

## Portfolio Manager & GRITS: Announcing a new initiative to better track energy efficiency projects

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## **GRITS** Overview

- An intuitive project-management platform used to calculate, manage and share the energy, financial, water, waste and carbon savings data from resource-efficiency projects.
- GRITS is a subscription-based platform but thanks to SEI becoming an Energy Star Partner, Portfolio Manager users at city/county/state governments, universities, K-12 schools and healthcare institutions receive free basic GRITS access.



#### **GRITS** Vision

- Through better project tracking, GRITS helps institutions accelerate investment in energy efficiency and other sustainability projects resulting in lower carbon emissions and resource consumption.
- GRITS allows users to easily demonstrate the financial and environmental benefits of sustainability projects to internal and external stakeholders.
- GRITS creates a community of institutions sharing completed project data. It provides a library of projects for new project inspiration and benchmarking.

  \*\*PortfolioManager\*\*\*



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# Make energy management less MUSHy by benchmarking in Portfolio Manager

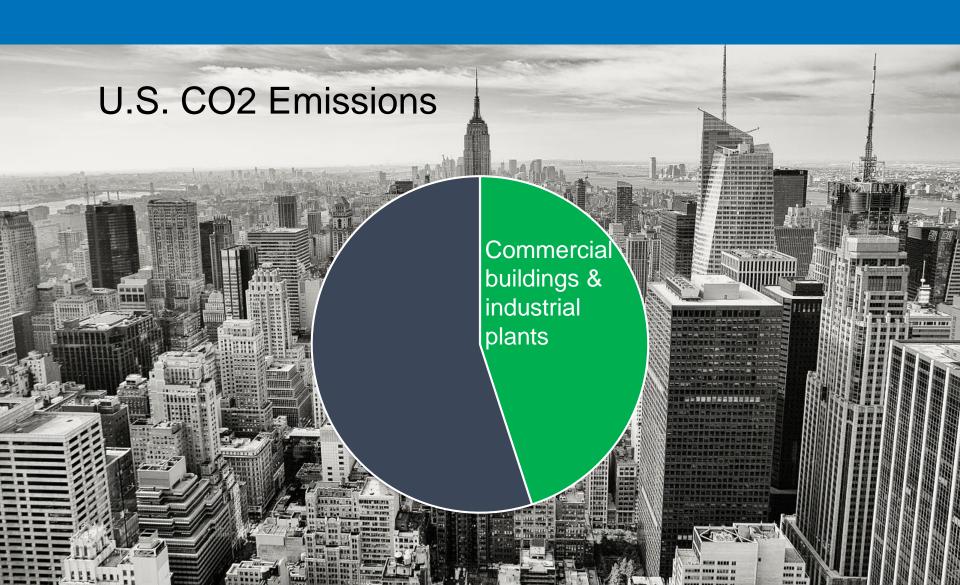
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## Why focus on buildings and plants?



To date, the ENERGY STAR program has helped Americans:

Save \$450 billion

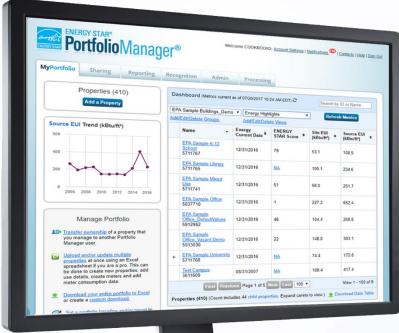
Save 3.5 trillion kWh of electricity

 Avoid 3.1 billion metric tons of GHG emissions





## **ENERGY STAR®** Portfolio Vanager®



energystar.gov/benchmark



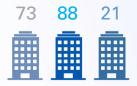
## Benchmarking allows you to:



Compare your building to a national sample of similar buildings



Compare your buildings of a similar type to each other



Identify
underperformers
in your portfolio
and set priorities
for the use of
limited staff time
and/or investment
capital

ANY building can be benchmarked.





#### **Management Tool**



Assess whole building energy and water consumption, plus waste



Track changes in energy, water, greenhouse gas emissions, and cost over time



Track green power purchase



Create custom reports



Share/report data with others



Apply for ENERGY STAR certification





#### **Hundreds of metrics, including:**



Energy use Source, site, weather normalized, demand



Water use
Water use
intensity,
Water Score
(for Multifamily)



Waste & Materials
Waste intensity, diversion rate



1-100 ENERGY STAR score



emissions
Indirect,
direct, total,
avoided



#### The 1-100 ENERGY STAR Score

Number of staffed hospital beds

Percent cooled

Occupancy

Cooking facilities

Number of residential living units

Energy usage data

Weekly operating hours

Heating degree days

Gross floor area

Cooling degree days

Number of MRI machines

Number of workers on main shift

Number of walk-in refrigerators

Number of computers

Number of commercial washing machines

Maximum resident capacity

Percent heated

Number of cash registers



#### The 1-100 ENERGY STAR Score



One simple number understood by ALL stakeholders.



#### Property types with 1-100 ENERGY STAR scores

energystar.gov/EligiblePropertyTypes

Score based on CBECS data













Bank Branch

Barracks\*

Courthouses

Distribution Centers

**Financial Offices** 











Hotels

K-12 **Schools** 

Office Buildings

Medical Offices\*

Residence Hall/Dormitory\*











**Retail Stores** 

Supermarkets

Warehouses

Wholesale club/ Supercenters

Worship Facilities











**Data Centers** 

Hospitals

Multifamily Housing

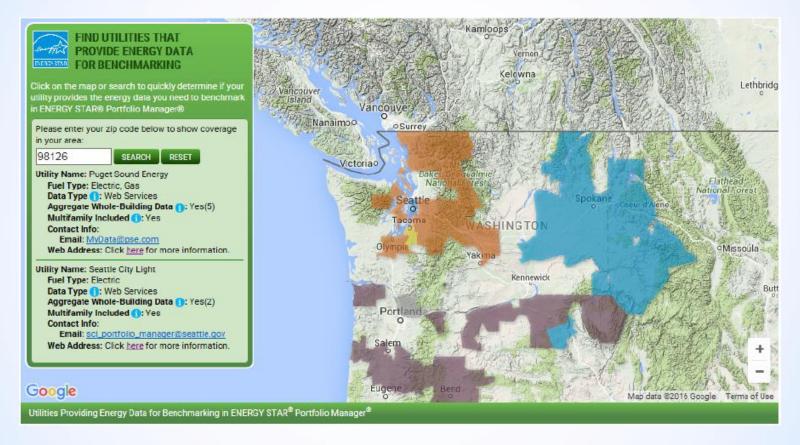
**Senior Care** Communities

Wastewater Treatment Plants\*





## Find Utilities that Provide Energy Data for Benchmarking



energystar.gov/utilitydata



#### 200+ Providers Exchange Data with Portfolio Manager energystar.gov/DataExchangeMostActive























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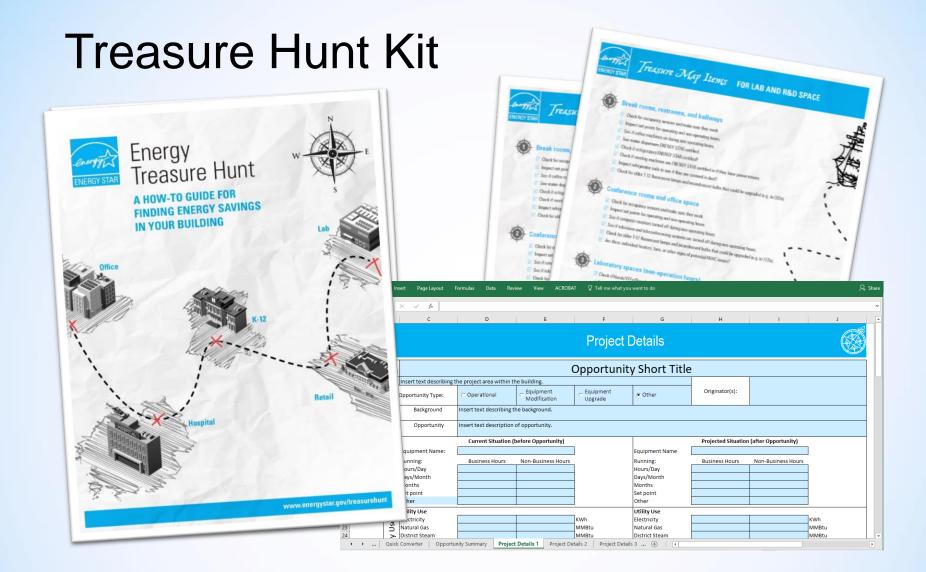












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- How-to's and trainings on Portfolio Manager: energystar.gov/buildings/training
- FAQs and help desk: energystar.gov/buildingshelp





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#### GRITS Tour....

To watch the screenshare tour of GRITS that occurred during this webinar please view the video recording of the webinar starting at the 22:45 mark available here:

http://webinar-recording.gogrits.org



## Why Use GRITS?

- Designed to replace spreadsheets.
- Simplicity:
  - Even non-technical users can be trained to use GRITS in about 30 minutes
  - A user can enter their first project entered in 5 minutes or less.
- Manage projects from initial identification phase through end of life.
- Provides an easy and elegant business case analysis including environmental metrics.
- Share and demonstrate project impacts through the GRITS Library, Public Dashboard and shareable project links.



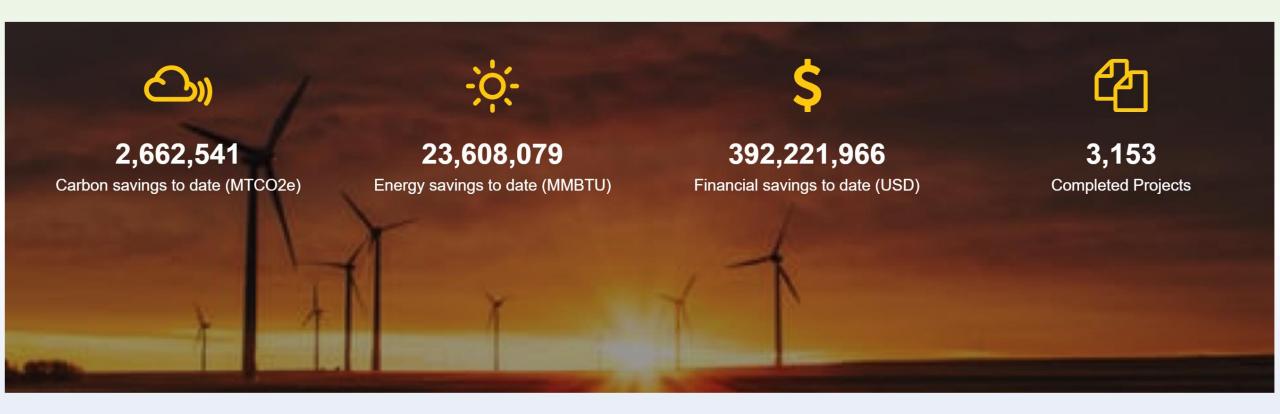
#### **GRITS Users**

- Airports
- City Governments
- Colleges / Universities
- Corporations
- County Governments
- Cultural Institutions / Museums
- Foundations
- Healthcare Institutions
- K-12 Schools / School Districts
- State Governments
- Utilities
- Water Utilities

Nearly 800 institutions use GRITS across all 50 U.S. states, Canada, Australia and New Zealand.



## **GRITS** Impact





### Free Access to PM and GRITS

If you don't already have access to Portfolio Manager or GRITS, you can sign up for free to access both tools:

Free Portfolio Manager sign up

portfoliomanager.energystar.gov/pm/signup

Free GRITS sign up

portfoliomanager.gogrits.org



## GRITS & Portfolio Manager: Comparison Chart

Feature	GRITS	Portfolio Manager
Benchmarking: Building-level		✓
Benchmarking: Project-level	✓	
Business case analysis	✓	
Data sharing: Buildings		✓
Data sharing: Projects	✓	
Evaluate and prioritize potential projects	✓	
Import: Building data		✓
Import: Project data	✓	
Link utility data		✓
Metrics: Building-level		✓
Metrics: Project-level	✓	
Project Library	✓	
Public Dashboard	✓	
Recognition (ENERGY STAR)		✓
Reports	✓	✓



## **GRITS** Features

Features	Portfolio Manager - Free	Unlimited
Number of projects entered	Unlimited	Unlimited
Number of saved projects	5	Unlimited
Number of users	Unlimited	Unlimited
Dashboard	✓	✓
Projects overview	✓	✓
Project details	✓	✓
Project PDF export	✓	✓
Sharing features	✓	✓
Project library	Partial access	✓
Project data import / export (XLS)		✓
Reporting feature (graphs & charts)		✓
Subscription	Free	Monthly or annual fee (\$)





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Daniel Edson State Energy Program Manager BGS Energy Office June 10, 2019

Why GRITS & Energy
Star Portfolio Manager
Can Drive Success in
the MUSH Sector

## State Energy Management Program

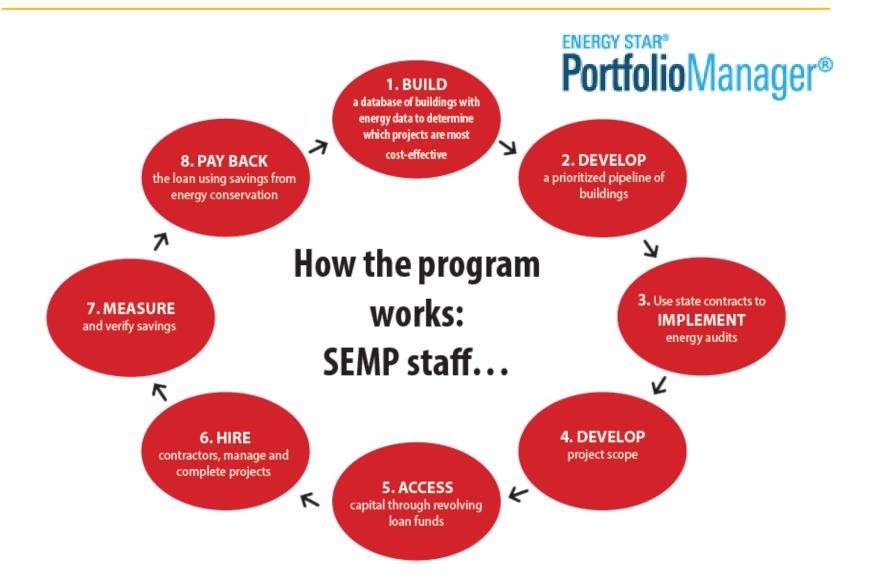


## History and Background

 Vermont General Assembly Established \$9.5 million Green Revolving Loan Fund.

 State Government Partnered with Efficiency Vermont to internalize Energy Savings Performance Contracting.

#### **Our Process**



## Results

#### **Savings From SEMP Program**

50 Completed Projects in 12 Vermont Counties; 15 In Process = 65 Total

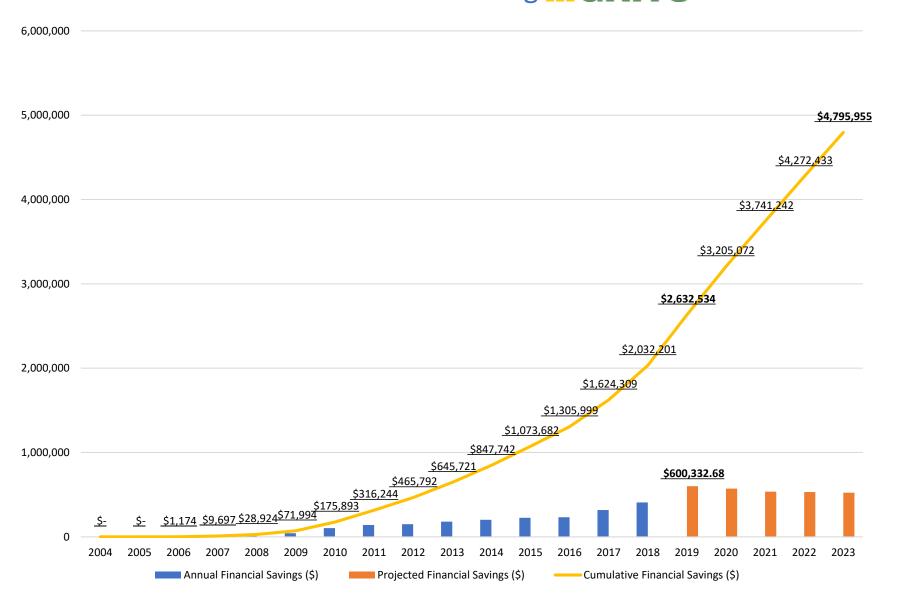
Proposed Cost Ave. Annual Savings Lifetime Savings \$8.6 million \$1.1 million \$16.6 million



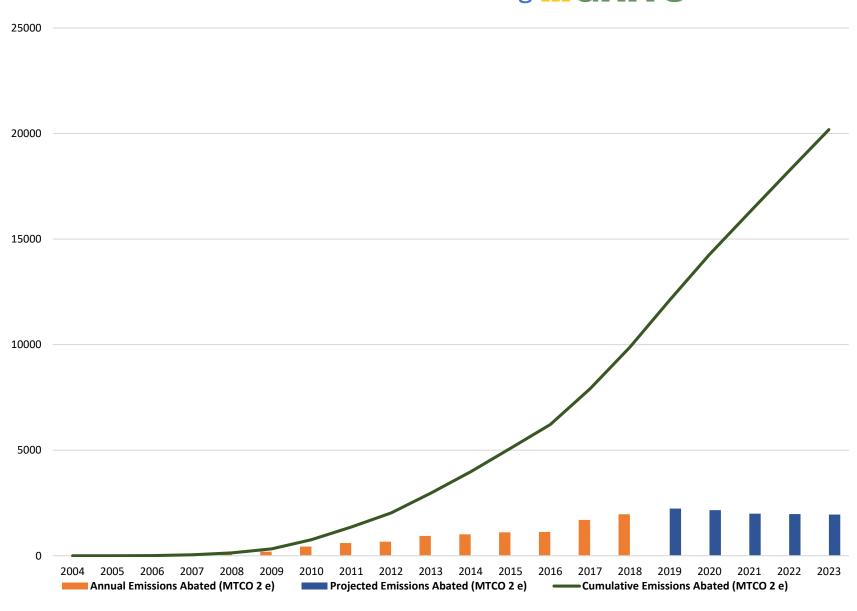


An example of savings generated from the SEMP program is the LED lighting upgrade of spotlights that illuminate the State House. This project saves the State about \$7,500 annually.

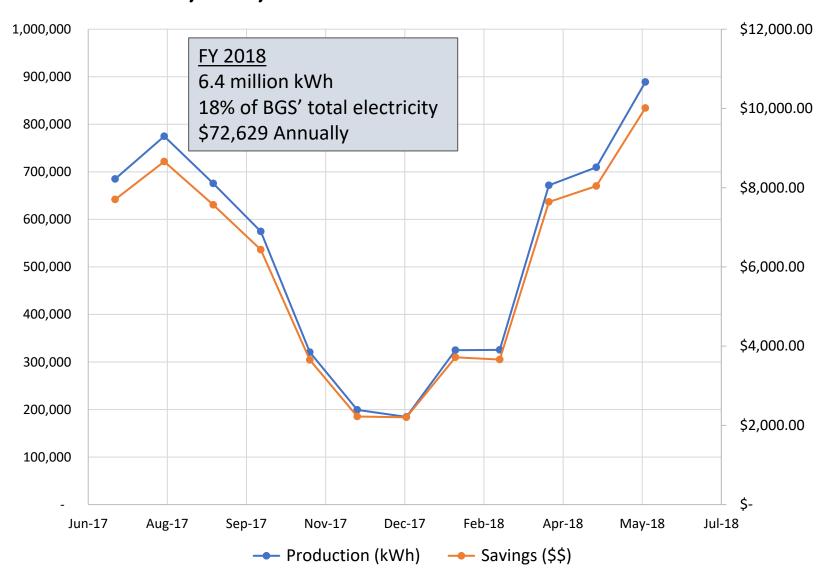
## Revolving Loan Funds Financial Savings Over Time Generated Using GRITS



## Revolving Loan Funds Carbon Emissions Reduced Over Time Generated Using GRITS



## Solar Power Generation and Savings 20,110,986 solar kWh Generated



## **Keys To Success**









#### Thank You

Portfolio Manager Sign-Up portfoliomanager.energystar.gov/pm/signup

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