PASSIVE HOUSE METHODOLOGY, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

PASSIVE HOUSE CONSTRUCTION IS RAPIDLY GARNERING ATTENTION AND POPULARITY IN THE UNITED STATES. THE PASSIVE HOUSE METHODOLOGY RESULTS IN DRASTIC BUILDING ENERGY REDUCTIONS (ESTIMATED AT 75% TO 80%), BEST-PRACTICE INDOOR AIR QUALITY AND SUPERIOR USER COMFORT. THE PRESENTATION ON PASSIVE HOUSE WILL BEGIN WITH AN INTRODUCTION TO PASSIVE HOUSE, TOUCHING UPON PASSIVE HOUSE HISTORY, PASSIVE HOUSE TECHNIQUES AND STRATEGIES, AND THE PASSIVE HOUSE ENERGY MODEL (PHPP). THERE WILL BE A DISCUSSION ON IMPLEMENTING PASSIVE HOUSE IN NEW YORK CITY, COVERING TOPICS SUCH AS PASSIVE HOUSE IN THE LOCAL CLIMATE, LOCAL CODE ISSUES, RETROFIT AND NEW CONSTRUCTION, AND HOW PASSIVE HOUSE FITS WITHIN THE LARGER GOALS OF NYC PUBLIC POLICY (SUCH AS PLAN 2030 AND LEED ACCREDITATION). FINALLY, THE PRESENTATION WILL PRESENT CASE STUDIES OF PASSIVE HOUSE CONSTRUCTION, DEMONSTRATING THE APPLICABILITY OF THE PASSIVE HOUSE METHODOLOGY TO MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION TYPES.

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