

Revitalizing Manufactured Housing: Strategies for Enhancing Efficiency, Affordability, and Resilience

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Manufactured Housing and Climate Resilience: Opportunities and Challenges

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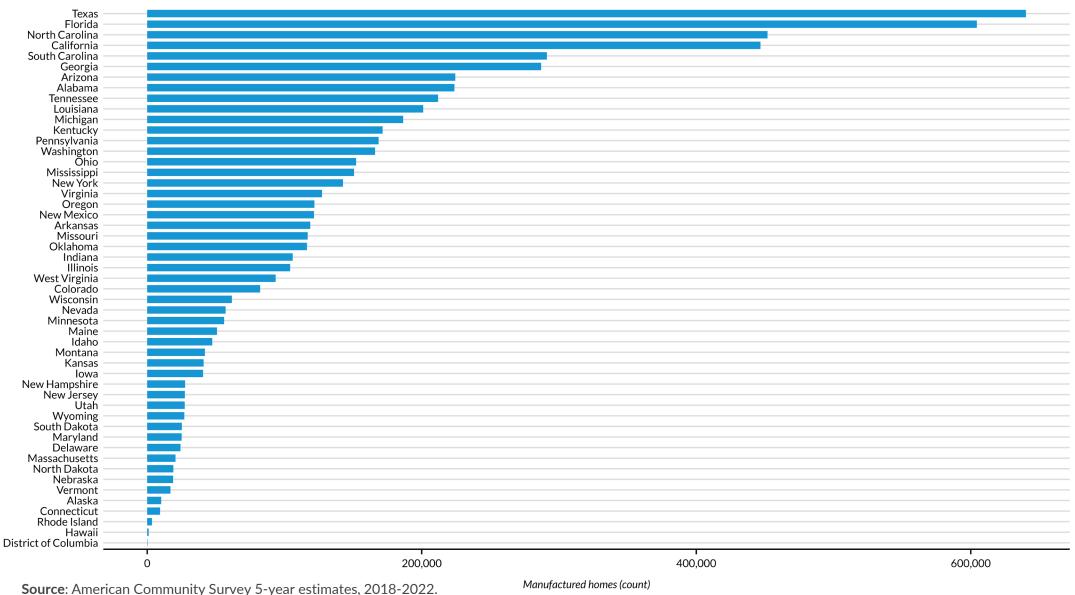
Manufactured Housing & Climate Resilience

Manufactured housing is...

- An essential part of our affordable housing stock
- An important technology for boosting our housing supply
 And yet...
- Substantial challenges with existing stock
- Disproportionate exposure to climate hazards
- Important homeowner and community vulnerabilities
- Limited discussion of climate resilience

Manufactured Housing is Concentrated in the South/East

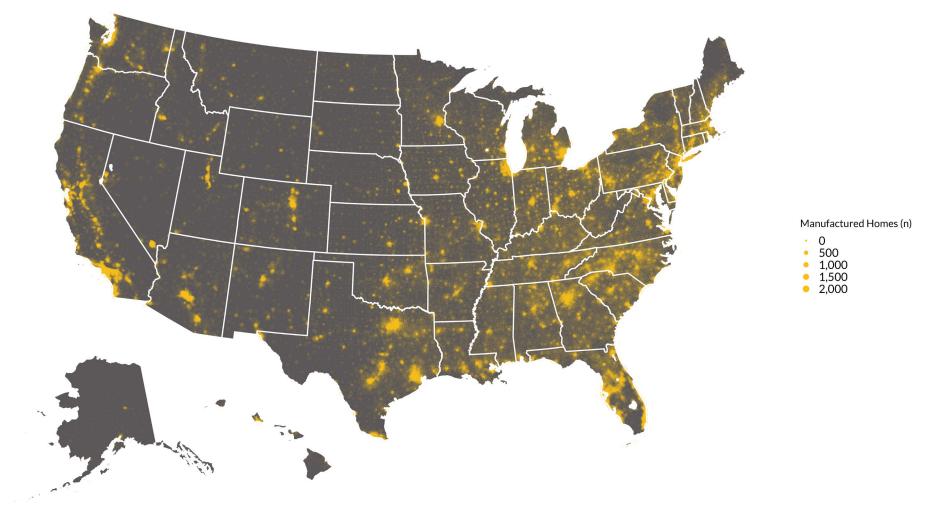
Manufactured housing units by state



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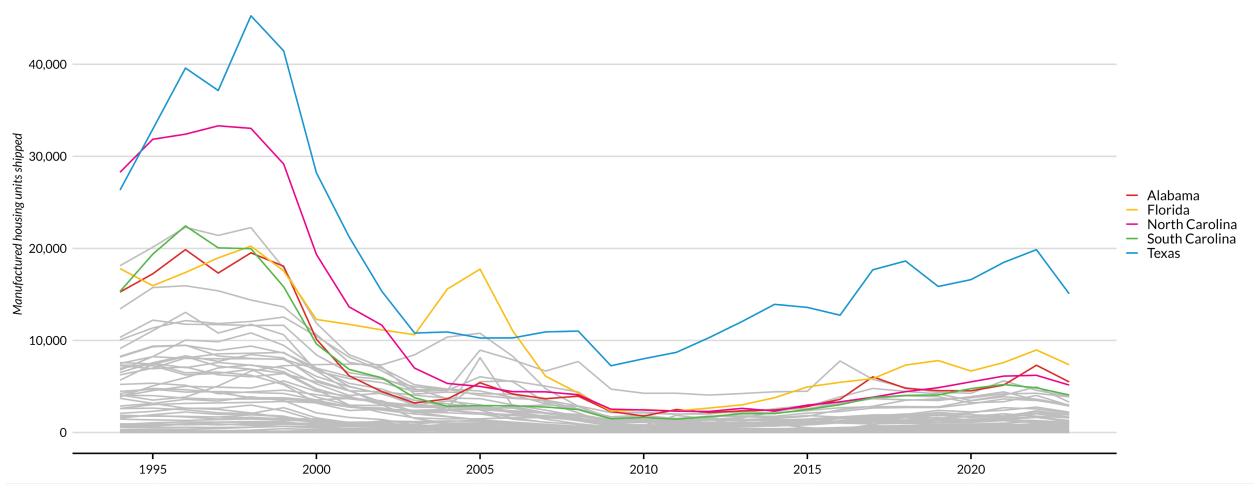
Manufactured Housing is Concentrated in the South and Southeast

Manufactured housing units by tract



States in the South and Southeast Lead in Recent Manufactured Housing Shipments

Manufactured housing shipments by state, 1994-2023.



Manufactured Housing Stock and Environmental Hazards

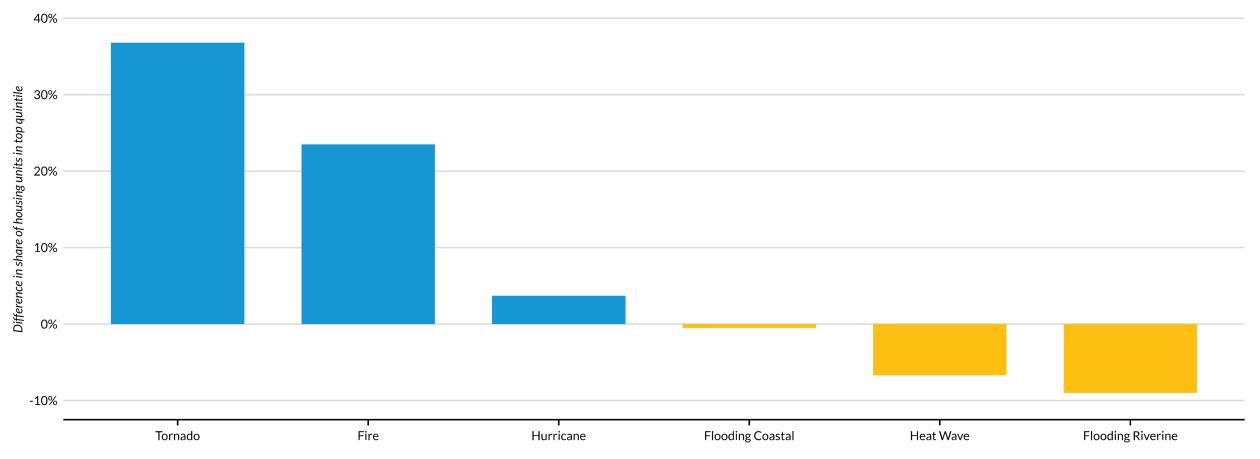
- 5.8 million manufactured housing units in census tracts with top quintile of hazard exposure
 - Substantial number exposed to multiple hazards
- Only one view of the larger challenge, i.e., extensive exposure versus intensive exposure

Hazard	MH Stock
Tornado	3.8 million
Wildfire	3.1 million
Hurricane	1.5 million
Heat Wave	1.3 million
Riverine Flood	1.2 million
Coastal Flood	.7 million

Manufactured Housing is Disproportionately Likely to Experience Tornado, Fire, and Hurricane Events

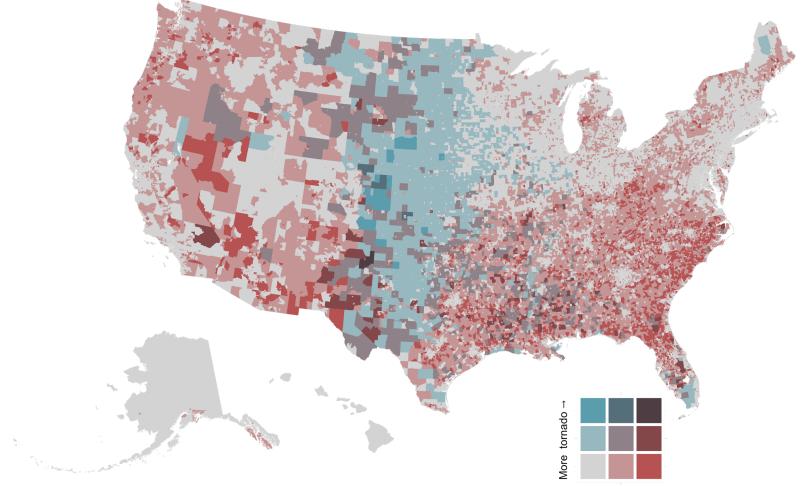
Difference in share of manufactured vs. other housing in the top quintile of annualized hazard

Manufactured homes at greater risk Manufactured homes at lesser risk



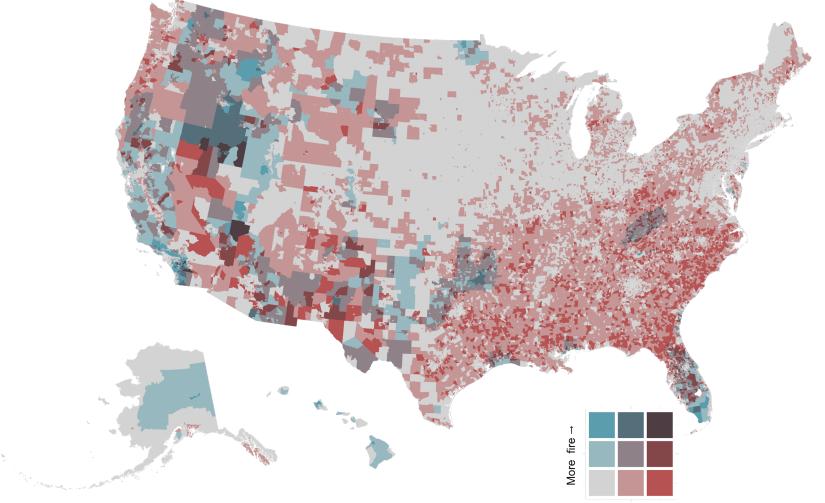
Expected Tornado Events and Manufactured Housing Stock Overlap in Tornado Alley and Parts of the Southeast

Tract-level manufactured housing stock and annualized expected frequency of tornado events



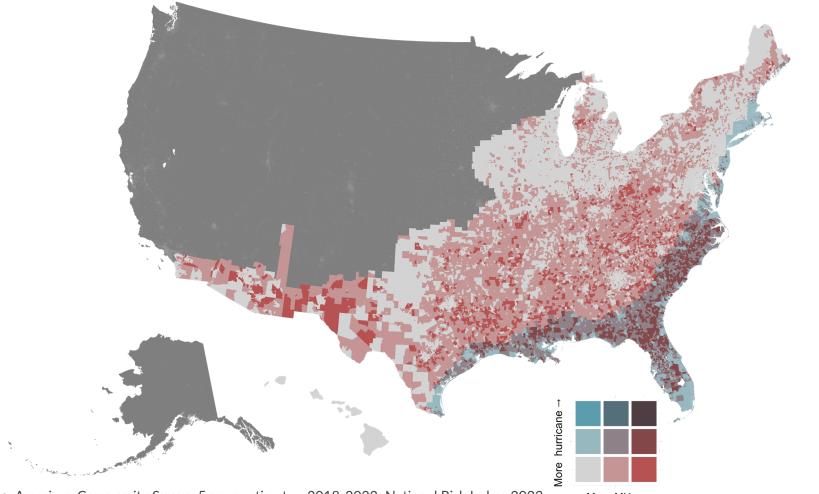
Expected Fire Events and Manufactured Housing Stock Overlap Most in the West, Southwest, and Florida

Tract-level manufactured housing stock and annualized expected frequency of fire events



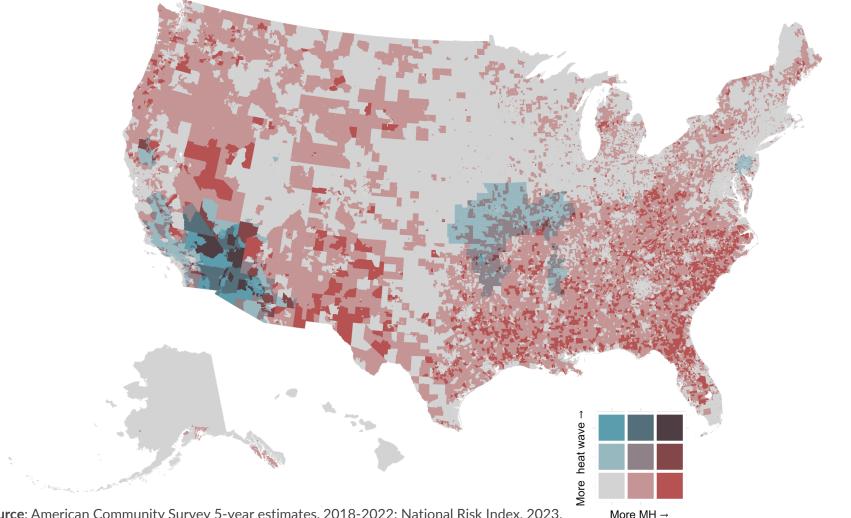
Expected Hurricane Events and Manufactured Housing Stock Overlap along the Gulf Coast and South Atlantic

Tract-level manufactured housing stock and annualized expected frequency of hurricane events



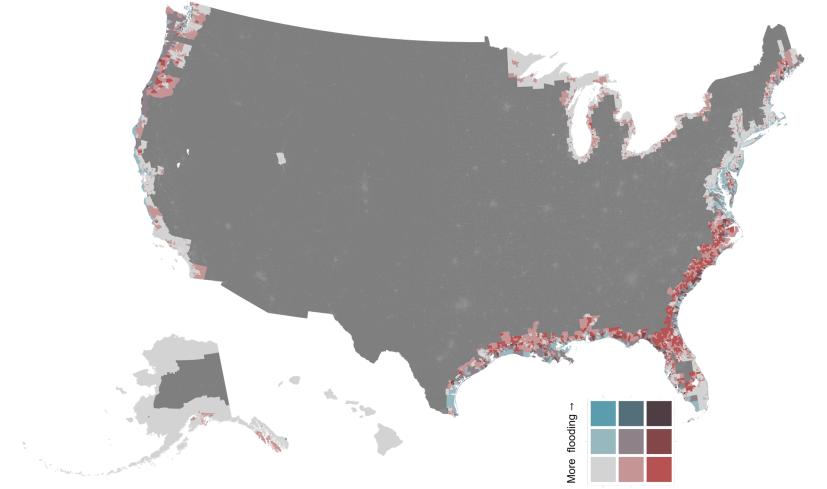
Expected Heat Wave Events and Manufactured Housing Stock Overlap Most in California and Arizona

Tract-level manufactured housing stock and annualized expected frequency of heat wave events



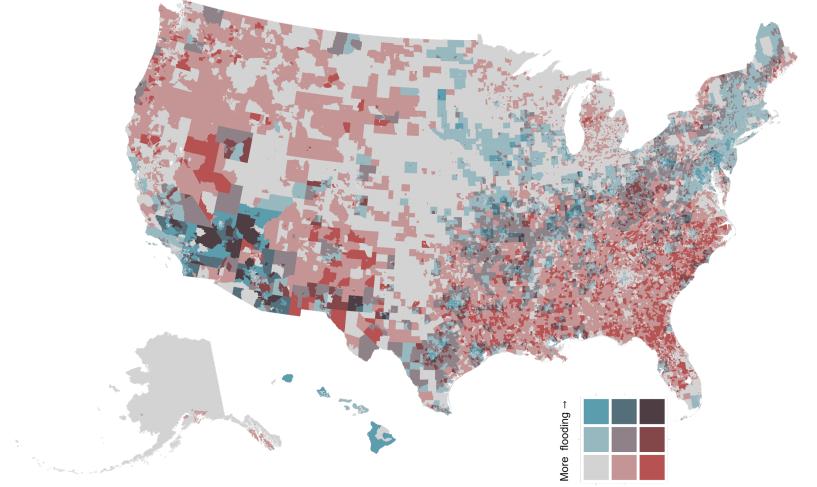
Expected Coastal Flooding Events and Manufactured Housing Stock Overlap Relatively Little

Tract-level manufactured housing stock and annualized expected frequency of coastal flooding events



Expected Riverine Flooding Events and Manufactured Housing Stock Overlap Sporadically

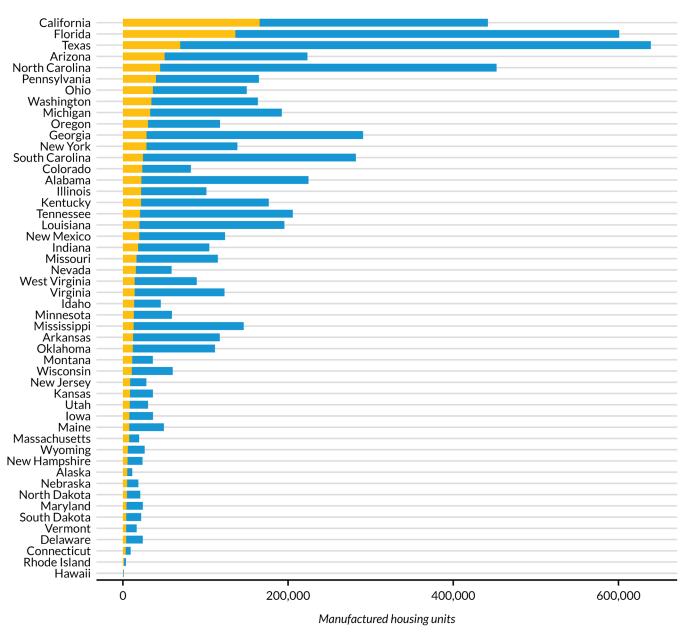
Tract-level manufactured housing stock and annualized expected frequency of riverine flooding events



Post-1976 – Pre-1976

Manufactured housing is a diverse resource

- Pre-HUD code, early HUD code, and contemporary housing units
- Located on private land, in land-lease communities, and other contexts



Source: <u>Ruggles et al. IPUMS USA</u>: <u>Version 15.0. Minneapolis, MN</u>: <u>IPUMS, 2024</u>. **Note**: Year of construction is available by decade; units built in the 1970s are proportionally allocated to pre/post-1976.

Manufactured housing is located in diverse communities

- Community context matters for climate resilience
- Range of capacities and resources
- Range of opportunities and restrictions

MH Stock (quintile)	Community Resilience (mean percentile)
1 (least)	47
2	63
3	52
4	51
5 (most)	39

Source: American Community Survey 5-year estimates, 2018-2022; National Risk Index, 2023.



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Climate change, disasters, and community resilience

Climate extremes like floods and wildfires are becoming more frequent and severe in the US and threaten the health, safety, and prosperity of American families and communities. Climate-focused policies can help mitigate this while enhancing sustainability and advancing equity and environmental justice. Urban examines how climate change is affecting people and communities and identifies policies and programs with the greatest potential for impact. Policymakers, community leaders, and philanthropists rely on our research to ensure climate interventions are equitable and lasting for all people and communities.

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Three things climate migration researchers, planners, and funders need to know to meet climate migrants' diverse needs and prepare communities to receive them. URBAN WIRE Three Ways to Equitably Advance Local Climate Action and Economic Development April 3, 2024

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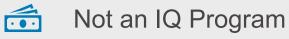
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Who?



Any residential Georgia Power customer in a manufactured home





40-50% are Spanish as Primary Language



One of fastest growing segments in the housing market, due to affordability and rapid deployment



Heavily fragmented by owners

Single Unit and Multi-Unit Operators Independent Community Operators Corporate Multi-site Community Operators



State of Georgia Manufactured Housing Facts Nearly 400,000 MFH in Georgia. 5th in the Nation. 70,000 in Atlanta Metro 8% of all new home permits

What?

• Free assessment and direct install measures:

- Smart thermostat
- LEDs
- Outdoor sensor LEDs
- Advanced power strips (APS)
- Low flow faucet aerators
- Low flow showerheads



Why?



Georgia Power is focused on equity with our energy efficiency programs; this is an underserved segment.



Customers in manufactured homes have low participation in EE programs; lack overall programmatic knowledge.



Free direct install energy efficiency measures can help reduce customers utility expenses, freeing up funds for other priorities.



The program acts as an entry point for customers to build a relationship with Georgia Power outside of billing questions.

Barriers



Impacts of Hurricane Helene



Leave Behind and Promotional Materials

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Bill Inserts

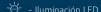


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¿Quieres mejoras gratuitas?

Tu casa prefabricada podría calificar para mejoras gratuitas en eficiencia energética a través del Programa de Mejoras Energéticas para el Hogar de Georgia Power. Todas estas mejoras podrían ser tuyas sin ningún costo para ti:

- Regletas de enchufes avanzadas
- Aireadores de grifo



Cabezales de ducha de bajo flujo



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Se aplican términos y condiciones. Deben ser cliente residencial de Georgia Power. Todas las medidas deben completarse en una residencia con servicio re de Georgia Power. Válido del 1 de enero de 2023 al 31 de diciembre de 2025. Todos los detalles disponibles en línea.



Door Hanger

Double-Sided, English/Spanish Door Hanger



Questions? Flavio Romero, Community Outreach Coordinator 470-755-7652 or email GPCMFH@utility-energyservices.com

Terms and conditions apply. Must be a Georgia Power residential customer. All measures must be completed at a residence with Georgia Power residential service. Valid January 1, 2023-December 31, 2025. Full details available online.



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Promo Flyer/Cross Promotion

Double-Sided, English/Spanish Promotional Flyer (featuring information about Georgia Power Marketplace, installation checklist, advanced power strip guidance, and information about Georgia Power's Refrigerator Recycling+ Program's small appliance savings)

📥 Georgia Power Make Your Home

More Energy Efficient Thank you for taking the first step toward greater energy efficiency with Georgia Power's Home Energy Improvement Program. Visit the Georgia Power Marketplace for energy-efficient products that will also help you lower your electricity consumption,

including dehumidifiers, light bulbs, and more. 1 Visit the Georgia Power Marketplace at georgiapo

What We Installed Today

A simple and efficient method to conserve water and save energy.

A more energy-efficient, durable, and

versatile lighting solution that lasts

Offers a simple and effective way to

reduce water consumption and save

Allows you to control your home's

heating and cooling through a smartphone app, while maximizing

15-25 times longer and uses up to

90% less energy than traditional

Faucet Aerator

LED Light Bulbs

Low-Flow Showerhead

Smart Thermostat

energy savings.

Stop paying for energy you're not using with a power strip that knows Advanced Power Strips Advanced power strips can provide a when to turn off idle devices. Follow these simple steps to install an advanced power strip and convenient, efficient and safe way to start saving on your electric bill. power your electrical devices to save · Plug your advanced power strip into an open outlet.

Advanced Power Strip Installation

· Plug your primary device (PC or TV) into the "control outlet." When the device plugged into the "control outlet" goes into a standby mode or is turned off, the APS will register the change in power and automatically reduce or eliminate the power to all the "switched outlets *

· Plug the devices that always need to have power (router, modem, or cable box) into the outlets labeled "always-on" or "constant outlets." · Plug remaining, peripheral devices into the "switched outlets." For

TVs, peripheral devices may include a soundbar, game console, DVD or Blu-ray player, or AV receiver. For PCs, peripheral devices may include speakers, a printer, or monitor. These devices only become energized when the primary device (in the master outlet) is powered on.

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Additional Savings with Georgia Power's Free Refrigerator Recycling+ Program

Residential customers can clear out space in their homes, lower monthly bills, earn a rebate, and receive an energy saving kit by recycling their dehumidifiers and room ACs.



📥 Georgia Power Haga su hogar más eficiente energéticamente



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Deja de pagar por la energía que no estás utilizando con una regleta que

· Conecta tu regleta de alimentación avanzada en una toma de corriente

Cuando el dispositivo conectado a la "toma de control" entre en modo de

espera o se apague, la regleta avanzada registrará el cambio de potencia

y reducirá o eliminará automáticamente la energía a todas las "tomas

Conecta los dispositivos que siempre necesitan tener energía (enrutador

módem o decodificador de cable) en las tomas etiquetadas como

· Conecte los dispositivos periféricos restantes a los "tomacorrientes con

Enchules siempre Salda de Saldas activos control commutadas

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Sigue estos sencillos pasos para instalar una regleta de alimentación avanzada y comenzar a ahorrar en tu factura de electricidad:

· Conecta tu dispositivo principal (PC o TV) en la "toma de control."

sabe cuándo apagar los dispositivos en reposo.

"siempre encendido" o "tomas constantes."

Gracias por dar el primer paso hacia una mayor eficiencia energética con el Programa de Meioras Energéticas en el Hogar de Georgia Power, Visita el Georgia Power Marketplace para encontrar productos eficientes en el consumo de energía que te ayudarán a reducir tu consumo de electricidad, incluyendo deshumidificadores, bombillas y más. Visita el Georgia Power Marketplace en georgia powermarketplace.com

Instalación de regleta avanzada

abierta.

. conmutadas.'

- Qué Instalamos Hoy Regletas de Alimentación Avanzadas Las regletas de alimentación avanzadas pueden proporcionar una forma conveniente, eficiente y segura de alimentar tus dispositivos
- eléctricos para ahorrar energía. Aireador de Grifo Un método simple y eficiente para conservar agua y ahorrar energia. Bombillas LED

Una solución de iluminación más eficiente en el consumo de energía. duradera y versátil que dura de 15 a 25 veces más y utiliza hasta un 90% menos de energia que las bombillas

Ducha de Bajo Flujo Ofrece una forma simple y efectiva

interruntor* Para televisores, los dispositivos perifériros pueden incluir una barra de sonido, consola de juegos, reproductor de DVD o Blu-ray, o de reducir el consumo de agua y ahorrar energía. receptor AV. Para computadoras, los dispositivos periféricos pueder incluir altavoces, una impresora o un monitor. Estos dispositivos solo se energizan cuando el dispositivo principal (en el tomacoriente maestro)

 Termostato Inteligente Te permite controlar la calefacción y está encendido. refrigeración de tu hogar a través de una aplicación en tu smartphone. maximizando el ahorro de energía.

Ahorros adicionales con el programa gratuito de reciclaje de refrigeradores de Georgia Power



*Máximo de 4 unidades por año.

Para inscribirse por teléfono, comuniquese con nuestro equipo del Programa de Reciclaje de Refrigeradores+ al 1-888-594-8596 o visite georgiapower.com/Tridge.

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Community Engagement

Double-Sided, English/Spanish Incentive Promotional Flyer



Community Events

Double-Sided, English/Spanish Community Event Flyer (customized per event)



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In Field Activity

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Community Photos



Community Events











Technicians in the Field

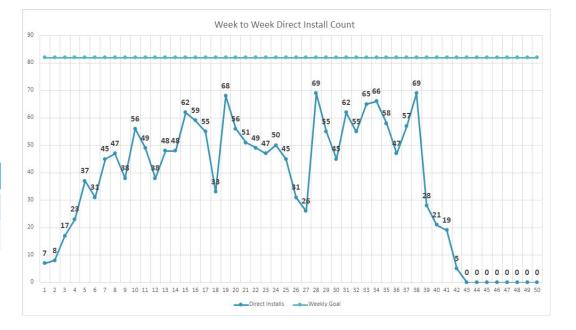


Metrics

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Completed Direct Installs and Associated Savings

2023		
Number of Installs	626	
kWh saved	963,578	
2024 YTD		
Number of Installs	1,659	
kWh saved	3,128,035	



Completed Direct Installs and Associated Savings

Key Insights:

- 1. Smart Thermostats (27.39%) and Interior LED Lighting (26.56%) are the most significant contributors to our energy savings, accounting for over half of the total kWh saved. These measures have been highly effective in reducing energy consumption in the communities.
- 2. Advanced Power Strips (18.86%) also play a crucial role in our energy conservation efforts, highlighting the importance of managing standby power usage in reducing overall energy demand.
- Exterior LED Lighting (13.73%) and Low-Flow Showerheads (10.56%) provide substantial energy savings, demonstrating their effectiveness in both lighting efficiency and water heating reductions.
- 4. Faucet Aerators (2.89%) and Pipe Insulation (0.04%) contribute to energy savings, albeit to a lesser extent. While these measures are beneficial, they represent smaller portions of the overall energy reduction.







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Revitalizing Manufactured Housing: Outline

- Context: The Future of Housing
- Manufactured Housing Future:
 - Challenges
 - Opportunities
- Revitalizing Manufactured Housing Recommendations

Disruption Happens to Housing: The Problem

Problem: 5 Crises Driving Pain

- UX Readiness
- Affordability
- Trades
- Productivity
- Regulation



Disruption Happens to Housing: The Solution

Problem: 5 Crises Driving Pain

Solution: 4 Innovations Relieving Pain

- UX Optimization
- Mass Customization
- Digitization
- Systems Built



Disruption Happens to Housing ... Finally

Problem: 5 Crises Driving Pain

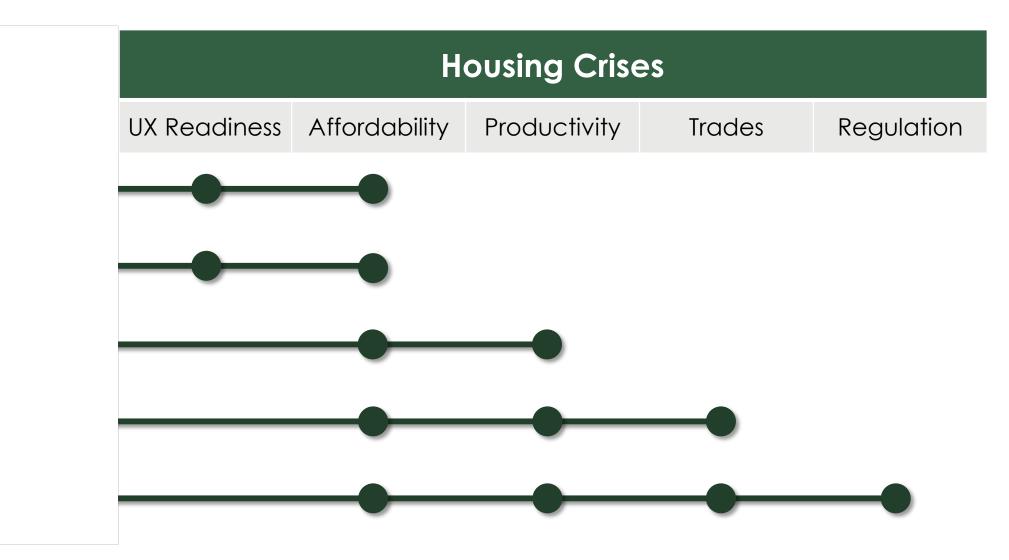
Solution:

4 Innovations Relieving Pain

Disruption: Better Homes for Lower Cost

Stational Laboratory RESEARCH AND INTEGRATION CENTER

Disruption Happens to Housing: Connect the Dots



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Future of Housing: Substantial Growth in Systems Built

Systems Built Market Penetration (%)



3% Systems Built

2024



20% Man. Housing

2X growth

20% Systems Built

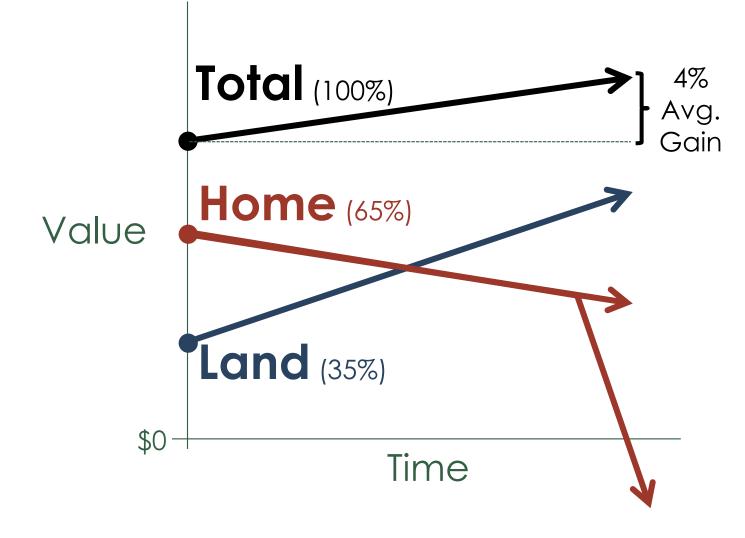
7X growth

Winners:

Systems built and manufactured housing companies whose innovations:

- Solve problems and/or optimize UX
- Cross the chasm (minimize friction and uncertainty)

Myth: Homes Appreciate



42%

Of HUD-Code homes financed with chattel loans secured by the land but not the home ... the depreciating asset

Source: "Manufactured Housing Finance: New Insights from the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act," Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, 2021

Manufactured Housing Future: Challenges

Manufactured Housing vs. Traditional Homes (Site-Built and Systems Built)

Affordability	Transaction	 Home-only Loans Higher Interest (~3% – 5%) Retail Process Dominated by First-Cost
	Product	 Lagging UX (e.g., garages, porches, roofs) Density with Single-story Construction Availability with Local Restrictions Limited Advanced Manufacturing Methods
	Maintenance	Site Installation Quality AssuranceService Accountability
Efficiency	Code	HUD-Code Lags Latest IECC National Codes
Resilience	Certification	 HUD-Code not aligned with IRC

Manufactured Housing Future: Opportunities

Manufactured Housing vs. Traditional Homes (Site-Built and Systems-Built)

Affordability	Lower Cost	 ~\$200,000 vs. ~\$440,000 median cost 1 month vs. 8 months cycle time Mass-Customization (10's vs. 100's of plans)
	Less Regulation	 One vs. 100's Building Codes 3 vs. 16 Climate Zones
Efficiency	45L Tax Credit	 ENERGY STAR Certified Manufactured Home Zero Energy Ready Manufactured Home
Resilience	Certification	IBHS Fortified Home

Revitalizing Manufactured Housing Recommendations

- Increase Availability with Efficiency and Resilience: Offset local siting restrictions with certified efficiency and resilience.
- Remove Friction/Uncertainty:

Work with manufactured housing industry and HUD to align resilience and efficiency metrics with site-built homes.

• Leverage Industry Investments:

Engage with Manufactured Housing Institute and Systems Building Research Alliance efforts to improve manufacturing processes, product, quality, performance and retail process.



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