



Presentation to City Council

Update on Rye Sustainability Committee Activities

October 5, 2011

Summary of RSC Initiatives



- Greenhouse Gas Emissions Audit
- Reusable Bag Initiative
- Outreach/Best Practices
- Potential Biodiesel Initiative
- Energy Efficiency

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Greenhouse Gas Emissions Audit

- Completed:
 - ▣ Municipal: Entered all 2009 electricity and gas bills into ICLEI software
 - ▣ Community: All data items gathered or estimated and entered into ICLEI software
- In Progress:
 - ▣ Municipal: Awaiting fuel oil usage figures and all data confirmation by City staff
 - ▣ Community: Awaiting revised 2009 total vehicle miles travelled in Rye from New York Metropolitan Transportation Council
 - ▣ Drafting GHG Inventory Summary, to be attached as appendix to the Sustainability Plan

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Reusable Bag Initiative

- Studying Best Practices:
 - ▣ Working with neighboring coastal communities
- Promoting Public Awareness:
 - ▣ Created information sheets; posters; BYOB decals
 - ▣ Dispensed information at Sidewalk Sale & Wainwright House events
 - ▣ Organizing “Bag It” Movie on October 21
- Promoting Merchant Awareness:
 - ▣ Presented at June meeting with Rye Chamber of Commerce
 - ▣ Gathered merchant pledge of support signatures (approx. 50 to date)
- Highlighting Cost Considerations:
 - ▣ Plastic litter cleanup and enforcement costs
 - ▣ Added cost of purchasing plastic bags passed onto consumer
 - ▣ Plastic bags clog drains and impede storm water mitigation
- Next Step: Public Hearing on October 19

Outreach Activities

- Expanding page on Ryeny.gov site to include:
 - ▣ RSC Mission and Plan
 - ▣ Local news/events
 - ▣ Relevant links
 - ▣ Feedback through online survey
- Creating public awareness:
 - ▣ Sidewalk Sale; Wainwright House Community Day event
 - ▣ “Bag It” movie on October 21
- Participating in “Eye on Rye” segments related to RSC’s mission and environmental issues
- Outreach to other committees/community organizations
 - ▣ Westchester MRF tour on October 17
 - ▣ Reusable bag initiative
 - ▣ Assisting EAGR on update to Tree Ordinance

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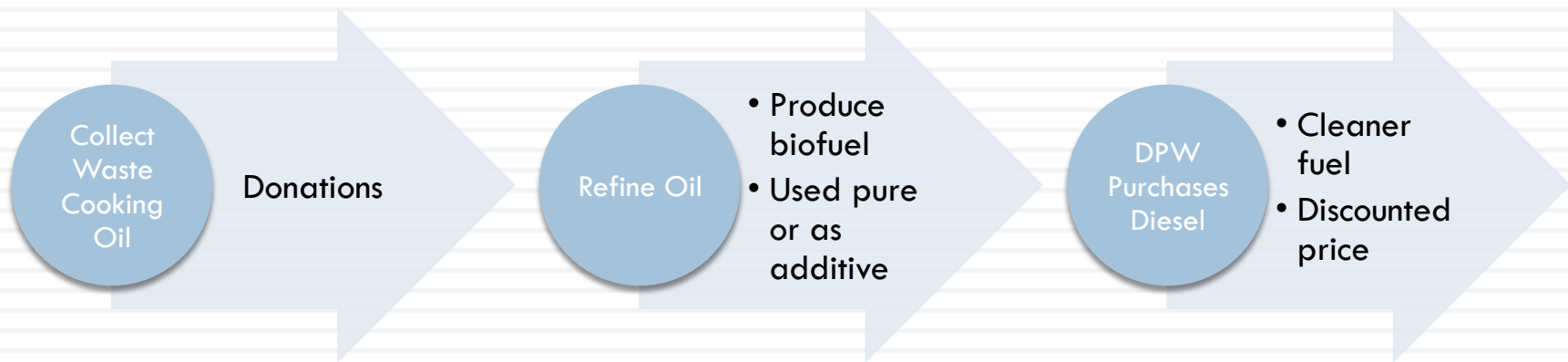
Potential Grease Recycling Initiative



- Potential initiative to recycle waste cooking oil from local businesses
- Collected oil is refined and converted into ultra low sulfur diesel for use in Rye's municipal diesel fleet
- Opportunity to promote a community-wide recycling campaign

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Potential Grease Recycling Initiative



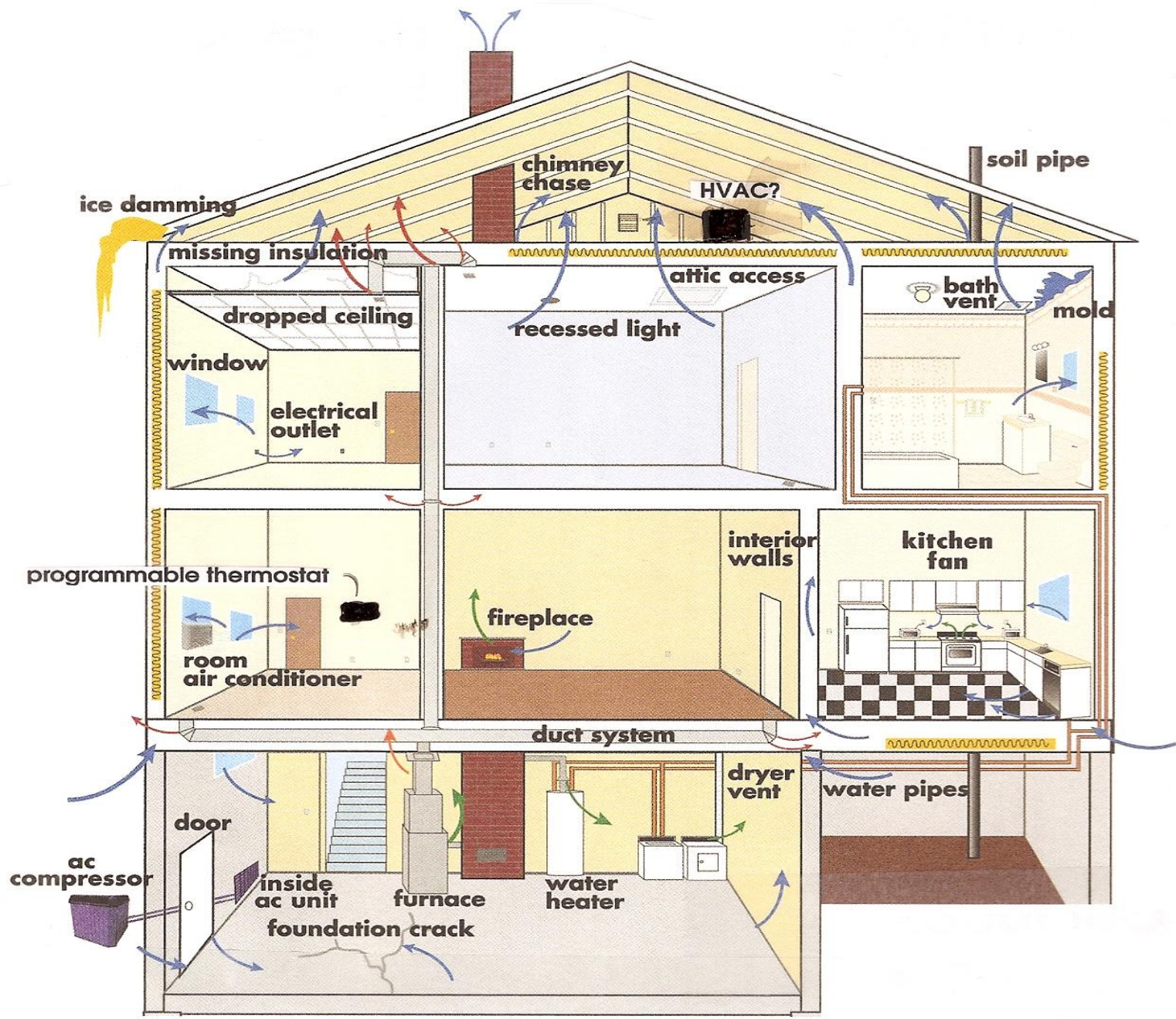
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Energy Efficiency Initiatives



- Background – Judith Martin of Green Home Consulting
- Whitby Castle Walk-through
- City Hall Walk-through

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Next Steps



- Completion of GHG Inventory summary
- Continued community awareness initiatives
- Continue to partner with neighboring communities on specific initiatives
- Identify a person to source grants and necessary funding
- Completion of sustainability plan

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