



## DTE ENERGY AND CONSUMERS ENERGY PROGRAMS ANNOUNCE NEW FEATURE: AUTOMATED DESIGN ASSISTANCE IN EKOTROPE

The New Homes Programs are launching a 6-month pilot to test a new Home Energy Rating System (HERS) feature within the Ekotrope RATER app. Ekotrope's Automated Design Assistance feature will provide HERS raters with energy conservation recommendations tailored to a specific home design and the rebate program offerings. This will allow HERS raters to share recommendations and reports with builders, to enhance home designs and leverage the New Homes Programs' rebate offerings.

All program-participating HERS raters will receive access to the Automated Design Assistance feature tomorrow, June 4, 2021. HERS Raters will receive a webinar invitation for a brief introduction, mid-June, to learn how to utilize the new feature.

Benefits for HERS Raters	Benefits for Builders
See recommendations for each section of home design (REM/Rate users can leverage feature as well, upon XML upload in Ekotrope)	Learn which home design modifications will have the highest opportunities (considering highest energy savings and largest rebate)
Influence builders' design decisions by quickly and easily pulling autogenerated reports with highest energy savings and largest rebate opportunities	Receive report from HERS Rater showing highest energy savings and largest rebate opportunities for each home design (top recommendations)
View combined Consumers Energy and DTE recommendations and incentives	Learn the rebate amount you can receive for homes in Consumers Energy and/or DTE service territory

Thank you for your continued support of the DTE and Consumers Energy New Home Construction Programs. If you have any questions, please contact your Program Manager:

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