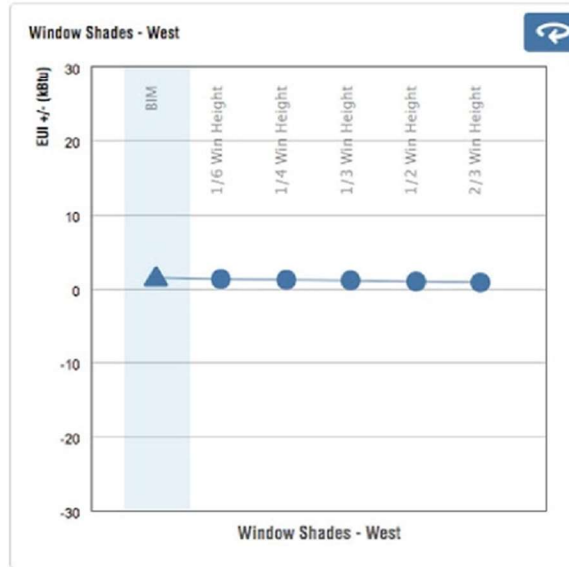
Building Rotation  °

# Case Study Project: Testing Sefaira in Conceptual Design



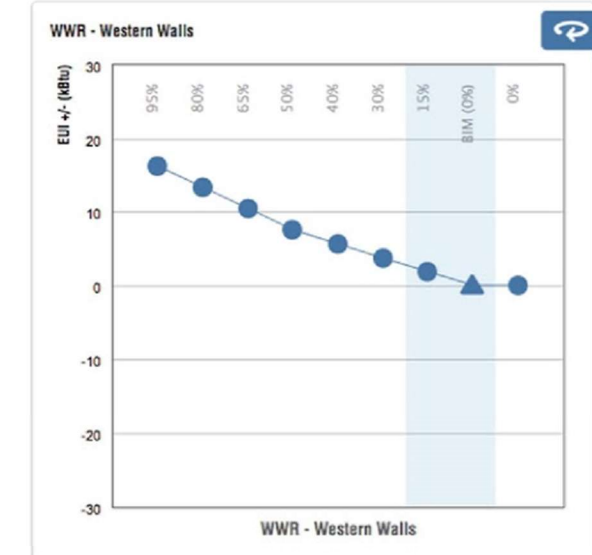
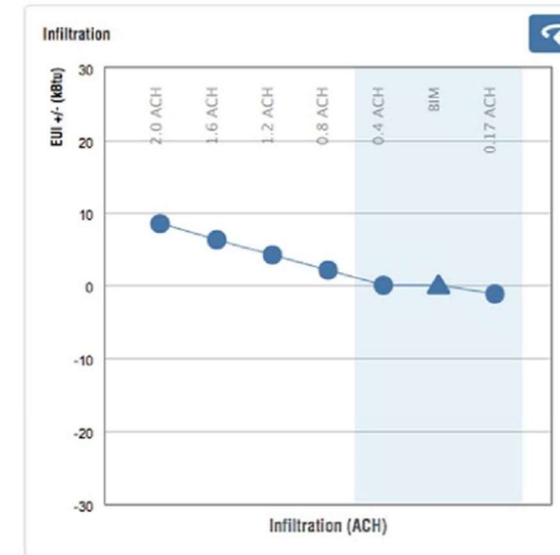
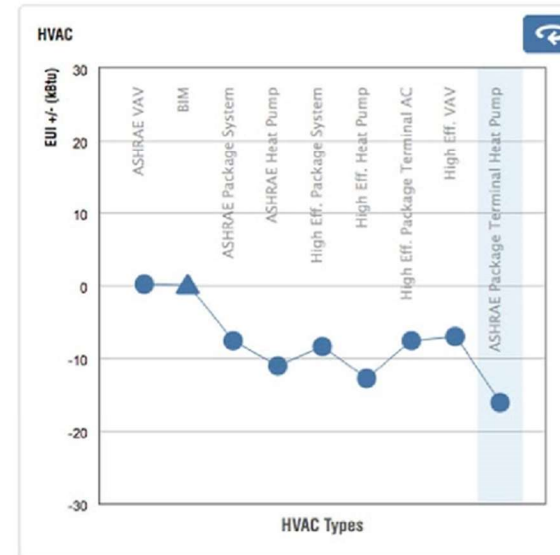
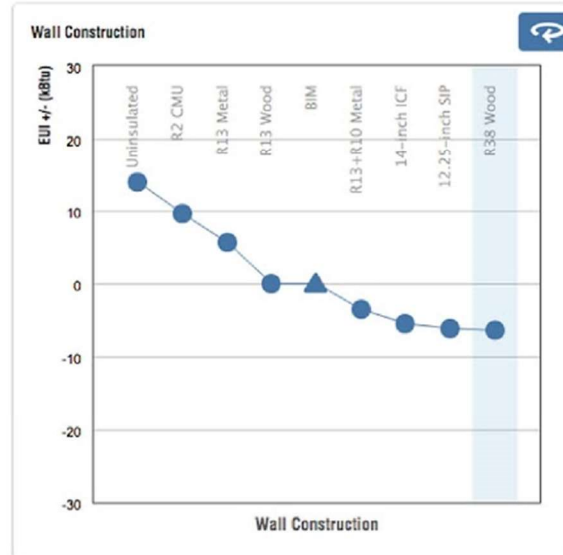
## EXTERIOR / MASSING INTERVENTIONS

Small Impact



## ENVELOPE INTERVENTIONS

Big Impact

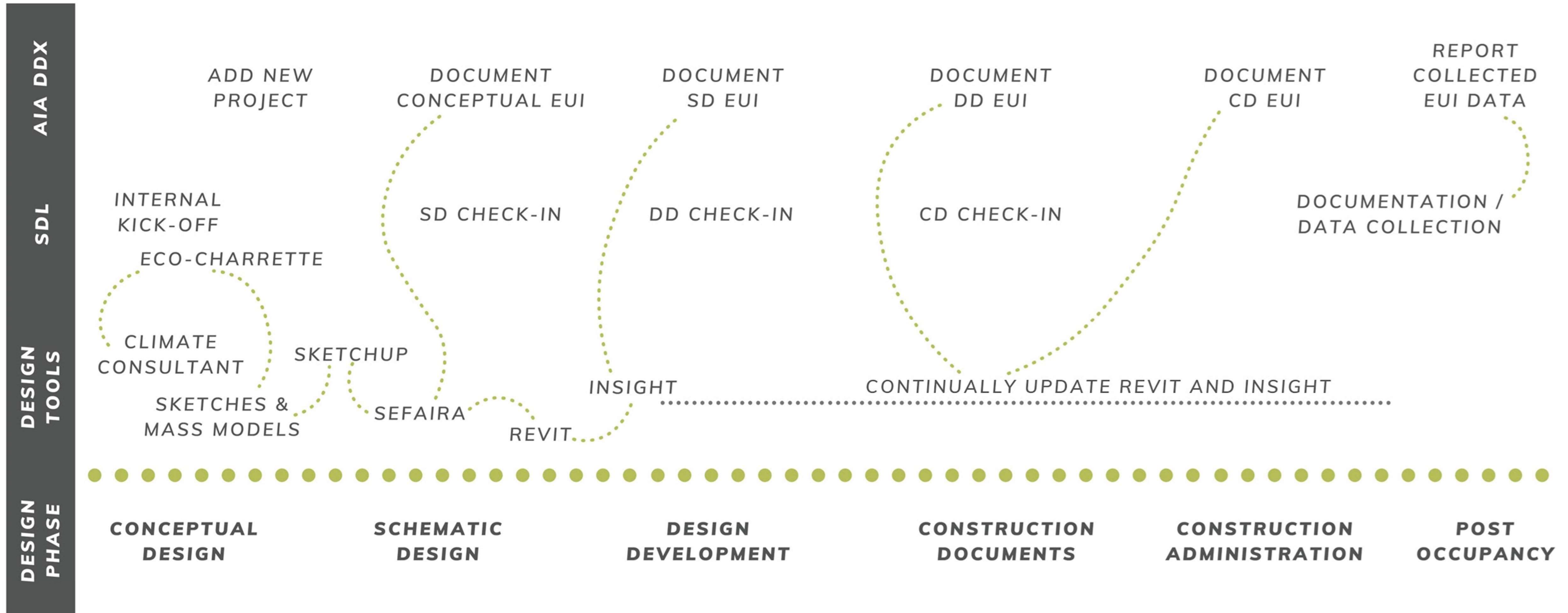


# Takeaways

- For affordable housing: Prioritize efficient envelope over massing and exterior shading
- Sefaira best integrates into Conceptual and Schematic Design Phases
- Insight 360 is more helpful in Design Development and Construction Documents Phase
- Use one tool to fill in the gaps of the other







# Prototypical Design Process

# Next Steps



STANDARDIZING  
REPORTING PROTOCOL

CONTINUING TO TEST  
ENERGY MODELING  
TOOLS (COVE TOOL)

POST-OCCUPANCY  
EVALUATIONS



# Thank you!

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