



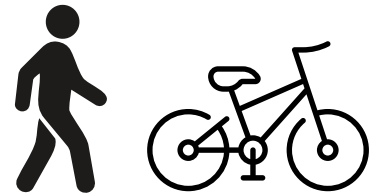
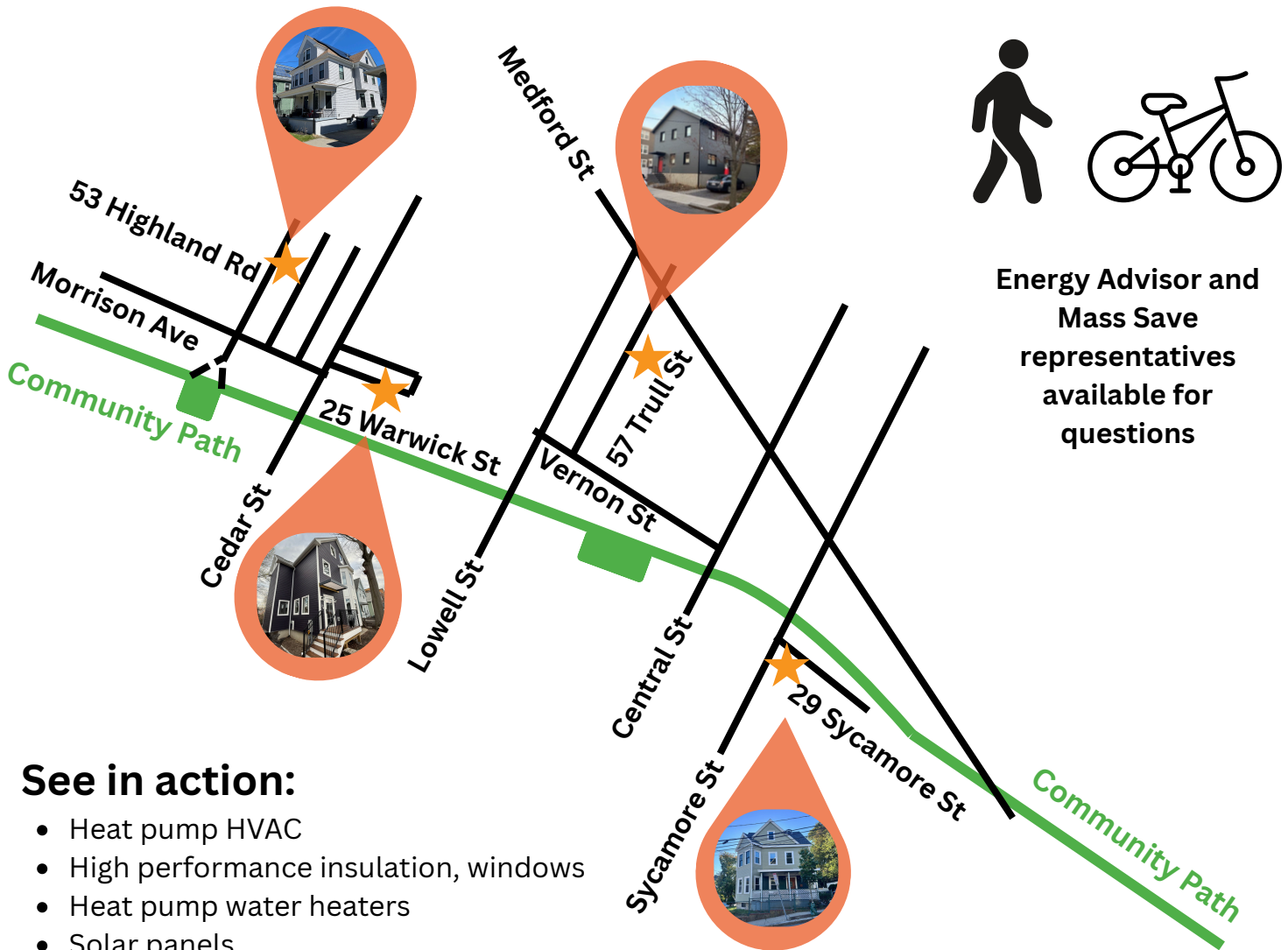
Energy Efficiency Home Tours

Sunday May 3rd, 2026

1pm-4pm



All four homes are accessible from the Community Path



Energy Advisor and Mass Save representatives available for questions

See in action:

- Heat pump HVAC
- High performance insulation, windows
- Heat pump water heaters
- Solar panels
- High efficiency appliances
- Induction stoves

Part of SUSTAINAVILLE WEEK 2026, May 2 - 8:

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Office of Sustainability & Environment

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29 Sycamore St.

A street tree now lives where the gas line used to be! After living in a condo with newer gas equipment and fewer opportunities to change or upgrade, Amanda was looking for a change. She wanted to live in a healthy home, with lower emissions, and do her part to decrease her carbon footprint. She found a home in Somerville that was ready to be renovated, and got to work on it in 2022.

Come and see a heat pump HVAC system (ducted forced air); hybrid heat pump hot water heater, and induction stove. The house also has upgraded insulation and some windows, energy recovery ventilation, heat pump dryer, and upgraded electric service, with the option to add an EV charger in the future. This year she loved the heat pump electric rate.

Cynthia and Tim had the opportunity to completely rebuild their small cottage home and live out their climate values. Knowledgeable about green building techniques, they chose to use offsite panelized construction and triple pane windows. The result is a tight, highly efficient, and incredibly quiet and peaceful space. In addition to a variety of energy efficient building technologies on display, their yard is a pollinator garden!

Visit to see: High performance envelope with virtually no air loss, triple pane windows, insulated foundation, heat pump HVAC (both mini-split style on the first floor, and ducted on the second level), all electric high efficiency appliances including an induction cooktop, heat pump hot water heater, and solar panels which provide 1.6 times the amount of electricity they need!

57 Trull St.



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25 Warwick St.



As an engineer, Alec knows that every time you build, you have an opportunity to upgrade, and he and Ann wanted to build a home they could live in for years to come and not contribute more to global warming. Their renovation project quickly grew in scope and resulted in a whole new house on the old foundation which was just finished in fall of 2025.

Tour this all-electric home inspired by passive house techniques. Triple pane windows let in tons of natural light while keeping the home well insulated. The home also has: high performance insulation everywhere else, heat pump HVAC (ducted), heat pump hot water heater, heat pump dryer, energy recovery ventilator, and induction cooktop. And through the winter, they were pleasantly surprised by their reasonable energy bills.

Nate felt like a pioneer in 2021 when renovating his home but didn't want to be. Motivated by the coming impacts of climate change and an understanding of the calculus for a home for his family for decades to come, he changed out knob and tube wiring, and horsehair plaster, for modern energy efficient solutions.

This home features robust insulation all around, heat pump HVAC (both ducted and minisplit systems on different floors), energy recovery ventilation, heat pump water heater, induction stove, all LED lighting and Energy Star appliances, an upgraded electrical panel, and solar panels. And Nate wants everyone to know they haven't been cold a single day since installing heat pumps!



53 Highland Rd.



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