

The Preservation Compact



The Preservation Compact is a policy collaborative

- Diverse, multi-sector partnership focused on preserving **affordable rental housing**
- Housed at Community Investment Corporation (CIC)



We coordinate with stakeholders to:

- Intervene directly to save properties
- Develop tools to facilitate the preservation of affordable housing

Policy Issue #2, Question 1:

Does the statutory definition of “energy efficiency” allow a solar as energy efficiency measure (i.e. rooftop solar generation) in the Illinois TRM?

- Solar photovoltaic (PV) systems, does not meet the statutory definition of energy efficiency. These statutes define energy efficiency as measures that reduce the amount of electricity consumed. Rooftop solar **changes the source of electricity, but it does not reduce the total electricity used**, and therefore should not be included as an energy efficiency measure within the Technical Reference Manual (TRM).
- Including solar PV in the TRM would divert limited funds away from whole-building energy efficiency programs.
- Expanding the TRM to include solar PV threatens to dilute these essential efforts and reduce the reach and impact of true energy efficiency programs.

This statement reflects our position and interpretation, not a legal opinion.