

NYStretch Energy Code–2020

For Elected Officials



The NYStretch Energy Code–2020 (NYStretch) is a voluntary and locally adoptable energy code that calls for higher efficiency standards in new and renovated construction projects.

By adopting NYStretch, you can lead the way to a cleaner future for your community by increasing property values, improving community attractiveness, and providing long-term value and cost savings to residents and businesses.

To achieve New York State's ambitious energy goals, new and renovated properties must go beyond the minimum code requirements of the 2020 Energy Conservation Construction Code of New York State (ECCCNYS). The efforts pay off—buildings that are built to NYStretch requirements save **10–12%** in energy costs over those built to the 2020 ECCCNYS, with the savings paying back the additional cost of construction in less than 10 years.

What are the benefits?

- **Reputation & leadership:** Be seen as an early mover, accelerating the adoption of clean, renewable technologies.
- **Save money and energy:** Use less energy and reduce living and operational costs for your constituents with lower utility bills and better building envelopes.
- **Help the environment:** Contribute to your community's sustainability goals by reducing building carbon emissions.
- **Boost the local economy:** Develop your existing workforce, build expertise in newer technologies, and create more green jobs.
- **Increase property values:** Encourage the use of NYStretch locally so future occupants (renters, tenants, and owners) of new and renovated buildings that meet this code will benefit from the long-term energy and cost savings.
- **Train your staff:** Access training on NYStretch implementation for the local code officials in your building department.

Where does NYStretch go beyond the 2020 ECCCNY?

- **Building envelope:** Improved insulation and window performance, air barrier commissioning, air leakage testing, and mandatory mechanical ventilation
- **Lighting:** Reduced interior and exterior lighting power and lighting controls
- **Electrical:** Whole-building energy monitoring
- **Compatibility:** Renewable and electric vehicle readiness

What resources are available?

- **Local Government Assistance:** NYSERDA has regional representatives available to help facilitate local adoption. Find out how to get started today with the NYStretch Adoption Guide.
- **Template Legislation:** Included in the NYStretch Adoption Guide is a resolution/legislation template to help facilitate local adoption of NYStretch.
- **Code Manual:** NYSERDA provides a single-volume code manual that aids in consistent interpretation among code officials and offers reliable standards.
- **Support for Code Officials:** NYStretch training and updated RESCheck™ and COMCheck™ tools are available for code officials.
- **FAQs Document**

Provide the best approach, one that focuses on the long-term value to the community.

For assistance with adoption, contact NYSERDA's outreach coordinators at nyserdera.ny.gov/stretchenergy2020