

## Leading by Example Council Agenda July 11th, 2023







National Climate and Energy News





Technical Potential of Solar



**Embodied Carbon Reduction Policies and Strategies** 

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## **World News**



The globe's average temperature reached 62.9F (17.18C) on July 5<sup>th</sup>, the highest since records began in 1979, beating the record set in August 2021



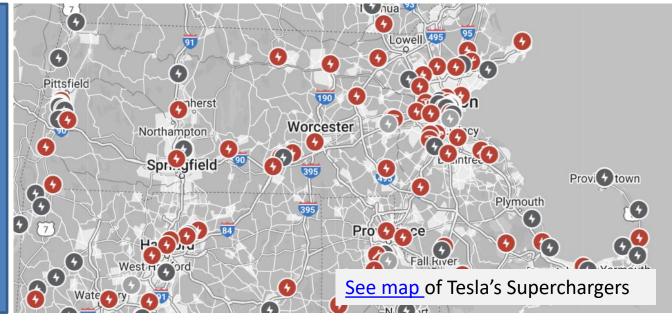


#### We're workin on it...



Starting in 2024-2025, GM, Ford, Volvo, Mercedes Benz, Polestar, and Rivian EVs will come with the **North American Charging Standard** (NACS) connector instead of the current industry-standard CCS

GM and Ford struck deals with Tesla to access Tesla fast chargers across the U.S. and will offer an NACS adapter for their vehicles



CCS Type 1 NACS (e.g., Tesla)



### **Clean Vehicle Credits Under the IRA**

### New Clean Vehicle Credit

- Eligibility: Individuals who meet the adjusted gross income thresholds; can also apply for vehicles purchased by individuals for their business
- Vehicle criteria:
  - Battery capacity at least 7 kWh
  - > <14,000 pounds</p>
  - Qualified manufacturer and <u>model</u>
- Credit amount: \$3,750-\$7,500
  - Dependent on meeting battery components and/or battery mineral requirements

## **Commercial Clean Vehicle Credit**

- Eligibility: Businesses and taxexempt organizations
- Must meet vehicle criteria:



- Battery capacity
- ➤ Vehicle use
- Manufacturer
- Credit Amount:
  - \$7,500-\$40,000
- Eligible for Direct Pay
  - Not eligible for transferability



#### **Commercial Clean Vehicle Tax Credit (CCVC)**

# The credit amount equals the lesser of:

 30% of the purchase price if the vehicle is not powered by gas or diesel

or

• The incremental cost of the vehicle

#### Maximum credit allowed:

- \$7,500 for vehicles
  <14,000 pounds</li>
- \$40,000 for vehicles
  >14,000 pounds
- Eligible for Direct Pay

#### Additional criteria:

- Must meet battery requirements
  - 7 kWh or 15 kWh depending on vehicle weight
- <u>Fuel cell motor vehicle</u> requirements
- Must be from a <u>qualified</u> <u>manufacturer</u>
- Must be domestically assembled



### **CCVC Qualified Manufacturers as of July 2023**

American Honda Motors*	Audi of America	Autocar*	Battle Motors	Blue Bird*
BMW of North America	Daimler Truck of North America	Ecostream RV industries	Envirotech Vehicles	Ford Motor Company*
General Motors*	Gillig	GreenPower	Hyundai Motor America*	Jaguar Land Rover
Kia America	Lion Electric Company & Manufacturing	Lordstown EV Corporation	Lucid USA	Mack Trucks*
Mazda Motor of America	Mercedes-Benz USA	MINI USA	Mitsubishi Motors North America	Motiv Power Systems
Navistar*	Nikola Corporation	Nissan North America*	Nova Bus (US)	Odyne Systems
PACCAR*	Phoenix Cars	Polestar Automotive	Porsche Cars	Proterra Operating Company
Rivian Automotive	SEA Electric	Stellantis N.V.*	Subaru of North America	Tesla
Toyota Motor Sales*	VinFast	Volkswagen Group of America	Volvo Car North America	Volvo Trucks North America*
Xos				



#### Market Watch: Current EVs

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Make	Model	Year	CCVC Eligible?
Chevrolet	Bolt	2023	Yes
cheviolet	Bolt EUV	2023	Yes
	E-Transit	2023	Yes
Ford	F-150 Lightning	2023	Yes
	Mustang Mach-E	2023	Yes
	loniq 5	2023	Yes
Hyundai	loniq 6	2023	Yes
	Kona	2023	Yes
Kia	EV6	2023	Yes
NId	Niro	2023	Yes
Nissan	Leaf	2023	Yes
NISSAII	Ariya	2023	Yes
Subaru	Solterra	2023	Yes
Toyota	bZ4X	2023	Yes
Volkswagen	ID.4	2023	Yes

Medium Duty				
Make	Model	Year	CCVC Eligible?	
Envirotech	Urban Electric Truck	2023	Yes	
Greenpower	Star CC	2023	Yes	
Motiv	E-450	2023	Yes	
	Box Truck	2023	No	
Lightning eMotors	Cargo Van	2023	No	
	ZEV3	2023	No	
	ZEV4	2023	No	

#### <u>Heavy Duty</u>

Make	Model	Year	CCVC Eligible?
Freightliner	eCascadia	2023	Yes
International	eMV	2023	Yes
Volvo	VNR	2023	Yes



Ford E-Transit



Chevy Bolt EUV

# And Many More!



#### Market Watch: Upcoming EVs

<u>Light Duty</u>				
Make	Model	Year	CCVC Eligible?	
	Blazer	2024	Yes	
Chevrolet	Equinox	2024	Yes	
	Silverado	2024	Yes	
Honda	Prologue	2024	Yes	
Kia	EV9	2024	Yes	
Mercedes	eSprinter	2024	Yes	
RAM	1500 REV	2024	Yes	
	ID.7	2024	Yes	
Volkswagen	ID.Buzz	2024- 2025	Yes	
GMC	Hummer EV	2024	Yes	

Make	Model	Year	CCVC Eligible?
	B4	TBD	No
Bollinger	B5	TBD	No
	B6	TBD	No
Cenntro Logistar	400	TBD	No

#### <u>Heavy Duty</u>

Make	Model	Year	CCVC Eligible?
Tesla	Semi	TBD	Yes

And More!



Kia EV9



Cenntro Logistar 400

# Exciting news!

#### New Access to Federal Tax Credits through the Inflation Reduction Act

The CCVC is one of multiple tax credits that will become available for nontaxable entities, including **state government agencies** 



#### **Inflation Reduction Act Tax Credit Overview**

Certain tax credits are applicable to any eligible projects that have started since January 1, 2023.

#### **Direct Pay (formally known as Elective Pay):**

Instead of receiving a reduction in tax liability, entities eligible for direct pay can receive direct payments.

More information

#### Transferability:

Instead of receiving a reduction in tax liability, those eligible for transferability can monetize the credits by transferring them to another unrelated party for payment in return. <u>More information</u>

**Plus:** A proposed special rule in the IRA guidance would further enable the credits to be combined with grants and loans.



## Federal Direct Pay Tax Credits for Non-Taxable Entities

- New pathway for non-taxable entities to access clean energy tax incentives in the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)
- Applicable for EVs, charging, solar, heat pumps, and more
  - FAQs
  - Federal guidance
  - <u>Transferability info</u>

LBE to focus on providing support for state entities navigating direct pay!

#### List of tax credits and their eligibility under the Inflation Reduction Act

Electricity	Fuels Vehicles Manufacturing	Eligible for direct pay
45, 45Y	Clean electricity production tax credit	$\checkmark$
48, 48E	Clean electricity investment tax credit	$\checkmark$
45U	Zero-emission nuclear power production credit	$\checkmark$
45Q	Credit for carbon oxide sequestration*	$\checkmark$
45Z	Clean fuel production credit	$\checkmark$
45V	Clean hydrogen production tax credit*	$\checkmark$
30C	Alternative fuel vehicle refueling property credit	$\checkmark$
45W	Credit for qualified commercial clean vehicles	$\checkmark$
48C	Advanced energy project credit	$\checkmark$
45X	Advanced manufacturing production credit*	$\checkmark$

\*Direct payments for these credits are available to taxable entities for five years. Source: Legal Information Institute, "26 U.S. Code § 6417 - Elective payment of applicable credits" Table: Center for American Progress



## New Tax Credits: How Do They work?

**Eligible Projects:** multiple solar and wind technologies, municipal solid waste, geothermal (electric generation), tidal, biomass, landfill gas, hydroelectric, marine, hydrokinetic, energy storage technologies, microgrid controllers, fuel cells, geothermal (heat pump and direct use), combined heat & power, microturbines, interconnection costs, and electric vehicle charging stations

**Possible Tax Credits:** <u>Clean Electricity Production</u> (45, 45Y), <u>Clean Electricity Investment</u> (48,48E), <u>Alternative fuel</u> <u>vehicle refueling property</u> (30D)

- Tax credit starts with a base amount of either 6% (48E, 30D) or \$0.003/kWh (45Y).
- If project meets prevailing wage requirements it can receive a 5x multiplier.
- There are also multiple stackable bonus adders:
  - 10% located in Energy Community (48E, 45Y)
  - 10% meets <u>domestic content requirements</u> (48E, 45Y)
  - 10% located in <u>low-income community</u> or on <u>tribal land</u> (48E)\*
  - 20% located in <u>low-income residential buildings or part of low-income economic benefit</u> projects (48E)\*
  - Direct Pay and Transferability Options



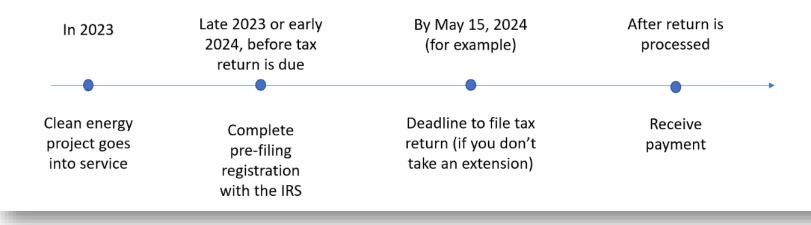


#### Retroactive tax credits will likely not be available until May 2024

• For example, if a state entity installs rooftop solar in early 2023, they would likely pre-file late 2023 or early 2024 and make the direct pay election on their tax return in the spring

A local government that makes a clean energy investment that qualifies for the investment tax credit can file an annual tax return (via Form 990-T) with the IRS to claim elective pay for the full value of the investment tax credit, as long as it meets all of the requirements, including a pre-filing registration requirement.

As the local government would not owe other federal income tax, the IRS would then make a refund payment in the amount of the credit to the local government.



The e-portal, expected Fall 2023, will enable entities to...

- 1) complete the required prefiling registration process &
- 2) submit for a direct pay credit in Spring 2024

# More to come...

Questions?

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# News and Updates: Massachusetts



### **Offshore Wind Development Snapshot: Update**

In June, SouthCoast Wind announced they are moving to terminate their contracts, citing increased project costs

	Project	Developer	Size	Current Status	Expected operational date
Round 1	Vineyard Wind 1	Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners, Avangrid	800 MW	Under construction	2023/2024
Round 2	SouthCoast Wind (formerly Mayflower Wind)	Shell, Oceans Wind	800 MW	Contract Approved, Under Appeal	2027
Round 3	Commonwealth Wind	Avangrid	1,200 MW	Contract Approved, Under Appeal	Before 2030
Round S	SouthCoast Wind	Shell, Oceans Wind	400 MW	Contract Approved, Under Appeal	Before 2030
Round 4	TBD		Up to 3,600 MW**	Draft RFP under review	Draft RFP requires before 2032

#### Total offshore wind procurement authority: 5,600 MW

\*\*The new Draft RFP seeks to procure at least 400 MW and up to the maximum amount remaining of the statutory requirement of 5,600 MW of offshore wind energy generation under Section 83C, taking into account offshore wind energy generation under contract at the time when proposals are due, in any event not to exceed 3,600 MW.

#### District Geothermal Pilots Break Ground

- Eversource is the first gas utility in the US to build and run a "networked geothermal system" in its Framingham pilot project
  - Will provide heating and cooling for 37 buildings: apartment complex, homes, fire station, college building, and commercial properties
  - Includes a hundred 600' wells, a mile of underground pipe, and heat pumps in every building
- National Grid also broke ground for a district geothermal system in Lowell, with UMass Lowell as a participant



### New England Grid Expected to be More Stable Than Anticipated

- New England's largest fossil fuel power plant, Mystic Generating Station, closing summer 2024
  - Everett Marine Terminal, which sells 80% of its LNG to Mystic, may close
- Everett is one of the only facilities that can accept LNG from tankers; current pipelines cannot deliver same demand
- New models show that New England may face "limited exposure to energy shortfalls" in winter without both Everett and new transmission line in Maine, through 2027
  - Assumes the region becomes increasingly reliant on oil-fired power plants to fill in gaps when demand spikes
- Improved outlook for grid reliability is thanks to:
  - Strong growth of solar
  - > Certainty around 800 MW Vineyard Wind project
  - > Fewer power plant retirements than expected
  - Less growth in energy demand than expected



Upcoming MassDEP MD/HD Grant

- \$7.5 million MassDEP grant opportunity to support the <u>electrification</u> of medium- and heavy-duty vehicles
- Funded through the Volkswagen Settlement
- Grants will be made available for eligible mitigation actions of the VW Settlement
  - Includes classes 4-8 local freight trucks, buses and waste & dump trucks
  - Covers repowering of diesel engines or replacement of diesel vehicles with EVs
- More details to come!

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## **LBE Updates**



# Learn more and experience firsthand the battery-powered landscaping equipment available on statewide contract FAC116!

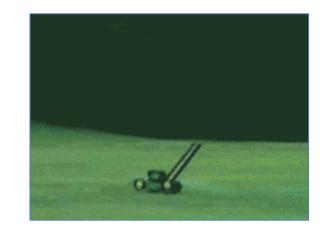
Hosted by LBE, OSD, and the Taunton Housing Authority

Featured equipment will include		
Trimmers	Zero-turn mowers	
Blowers	Loaders and utility vehicles	
Chainsaws	Stand-on mowers	
Pole saws	Push mowers	

<u>RSVP here</u> or scan:



#### Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> 9:30am-12pm Taunton Housing Authority Fitzsimmons Arms, 30 Olney St Taunton, MA 02780





### FY24 Grants: Fleet EVSE Deployment

- The LBE Fleet EVSE Deployment Grant is supporting deployment of 38 charging ports, with another 49 ports in the queue pending application approvals
- Most of the original \$800,000 program allocation has been committed...

Total initial allocation	\$800,000
Grants awarded May 2023: UMA, MIL, DMF	\$337,000
Apps pending approval: DFW, DoS, UMCMS	\$179,660
Apps in queue: DCR, BSU	\$275,000
Remaining FY23 budget	\$8,093

• LBE has been allocated an additional **\$600,000** in capital funding to continue this program, and is pursuing other funding sources

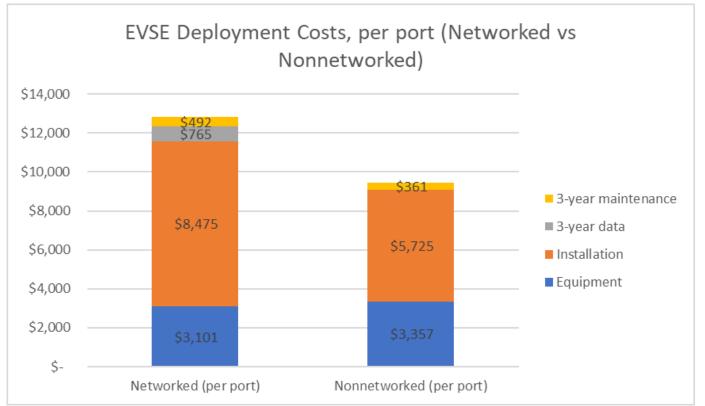
FY24 budget (as of 7/1/23) \$608,093

Interested in pursuing grant funding? Have questions as you plan your fleet charging needs? Reach out to LBE ASAP!



### FY24 Grants: Average EVSE Deployment Costs

- Data collected from Fleet EVSE grant applications and vendor proposals
- Per-port cost of <u>equipment</u> is fairly consistent
  - Networked: \$1,800-\$4,200
  - Non-networked: \$2,800-\$3,500
- Per-port cost of <u>installation</u> varies depending on infrastructure needs (e.g., trenching, panel upgrades, etc)
  - Networked: \$3,000-\$32,000
  - Non-networked: \$2,400-\$12,000





# What word comes to mind when we say, "integrated solar"?

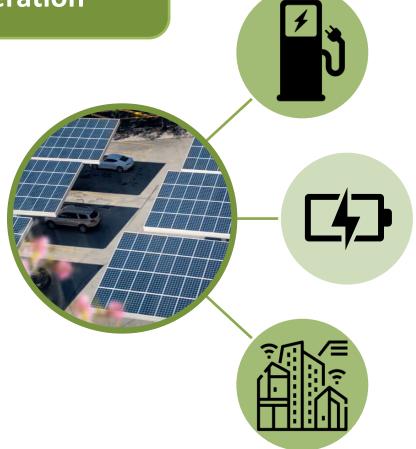
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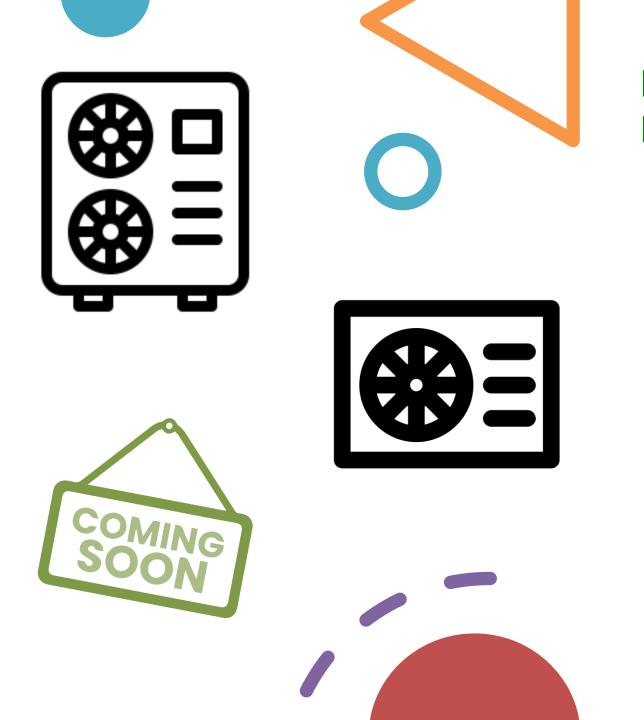




Integrated solar = solar installations that advance broader statewide and LBE goals beyond electricity generation

- New solar canopy grant program will provide funding projects that...
  - ✓ Expand EV charging infrastructure
  - ✓ Result in grid benefits such as demand reduction (e.g., battery energy storage)
  - ✓ Support facility electrification
- \$750,000 allocation in first program year





### FY24 LBE Grants: Public Entity Decarbonization

- Addresses financial gaps for small to medium renewable thermal and equipment electrification projects
  - State facilities outside DCAMM purview and regional school districts
- Focuses on the preemptive avoidance of inkind replacement of fossil-fuel-based heating and cooling systems
- Funding priority given to eligible projects located in disadvantaged communities
- ~\$4.5M from DOE State Energy Program funding



### **Updates to LBE Conversions/GHG Calculator**

#### Tool calculates emissions for:

- Building energy use
- Vehicle energy use

# Tool translates energy use & renewable generation into social math, such as:

- MA homes powered/heated
- Vehicles off the road

Check out this calculator on the LBE website under Tools & Resources <u>here</u>

<b>Building Fuel Calculations</b>			GHG Emissions*				Equivalencies				
Select Year (CY or FY)	Fuel	Enter Fuel Amount (Native units)	GHG Emissions Factor (lbs CO2e/unit)	GHG Emissions Factor (metric tonnes CO2e/unit)	Total GHG Emissions (lbs)	Total GHG Emissions (metric tonnes)	MA Homes powered by Electricity (kWh)	MA Homes heated by Natural Gas (therms)	MA Homes heated by Oil (gallons)	MA Homes total energy use	Passenger Vehicles equivalen GHG Emissions
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all	Coal (tons)		4,192.165	1.901209	-	-					
all	Wood Pellets (tons)		-	-	-	-					
all	Cord Wood (chord)		-	-	-	-			-		
	Totals:				-	-	-	-	-	-	

## **COMING SOON!** LBE Quarterly Survey

We need your help in tracking progress towards our goals so we can stay up-todate and report progress in more real time!

- 5-minute survey to provide updates on new:
  - 🄄 EVs
  - 🛰 EVSE
  - BPLE
  - \* Renewable Thermal
  - T Renewable Energy
  - Other Sustainable Efforts
  - Updates will automatically be added to entity tracking form
- Survey will be available on LBE website and included in quarterly emails



### Changes to Mass. LEED Plus 2.0 Standard (MLP 2.0)

- All state new construction and major renovation projects that initiate a study on or after July 1, 2023, must adhere to the Commercial Specialized Opt-in Code to comply with the Standard's energy performance requirements
- Nexus of Specialized Opt-in Code and MLP 2.0 Standard:
  - Meet thermal efficiency thresholds by building type
  - Primarily electric heating and cooling (further guidance to come)
  - Other EO 594 requirements still apply
- DOER and DCAMM working on updates to MLP 2.0 guideline accordingly



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# **Technical Feasibility of Solar**

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#### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY RESOURCES

Elizabeth Mahony, Commissioner

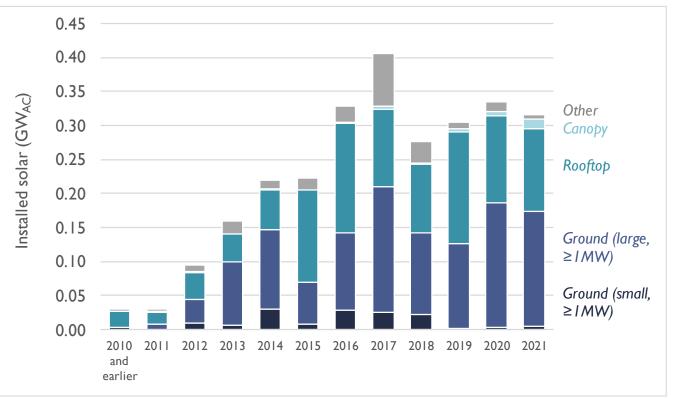
# Technical Potential of Solar Study July 11, 2023



#### **Purpose**

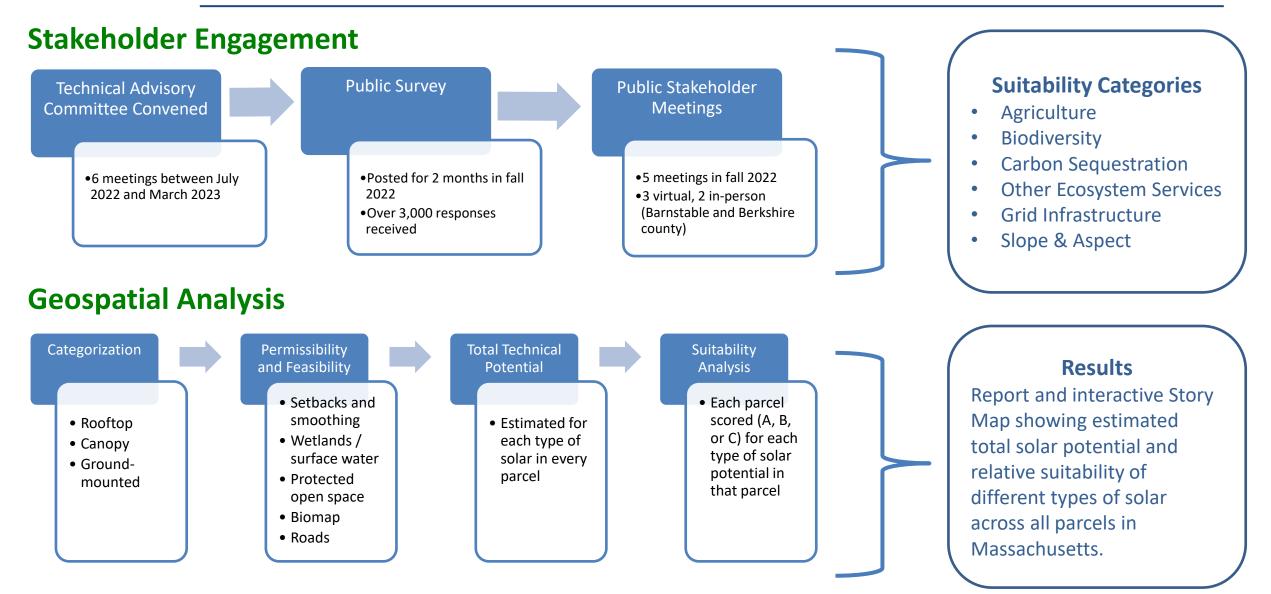
- 1. Determine total technical solar potential to achieve CECP emissions limits
  - Approximately 27 34 GW of solar, or 0.3 GW per year
  - Current installed solar = approximately 3 GW (as of August 2022)
    - 0.6 GW being developed under SMART program
- 2. Develop methodology to quantify potential for solar installations in most preferred to least preferred locations

#### Figure 1. Solar installations in Massachusetts by year





#### **Study Overview**



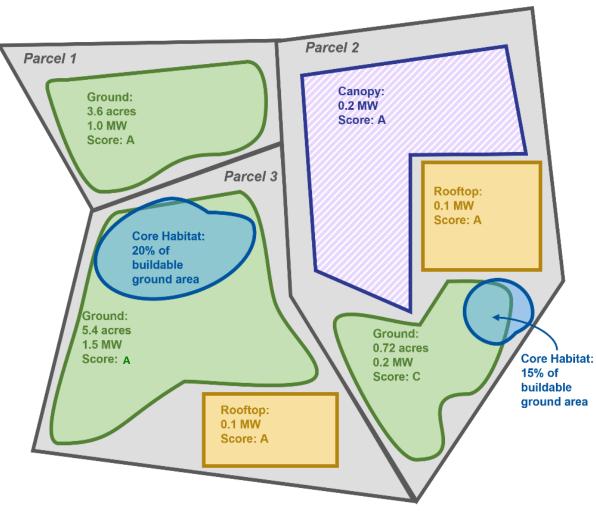


#### **Suitability Categories**

Table 1. Suitability Categories and Criteria

Category	Criteria					
Agriculture	Does the parcel contain agricultural soils and/or is it designated as farmland?					
Biodiversity	Does the parcel overlap with Biomap area?					
Other Ecosystem Services	Does the parcel overlap with a Wellhead Protection Area, and/or Areas of Critical Environmental Concern?					
Embedded CO <sub>2e</sub>	How much embedded and foregone CO <sub>2e</sub> does the parcel contain?					
Grid Infrastructure	How far is the parcel from a substation?					
Slope and Aspect	What is the parcel's grade and what direction does it face?					

Figure 2. Suitability scoring example – biodiversity category

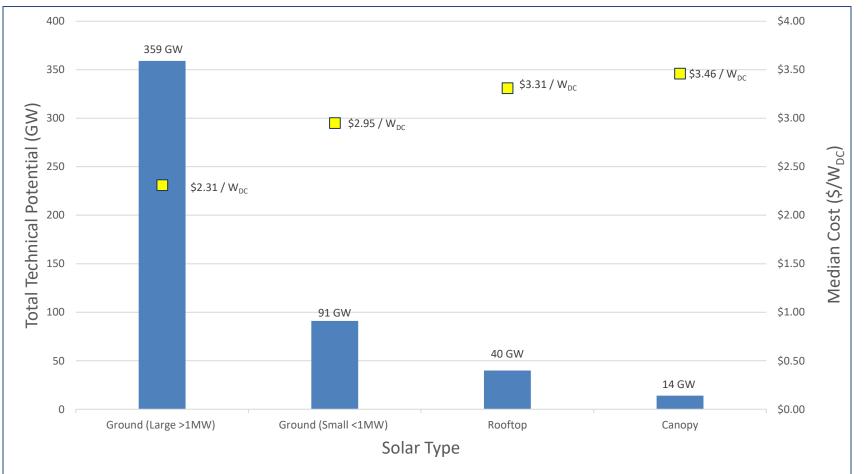




## **Total Technical Potential**

## Key Take Away: Massachusetts has 506 GW of solar potential

Figure 3. Total technical solar potential and cost/watt of type of solar





## **Suitability Results**

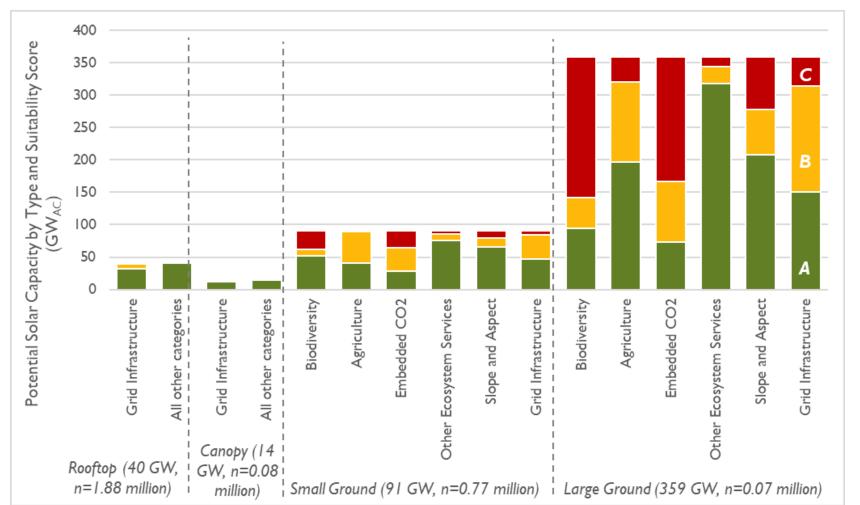


Figure 4. Share of technical potential by solar type and suitability score

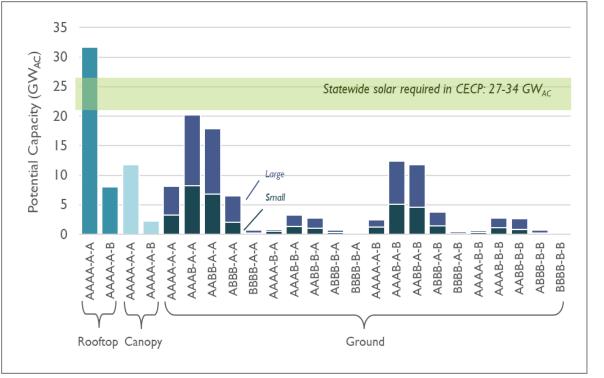
#### Key Take Aways:

- 152 GW<sub>AC</sub> receives a Highly Suitable score (A or B in every category)
- 52 GW<sub>AC</sub> receives an A in every category
- We can site solar **strategically** to balance land use priorities while meeting solar deployment needs

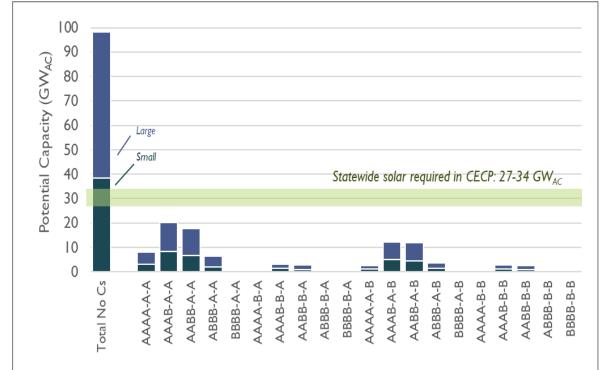


## **Results – Suitable Potential**

Figure 6. Solar potential by combined suitability score, all types, no "C" grades



#### Figure 7. Solar potential by combined suitability score, ground-mounted solar only, no "C" grades





## **Policy Considerations**

- We do not assume we will max out solar deployment in all Highly Suitable locations
  - Competition for roof space as building electrification increases need for other rooftop equipment
  - Roof age, condition, and structural ability
  - > Disincentives for commercial property owners to install solar (split incentives)
  - Competition from other types of development (housing, etc.)
  - Some potentially suitable locations may have been screened out with our methodology ex. Certain wellhead protection zones.
- Grid infrastructure is a major barrier to solar deployment
  - > Analysis does not account for current hosting capacity
- Environmental justice is a nuanced topic that cannot be analyzed quantitatively
  - > Solar siting decisions in EJ communities require community planning and engagement
  - Story Map is a tool to facilitate engagement with EJ communities about priority locations for solar



## **Story Map**

• <u>https://technicalpotentialofsolar-ma-synapse.hub.arcgis.com/</u>



## **Next Steps**

- Additional analysis using related spatial data
  - > Overlay with Environmental Justice map
  - > Overlay with hosting capacity maps
- Findings may inform future policies to achieve CECP limits
  - Grid Modernization Advisory Council
  - DOE Solar for All grant application
  - Next generation solar programs



## **THANK YOU!**

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## **Embodied Carbon Reduction Policies and Strategies**

# Embodied Carbon Agenda



Why are we talking about embodied carbon?



What exactly is embodied carbon? Where does it come from and how do we track it?



How can we reduce embodied carbon in state projects?

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## The Why: Embodied Carbon Policies in MA and Beyond





- **Embodied Carbon:** The greenhouse gas emissions arising from the manufacturing, transportation, installation, maintenance, and disposal of building materials (<u>CLF</u>)
- Environmental Product Declaration (EPD): A report that provides thirdparty verified data about a product's lifecycle environmental performance, including global warming potential (International EPD System)
- Global warming potential (GWP): A measure of how much energy the emissions of I ton of gas will absorb over a given period of time, relative to I ton of CO<sub>2</sub>. The larger the GWP, the more that a given gas warms the Earth compared to CO<sub>2</sub>. (EPA)
- <u>Whole-Building Life Cycle Assessment (LCA)</u>: An evaluation of a building's environmental impacts throughout its life cycle, including material production, construction, usage, end-of-life, and externalized impacts (<u>CLF</u>)



## **EXECUTIVE ORDER 594**

## Section 3: Mass LEED Plus 2.0 Standard for New Construction

- To maximize the potential GHG emissions reductions, all new construction and substantial renovations, where possible and cost-effective, shall...Evaluate and implement strategies to reduce embodied carbon contained in building materials.
- Section 8: Guidance, Guidelines and Studies
  - LBE, in collaboration with other agencies, will lead efforts to develop guidance, guidelines or studies to support agency implementation of strategies and programs designed to meet the goals of this order. Including but not limited to...recommendations on whether and how agencies may incorporate embodied carbon into their emissions calculations and programs

## EMBODIED CARBON POLICIES IN MA

## State Policies

- 2050 CECP: "Following the completion of the (EO594 Section 8), research the Commonwealth will explore incorporating embodied carbon standards into the evaluation of new state facilities."
- Commission on Clean Heat: Recommended Research and Development Embodied carbon of new construction and best practices for mitigating associated emissions

## Proposed Legislation

- (HD.1033/SD.840) Act Incorporating Embodied Carbon into State Climate Policy (Private Sector)
- (HD.2668 / SD.817) Act requiring state procurement of low-carbon building materials (State Projects)
- (SD.820) Act relative to the use of low-embodied carbon concrete in state projects (State Projects & Infrastructure)

## **Municipal Policies**

- •Boston: Mass Timber Accelerator; Article 37 and Zero Carbon Building Zoning; Zero Waste Boston Deconstruction Initiative •Brookline: Resolution for EC reduction in concrete, for municipal projects and infrastructure
- •Cambridge: Net Zero Action Plan recommends addressing embodied carbon through updated green building requirements
- •Newton: Sustainability ordinance; measurement requirements in progress
- •Somerville: Zero Carbon pathway for Net-Zero Ready Buildings requires analysis of embodied carbon and proof of offset

## EMBODIED CARBON POLICIES ACROSS THE U.S.

## **States**

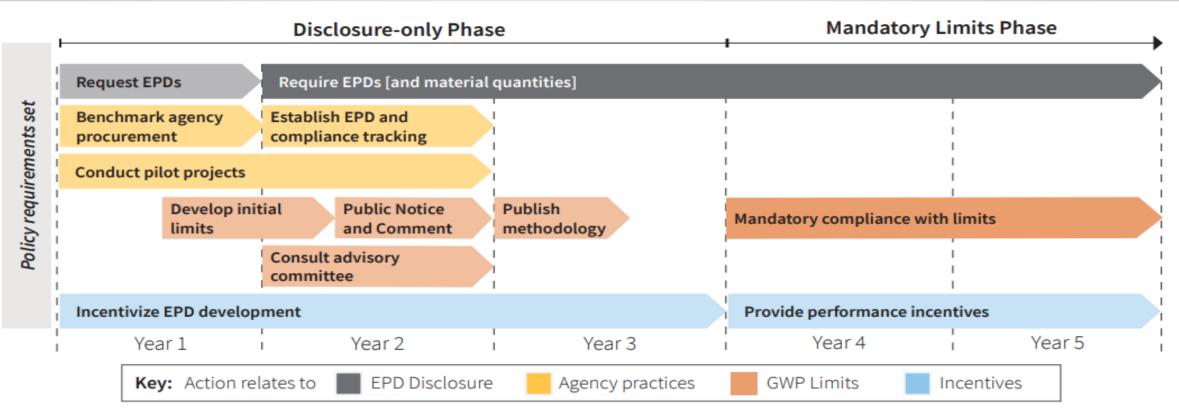
- 2017: **Buy Clean CA** set GWP limits for steel, glass, and wool for buildings and DOT. 2022 law added concrete and new limits.
- 2021: Buy Clean WA pilot will set GWP limits for Concrete, Steel, Wood for buildings
- 2021: NY Low-Embodied-Carbon Concrete Leadership Act will set GWP limits on concrete for buildings and DOT projects
- 2021: Buy Clean CO will set GWP limits on concrete, Steel, Wool, Asphalt, Cements, and Glass
- 2022: Oregon pilot targeting low-embodied carbon concrete and steel for DOT projects

## **Federal**

- Buy Clean EO commits federal government to purchasing lower carbon steel, concrete, asphalt, and flat glass
- In spring 2022, GSA set embodied carbon standards for concrete, asphalt, and whole-buildings
- U.S. DOE currently developing tools for whole-building EC lifecycle cost assessments
- U.S. EPA <u>grant program</u> will support EPD development, data collection, and labeling

## PHASING-IN OF EMBODIED CARBON POLICIES

State and federal policies follow similar phased approaches to collect data, set emissions limits, and eventually enforce emission limits



Source: Carbon Leadership Forum

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## The What: Defining and Measuring Embodied Carbon

## A building project causes environmental impacts far beyond its building site.

buildings generate nearly **40%** of annual global greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions

### **DECARBONIZING BUILDINGS**





## embodied energy

the energy consumed by all of the processes associated with the production of a building - such as mining natural resources, manufacturing, transporting, & construction

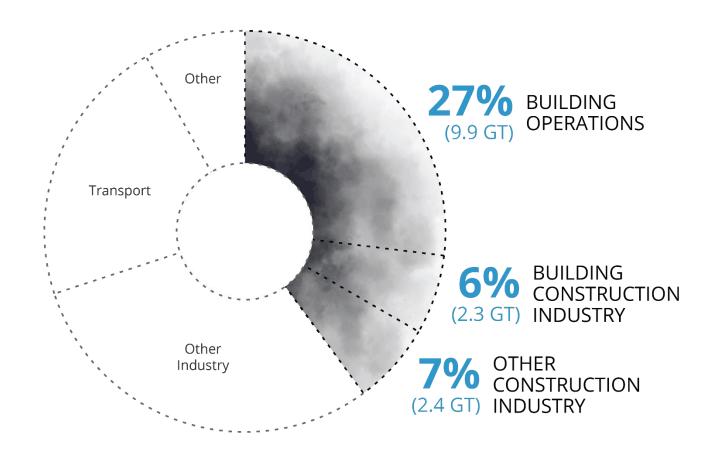
## operational energy

the energy consumed by running a building - such as heating, cooling, lighting, & power

source: Architecture 2030

### **DECARBONIZING BUILDINGS**

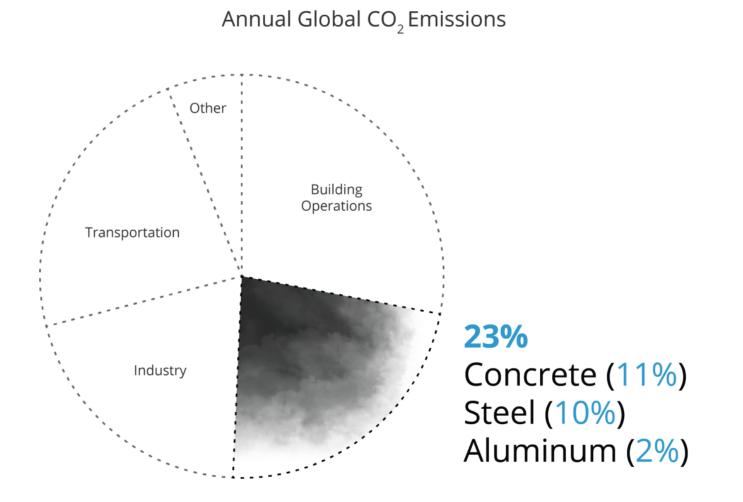
Annual Global CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions



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Building Construction Industry and Other Construction Industry represent emissions from concrete, steel, and aluminum for buildings and infrastructure respectively.

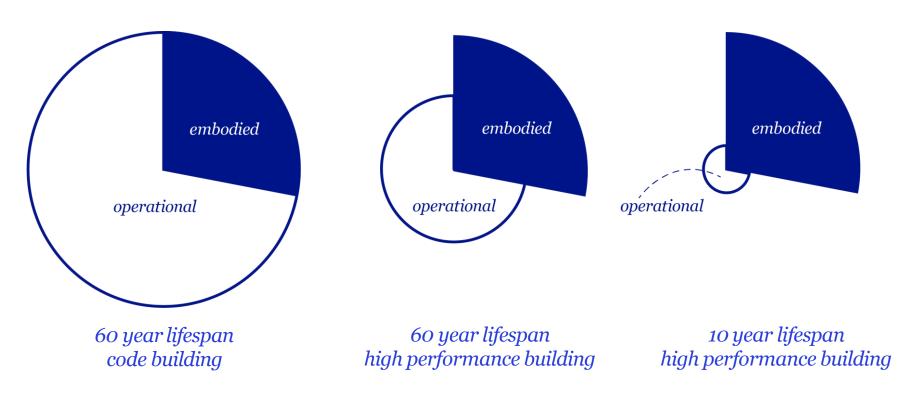
## **DECARBONIZING BUILDINGS**



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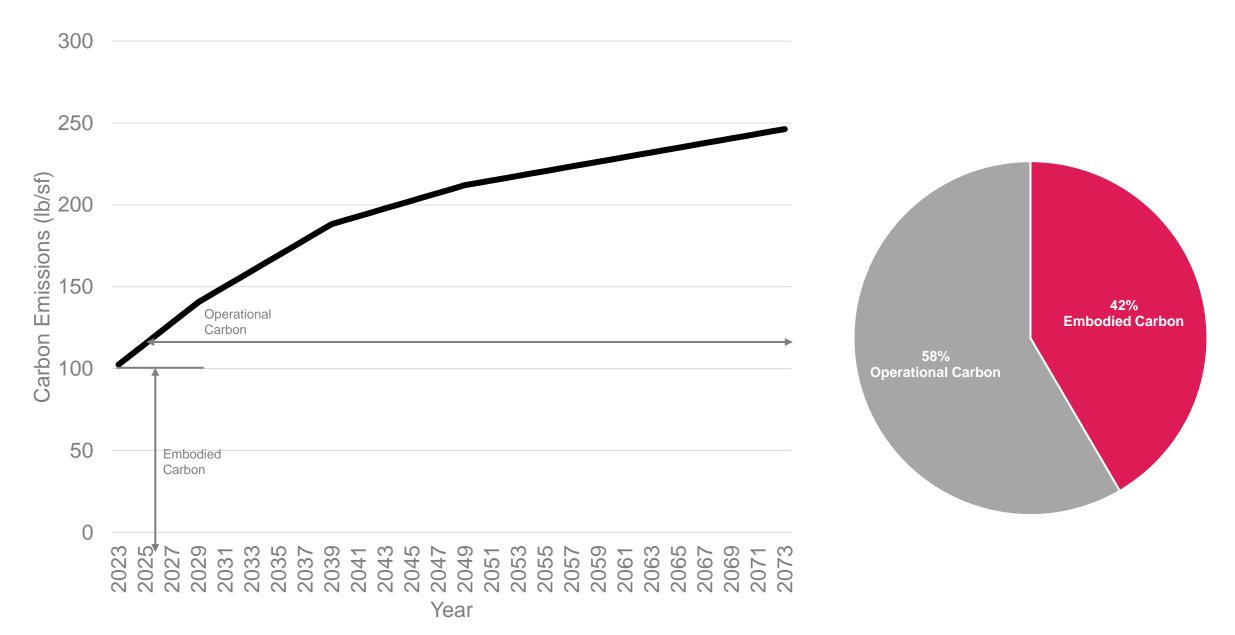
#### **EMBODIED & OPERATIONAL ENERGY**



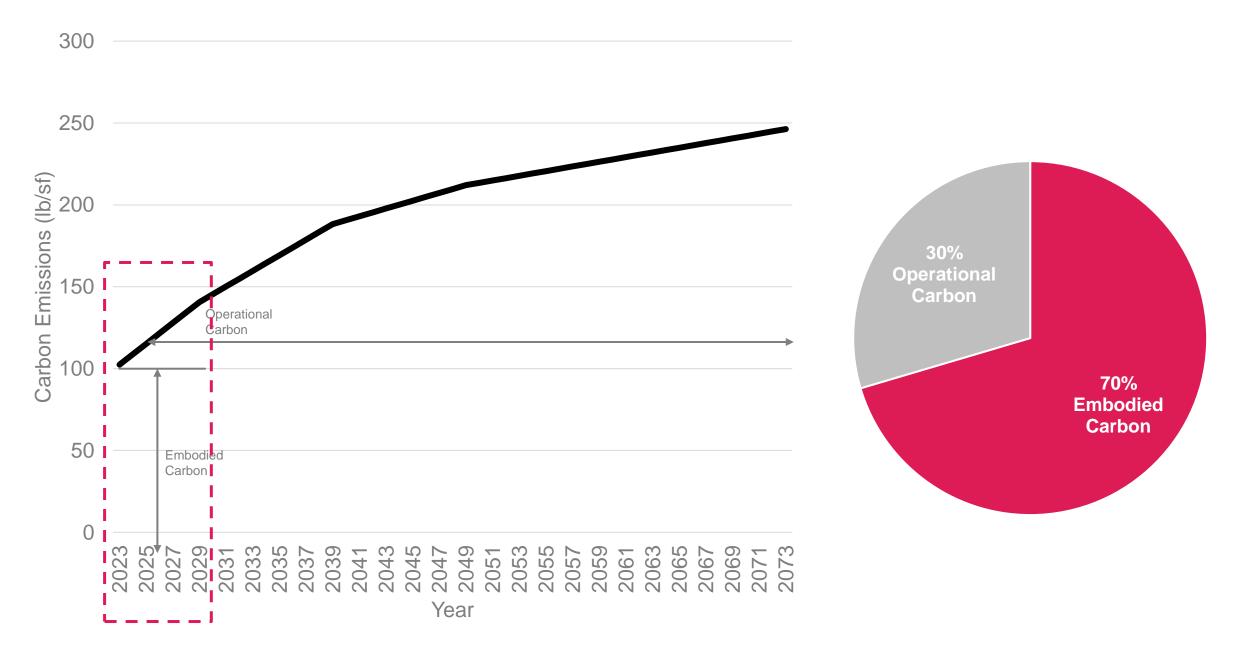


sources: K. Simonen, Life Cycle Assessment, Routledge, 2014 ©2018 2030. Inc. / Architecture 2030. All Rights Reserved. Data Sources: UN Environment Global Status Report 2017. ETA International Energy Outlook 2017.

### CARBON OVER THE LIFE OF A TYPICAL NEW BUILDING IN MASSACHUSETTS



## TIME VALUE OF CARBON



#### LIFE CYCLE ASSESSMENT

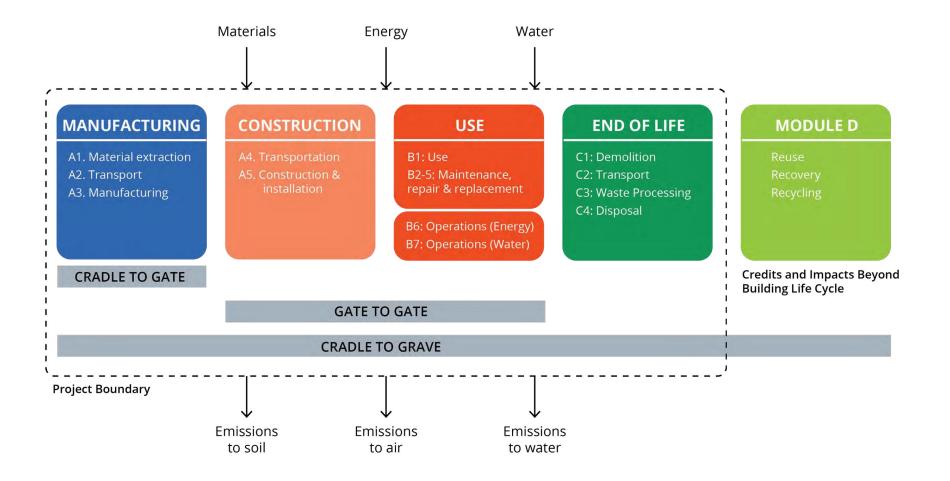




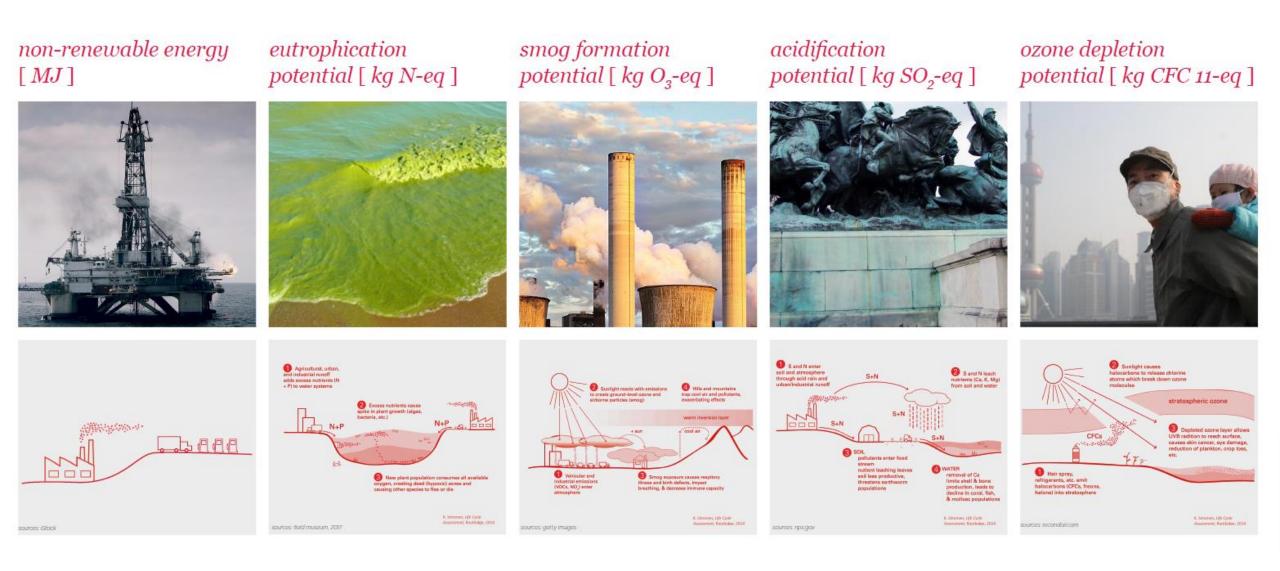
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GWP ODP Acidification Eutrophication Smog Energy Use

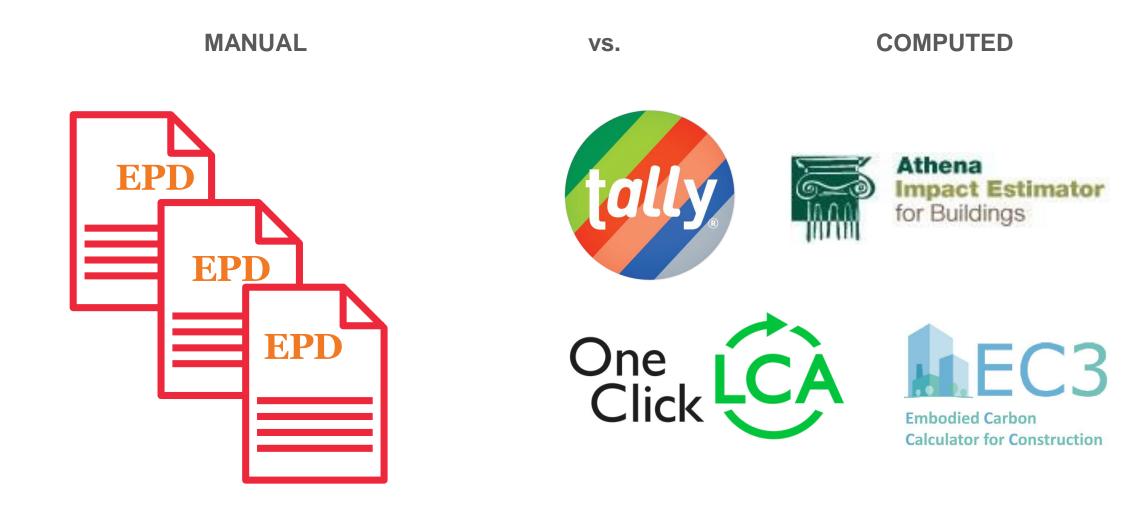
#### SYSTEM BOUNDARY



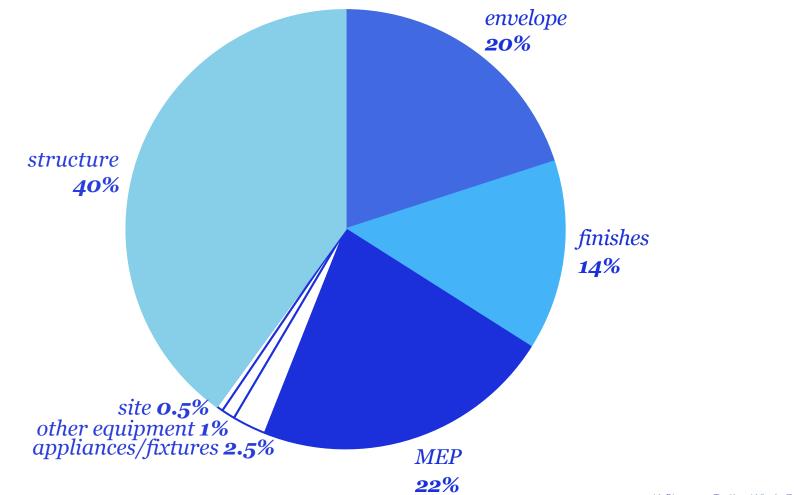
## HOW TO MEASURE LIFE CYCLE IMPACTS



#### LIFE CYCLE ASSESSMENT TOOLS

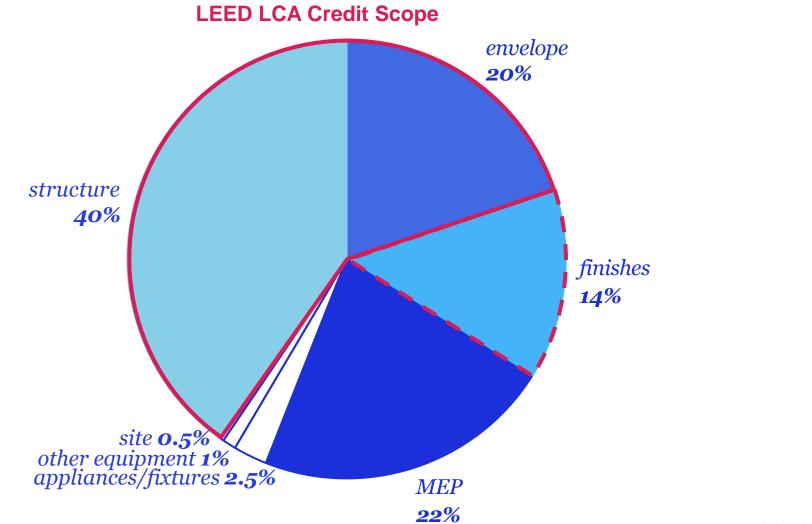


## **EMBODIED CARBON IN BUILDINGS**



sources: K. Simonen, Testing Whole Building LCA: Research and Practice, 2015

## **EMBODIED CARBON IN BUILDINGS**



## LEED V4.1 CREDITS Materials & Resources: Building Life-Cycle Impact Reduction



### **Option 2: Whole Building Life-Cycle Assessment (1-4 points):**

For new construction (buildings or portions of buildings), conduct a cradle-to-grave LCA of the project's structure and enclosure and follow one of the paths below to earn up to 4 points:

- Path 1 (1 point): Conduct LCA of structure and enclosure
- Path 2 (2 points): Conduct LCA of structure and enclosure that demonstrates a minimum of 5% reduction, compared with baseline building in at least 3 of the 6 impact categories listed below, one of which must be GWP\*
- Path 3 (3 points): Conduct LCA of structure and enclosure that demonstrates a minimum of 10% reduction, compared with baseline building in at least 3 of the 6 impact categories listed below, one of which must be GWP\*
- *Path 4 (4 points):* Meet requirements of Path 3 and incorporate reuse and/or salvage materials into the project's structure and enclosure for the proposed design. Demonstrate reductions compared to baseline building of at least 20% reduction for GWP, and at least 10% reduction in 2 additional impact categories\*

\* no impact category assessed as part of the life-cycle assessment may increase by more than 5% compared with the baseline building

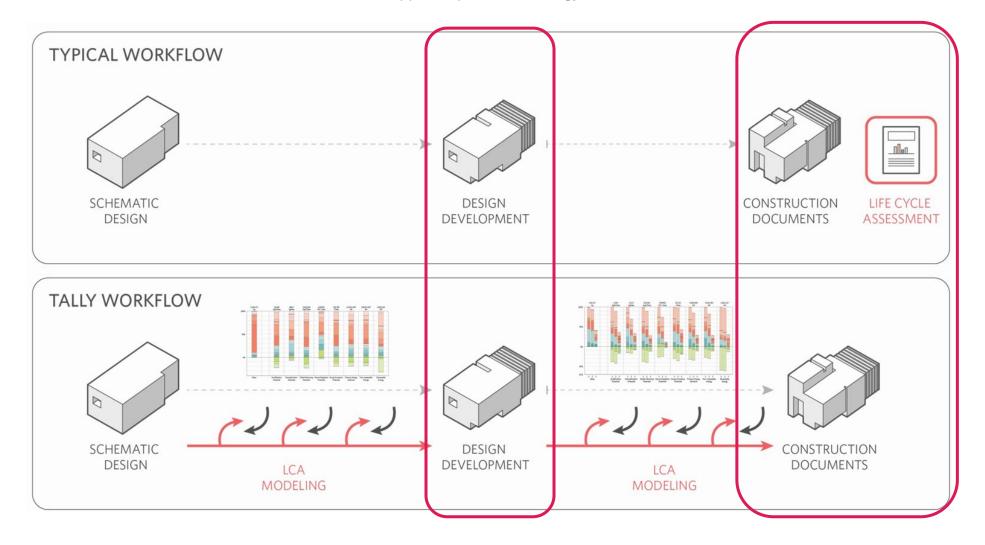
## **BASELINE VS DESIGN MODEL**

#### Baseline building

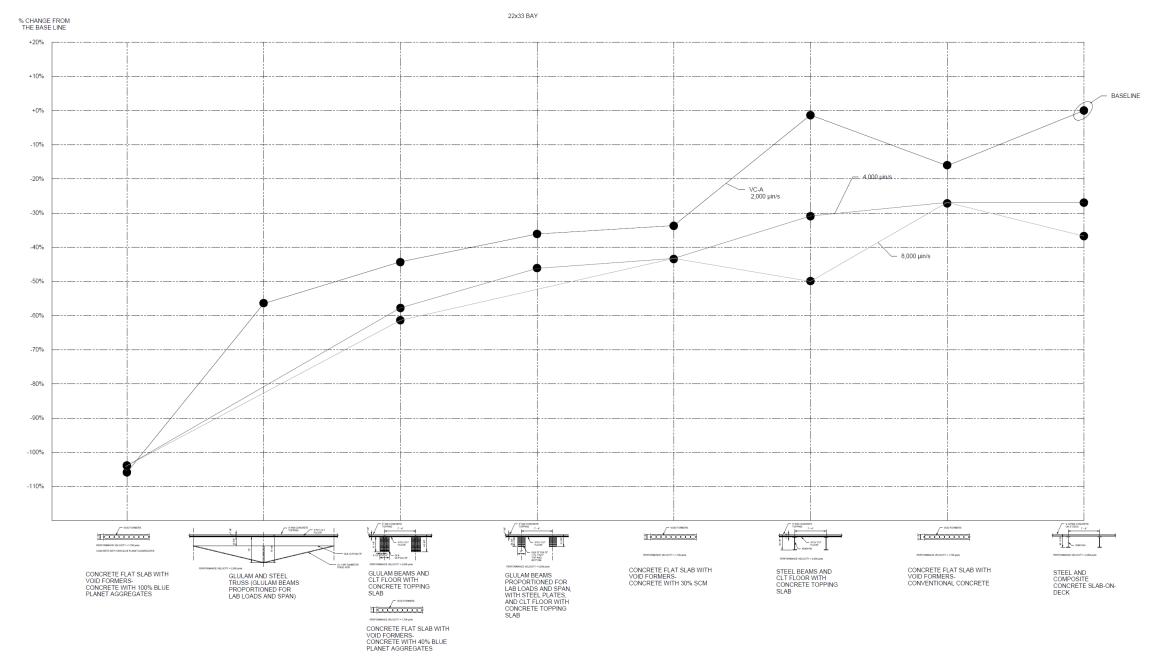
Reflect typical construction practices for location, be equivalent to design building in function, gross floor area, orientation, approx. operational energy

#### Design building

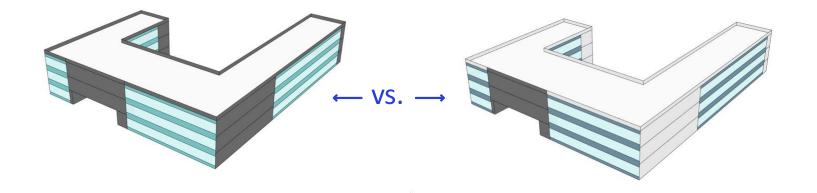
Final project design



## **EMBODIED CARBON REDUCTIONS - STRUCTURES**



### **EMBODIED CARBON REDUCTIONS - ENVELOPE**



#### **ENVELOPE CALCULATOR**

◉ Initial Carbon (only Module A) ○ 60 Year (with Module D) ○ 60 Year (no Module D)

Option 1		
Туре	Square Feet	GWP
MV - Granite 🗸 🗸	15470 🜲	286968.50
CW - Spandrel (Alum w/ Backpan) 🗸	8665 🗘	123822.85
	<b>24,135</b> ft <sup>2</sup>	<b>410,791.35</b> kgCO <sub>2</sub> eq



54% reduction in embodied carbon!

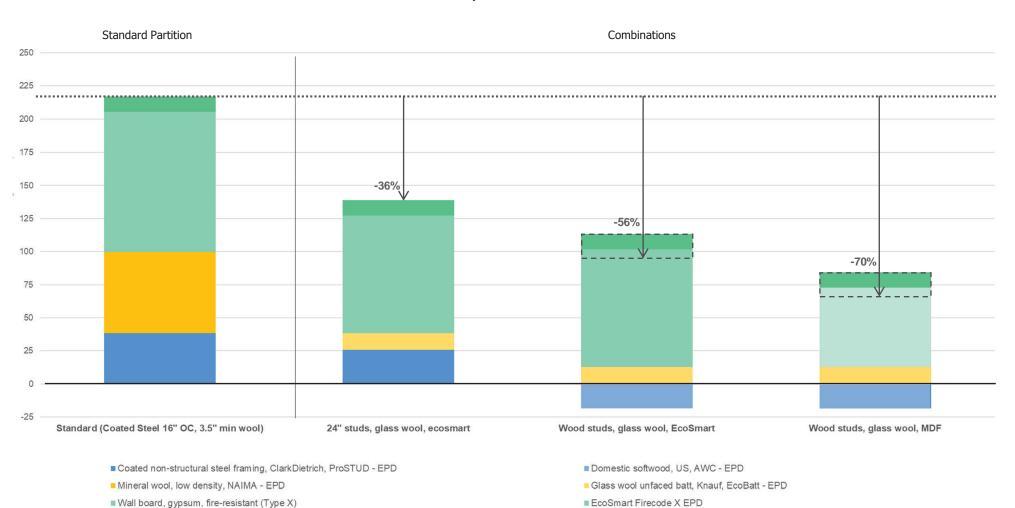
## **EMBODIED CARBON REDUCTIONS - PARTITIONS**

Medium density fiberboard (MDF), AWC - EPD

Paint, interior acrylic latex

#### **EMBODIED CARBON OF PARTITIONS**

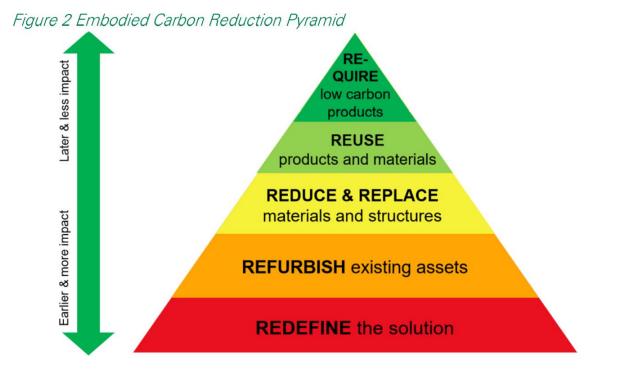
Study Module: 12'6" floor-to-floor, 10' long, 1 year lifespan



GWP by Material

#### **REDUCING EMBODIED CARBON**

- Select materials that have lower global warming potential
- Use biobased materials
- Reuse buildings and materials
- Use less materials
- Look at the holistic carbon impacts of material choices



City Policy Framework for Dramatically Reducing Embodied Carbon

Source: Carbon Neutral Cities Alliance, City Policy Framework for Dramatically Reducing Embodied Carbon, 2021

#### RESOURCES

- Carbon Leadership Forum
- <u>Architecture 2030</u>
- BSA Embodied Carbon 101
- <u>choosetally.com</u>
- <u>EC3</u>
- <u>Athena Sustainable Materials Institute</u>
- <u>oneclicklca.com</u>
- payette.com/kaleidoscope-tool/
- <u>Carbon Smart Palette</u>
- Pocket Architecture Technical Design Series: *Life Cycle Assessment*
- Kathrina Simonen



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## The How: Strategies to Reduce Embodied Carbon in Massachusetts Projects

### Concrete EPD Kickstarter: Environmental Product Declarations

- \$3,000 grant for each Massachusetts ready-mix concrete plant
- To partially offset costs for third-party verified site specific instant EPDs
- All state construction and transportation projects can ask for good, better, best GHG mixes on projects now
- <u>www.macapa.org/epd-grant-program/</u> or email Craig <u>hq@macapa.org</u>



Jayne Lino, MassCEC





# **EMBODIED CARBON** REDUCTION CHALLENGE

THE CHALLENGE: REDUCE UPFRONT CARBON OF BUILDINGS

ENTRIES DUE MARCH 31, 2024 | 5:00 PM



### **EMBODIED CARBON** REDUCTION CHALLENGE



- Tips and Tricks: Tally LCA
- Tips and Tricks: One Click LCA
- Embodied Carbon Case Studies
- Embodied Carbon Tools Overview
- Tally Office Hours
- One Click LCA Office Hours
- Case Studies of Winning Submissions July 2024

#### – June 27, 2023

- June 29, 2023
- July 23, 2023
- June 14, 2023
- October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> 2023

### **STEP 1: EXPRESS INTEREST**

More resources: <a href="https://builtenvironmentplus.org/embodied-carbon-challenge/">https://builtenvironmentplus.org/embodied-carbon-challenge/</a>

# The Top 10 List

Communicate Carbon Reduction Goals

**2.** Ensure Good Quality Control and Assurance

- **3.** Optimize Concrete Volume
- **4.** Use Alternative Cements
- **5.** Use Supplementary Cementitious Materials

- Use Admixtures
- 7. Don't Limit Ingredients
- Set Targets for Carbon Footprint
- **9.** Sequester Carbon Dioxide in Concrete
- **O**. Encourage Innovation



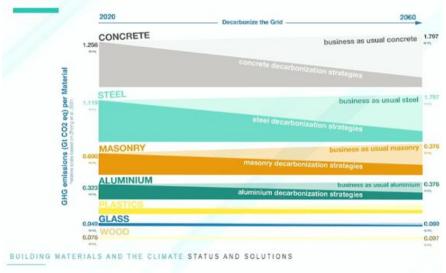
CONCRETE

Decarbonization

**Best Practice** 

**Strategies** 

Frank Mruk, FAIA

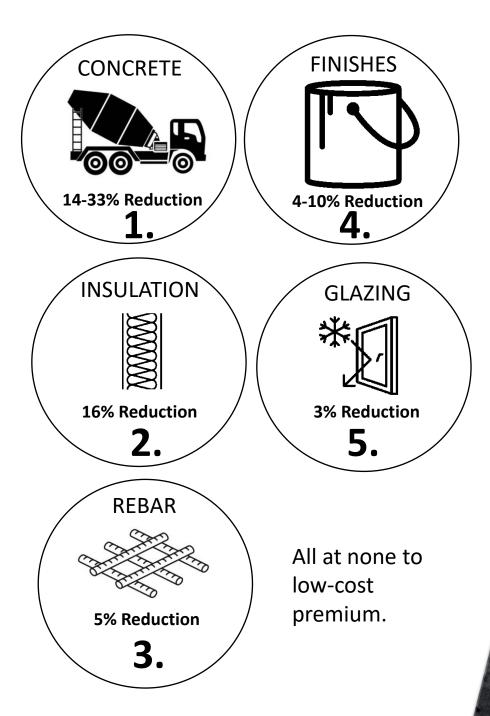


Strategies for Decarbonization per Material

To comply with the Paris climate accord, cement emissions must fall by at least 16 percent by the end of the decade.

> Zhong, X., Hu, M., Destman, S. et al. Global greenhouse gas emissions from residential and commercial building materials and mitigation strategies to 2060. Nat Commun 12, 6126 (2021)

## No. 1: Communication **Top Categories** for Reducing Embodied Carbon



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RMI Report, Reducing Embodied Carbon in Buildings Low-Cost, High-Value Opportunities July 2021

## No.1: Communicate Carbon Reduction Goals

GSA's low embodied carbon concrete standard, a 20% reduction in the amount of "embodied carbon"

NJ: Bill S-287 New Jersey Law Provides Tax Credits to Low-Carbon Concrete Manufacturers

NY: Low-Embodied-Carbon Concrete Leadership Act.

Coming: MA, PA, CT



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## No. 2: Ensure Good Quality Control and Assurance

#### Manufacturer Qualifications:

- NRMCA Certified Concrete Production Facility
- NRMCA Concrete Technologist Level 2

#### **Installer Qualifications:**

ACI Flatwork Finisher

#### **Testing Agency Qualifications:**

- Meets ASTM C1077
- ACI Concrete Field Testing Technician Grade I
- ACI Concrete Laboratory Testing Technician Level I
- Results certified by a registered design professional

## No. 2: Ensure Good Quality Control and Quality Assurance

### No. 3:

## Optimize Concrete Design

If a structural element such as a column or beam is designed larger than required, then excessive concrete is being used which increases embodied carbon.

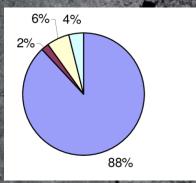
### **ASTM C595**

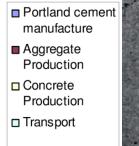
Туре	Description	Notes	
Type IL (X)	Portland-Limestone Cement	Where X can be between 5 and 15% limestone	
Type IS (X)	Portland-Slag Cement	Where X can be up to 70% slag cement	
Type IP (X)	Portland-Pozzolan Cement	Where X can be up to 40% pozzola (fly ash is the most common)	
Type IT (AX)(BX)	Ternary Blended Cement	Where X can be up to 70% of pozzolan + limestone + slag, with pozzolan being no more than 40% and limestone no more than 15%	

## No. 4: Use Alternative Cements

Portland-limestone cement is intended to fully replace ordinary Portland cement, 10% reduction in carbon footprint.

## No. 5: Use Supplementary Cementitious Materials





Summary of CO2 emissions derived from concrete

### **Concrete Materials:**

- 1. Fly Ash or Natural Pozzolan: ASTM C618
- 2. Slag Cement: ASTM C989
- 3. Silica Fume: ASTM C1240
- 4. Glass Pozzolan: ASTM C1866
- 5. Etc.

### **Concrete Materials:**

#### **Chemical Admixtures:**

- 1. Air-Entraining Admixture: ASTM C 260/C 260M
- 2. Water-Reducing Admixture ASTM C 494/C 494M Type A
- High-Range Water-Reducing Admixture: ASTM C 494/C 494M Type F or G
- 4. Accelerating Admixture: ASTM C 494/C 494M Type C or E
- 5. Retarding Admixture: ASTM C 494/ C 494M Type B or D
- 6. Hydration Control Admixture: ASTM C 494/C 494M Type B or D

## No. 6: Use Admixtures

## No. 7: Don't Limit Ingredients

Performance Specifications

Maximum w/cm ratio

- Air content of 6% for all concrete
- Maximum cement content
- Minimum cement content
- Maximum fly ash content
- Minimum fly ash content
- Water: Potable

Concrete Strengths			
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Shear Walls: 6,000 psi			
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Columns: 8,000 psi			•
Floors 2-18: 5,000 psi			
Floors B2-1: 5,000 psi		I	
	$\leq$		
Basement Walls: 5,000 psi			
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Mat Foundation: 6,000 psi			
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## No. 8: Set a Carbon Budget

Resist the temptation to set carbon footprint limits for individual classes of concrete.

## NRMCA & Industry Wide/Average EPD



2023 Carbon Leadership Forum North American Material Baselines

BASELINE REPORT | APRIL 2023



Environmental Product Declaration



NRMCA MEMBER INDUSTRY-AVERAGE EPD FOR READY MIXED CONCRETE



#### Table 1: Declared Product Range Classification

pecified Compressive Strength range (Column 1)	- SCM range (%) (Column 2)	Product Name (Column 3)	
	0-19% Fly Ash and/or Slag	2500-00-FA/SL	
	20-29% Fly Ash	2500-20-FA	
	30-39% Fly Ash	2500-30-FA	
0-2500 psi	40-49% Fly Ash	2500-40-FA	
(0-17.24 MPa)	30-39% Slag	2500-30-SL	
(0-17.24 INF a)	40-49% Slag	2500-40-SL	
	≥ 50% Slag	2500-50-SL	
	$\ge$ 20% Fly Ash and $\ge$ 30% Slag	2500-50-FA/SL	
2501-3000 psi (17.25-20.68 MPa)	0-19% Fly Ash and/or Slag	3000-00-FA/SL	
	20-29% Fly Ash	3000-20-FA	
	30-39% Fly Ash	3000-30-FA	
	40-49% Fly Ash	3000-40-FA	
	30-39% Slag	3000-30-SL	
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	≥ 50% Slag	3000-50-SL	
	$\ge$ 20% Fly Ash and $\ge$ 30% Slag	3000-50-FA/SL	
	0-19% Fly Ash and/or Slag	4000-00-FA/SL	
3001-4000 psi (20.69-27.58 MPa)	20-29% Fly Ash	4000-20-FA	
	30-39% Fly Ash	4000-30-FA	
	40-49% Fly Ash	4000-40-FA	
	30-39% Slag	4000-30-SL	
	40-49% Slag	4000-40-SL	
	≥ 50% Slag	4000-50-SL	
	≥ 20% Fly Ash and ≥ 30% Slag	4000-50-FA/SL	

## No. 9: Sequester Carbon Dioxide

### **Concrete Materials:**

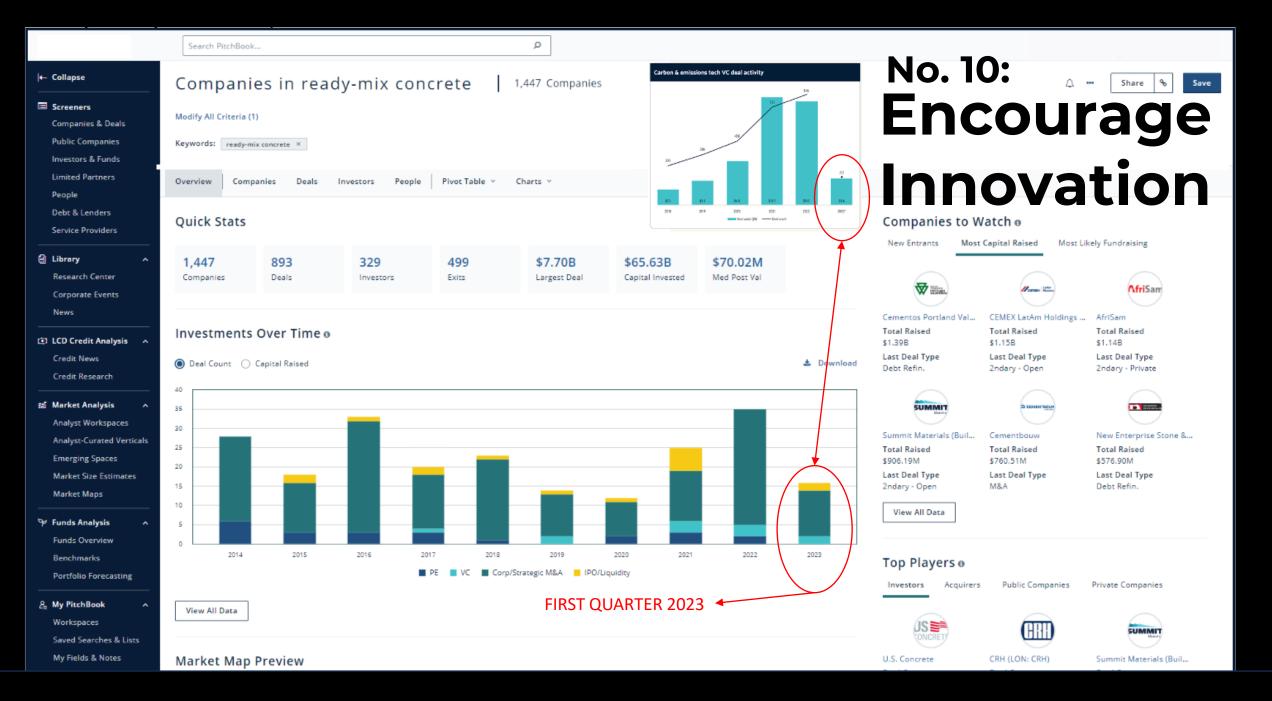
- A. Normal-weight Aggregate: ASTM C33
- B. Lightweight Aggregate: ASTM C330
- C. Recycled concrete aggregate (crushed concrete) meeting the requirements of ASTM C33 or ASTM C330 may be used in structural concrete up to 10% of the total aggregate.
- D. Artificial limestone aggregate meeting the requirements of ASTM C33 or ASTM C330 is permitted.
- E. Carbon mineralization by injecting CO2 into concrete during manufacturing or curing in CO2 atmosphere shall be permitted.





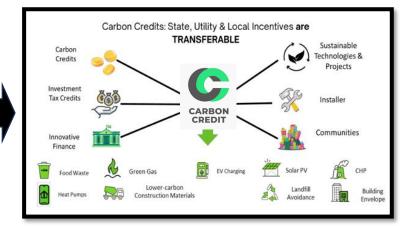
## No. 10: Encourage Innovation

- Ground Glass Pozzolan
- Carbon Storing Aggregate
- Carbon Negative Cement
- Carbon Dioxide infused fly ash
- Biochar
- Limestone Calcined Clay Cement
- Biogenic Limestone Cement
- Geopolymer Cement
- Metamaterial Cement



Project Type:	Volume Sold (MtCO2e):	Average Price:	Price Range:	
Wind	12.8	\$1.9	\$0.3 - \$18	
REDD+	11	\$3.3	\$0.8 - \$20+	and this
Landfill methane	7.9	\$2	\$0.2 - \$19	
Tree planting	3	\$7.5	\$2.2 - \$20+	
Clean cookstoves		\$4.9	\$2 - \$20+	A
Run-of-river hydro	1.5	\$1.4	\$0.2 - \$8	1000
Water/purification	1.2	\$3.8	\$1.7 - \$9	Texture.
Improved forest management	O.8	\$9.6	\$2 - \$17.5	1000
Biomass/biochar	0.7	\$3	\$0.9 - \$20+	A COLUMN TWO
Energy efficiency - industrial-focused	0.7	\$4.1	\$0.1 - \$20	CONTRACTOR OF
Biogas	0.6	\$5.9	\$1 - \$20+	Sugar 1
Energy efficiency - community-focused	0.6	\$9.4	\$3.3 - \$20+	And in case of
Transportation	0.5	\$2.9	\$2.2 - \$6.8	
Fuel switching	0.5	\$11.4	\$3.5 - \$20+	
Solar	0.3	\$4.1	\$1 - \$9.8	
Livestock methane	0.2	\$7	\$4 - \$20+	8
Geothermal	0.1	\$4	\$2.5 - \$8	Billion
Agro-forestry	0.1	\$9.9	\$9 - \$11	Trees

FROM: PLANTING TREES

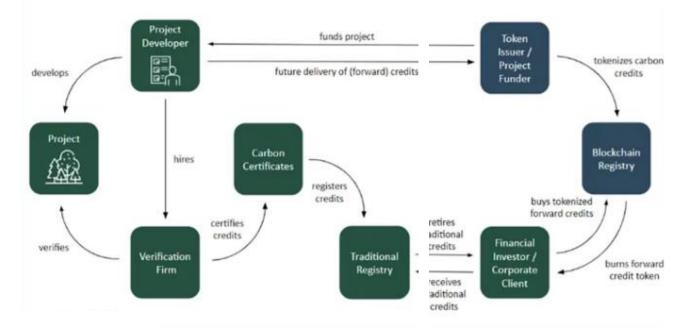


#### What is carbon credit tokenization?

Carbon credit tokenization is the process of creating digital tokens representing real carbon credits with the help of blockchain technology. These credits can be bought, sold, & traded like any other digital assets.



то: Tokenized Forward Credits





## **Decarbonization** – **Strategies Now**

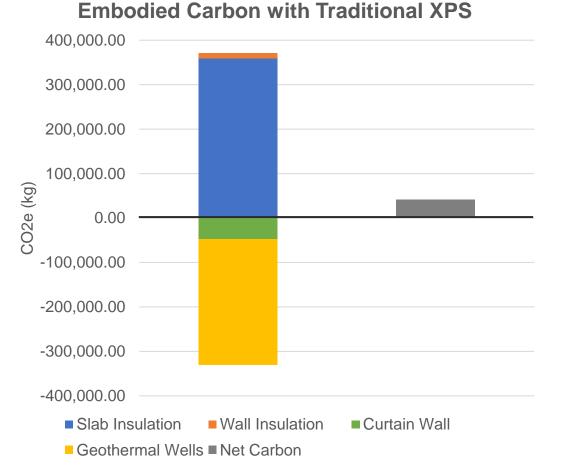
Frank Mruk, FAIA, LEED AP, FStratPS fmruk@nrmca.org 401-585-7756 BUILD WITH STRENGTH MASSACHUSETTS



#### **REDUCING EMBODIED CARBON – UPGRADED ENVELOPE PERFORMANCE**



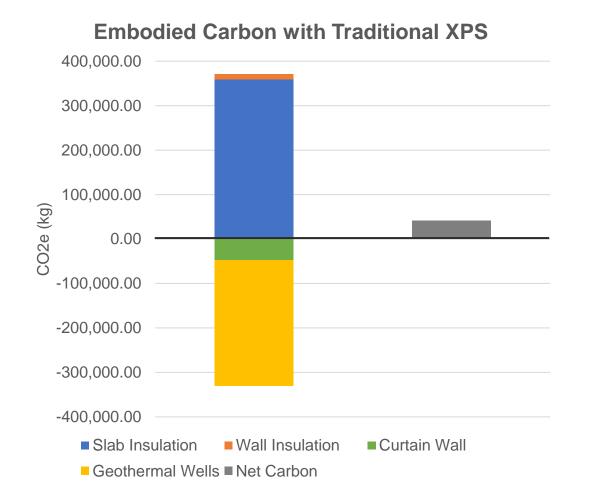
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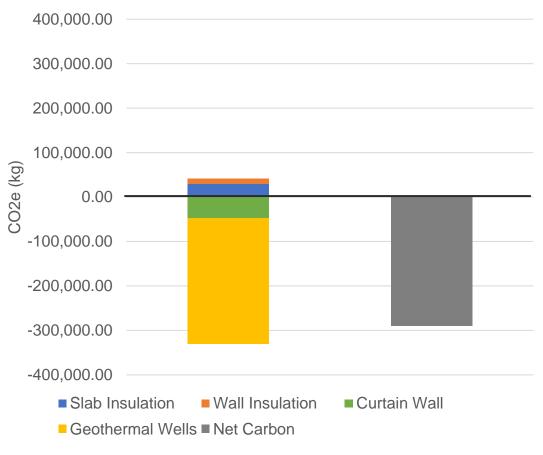
- Increase wall insulation by 1" (mineral wool)
  - Increase slab insulation by 2" (XPS)
  - Switch to timber curtain wall
  - Reduction in heating load reduces geothermal wells by 72



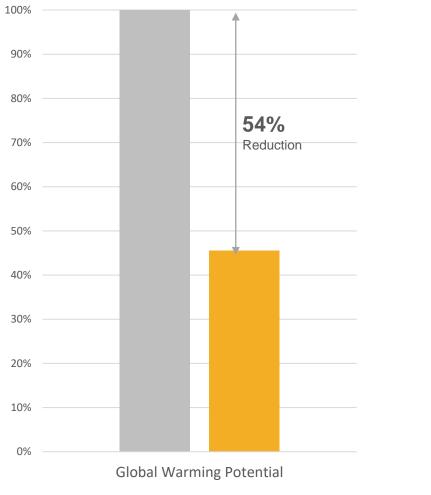
#### **REDUCING EMBODIED CARBON – UPGRADED ENVELOPE PERFORMANCE**



#### **Embodied Carbon with Low GWP XPS**



#### **SMALL CHANGES, BIG IMPACTS**



Traditional Curtain Wall Timber Curtain Wall



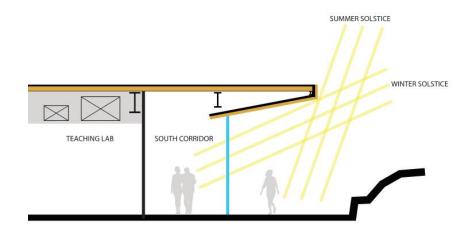


Equivalent to the GHG emissions from **14.5 homes for one year** 

#### CAPE COD COMMUNITY COLLEGE



#### HIGH PERFORMANCE BUILDING



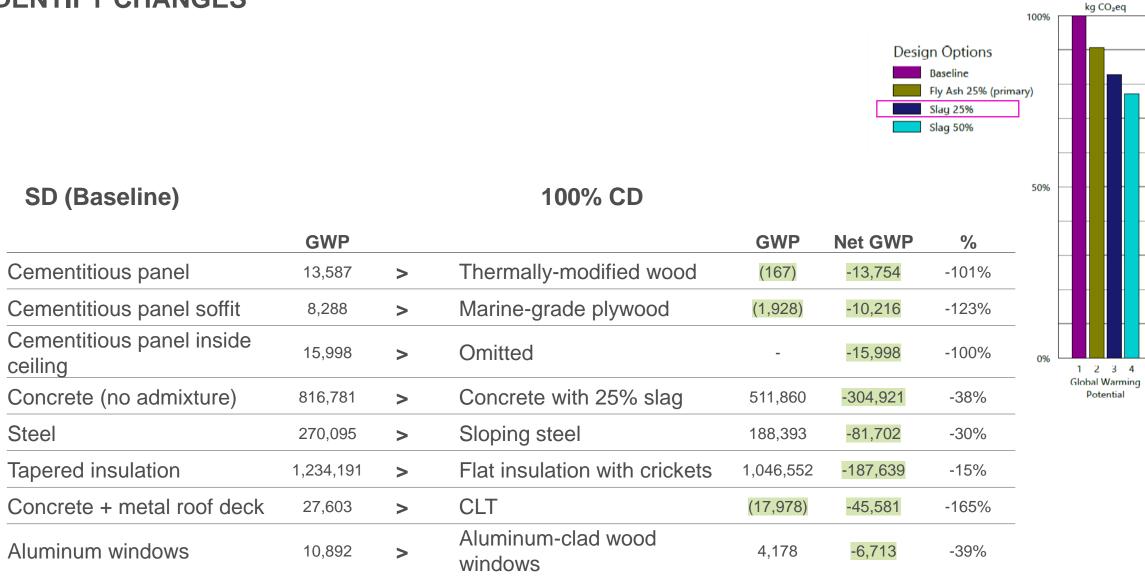
- Rainscreen System
- Triple-Glazed Curtain Wall
- Wood Punched Windows
  (Operable in Offices)
- 50% Traditional Window-to-Wall Ratio
- 19% Window-to-total Building Envelope Ratio



#### THERMALLY MODIFIED WOOD CLADDING

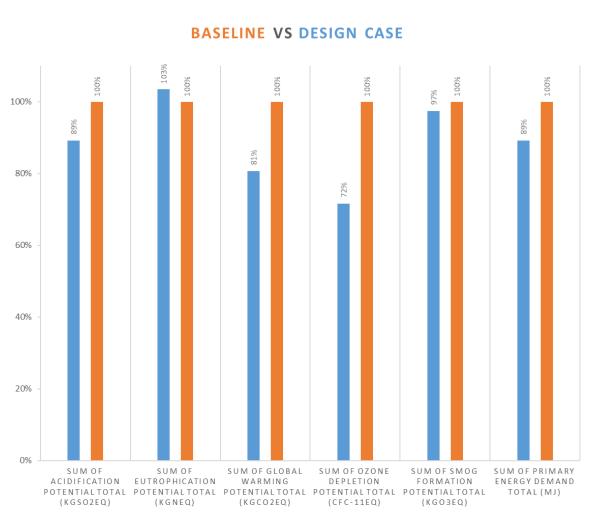


#### **IDENTIFY CHANGES**



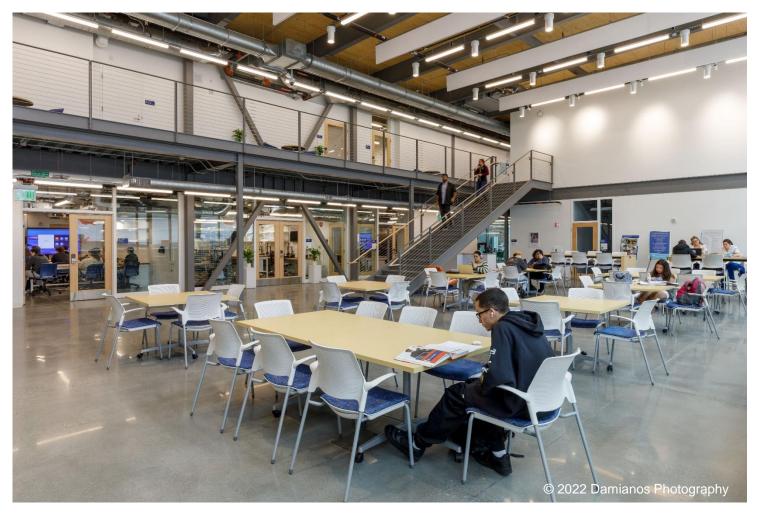
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#### CAPE COD COMMUNITY COLLEGE WHOLE BUILDING LCA



Description of change		Explanation of equivalency in function and	
Baseline	Proposed	performance, including replacement rates	
0-19% Fly Ash or Slag Concrete	20-29% Fly Ash	Fly ash ratio was increased for cast-in-place concrete mixture.	
Total tonnage of steel	Total tonnage of steel	Oversized steel was reduced per engineering and sloped roof	
Interior soffit with CFMF and fiber cement board panels	Exposed roof deck on interior	Interior soffit omitted with change to CLT roof deck, visible from interior	
Fiber cement board panel exterior soffit	Marine-grade plywood soffit	Equivalent assembly for exterior soffit material	
Fiber cement board siding	Thermally-modified wood siding	Exterior rainscreen cladding	
TPO roofing	PVC roofing	Exterior roofing material	
Concrete slab on metal deck roof	CLT structural roof deck	Roof deck	
XPS Insulation in exterior walls and soffits	Mineral wool insulation	Equivalent exterior insulation values	
XPS tapered insulation on roof	Flat insulation on sloped steel and metal deck	Equivalent exterior insulation value for optimization of material waste	
Triple-glazed aluminum curtainwall system	Reduced overall exterior glazing	Less glazed area per exterior aesthetic	
Rooftop mechanical screen	Omitted screen	Leaving mechanical equipment visible on roof	
Aluminum windows	Painted aluminum- clad wood windows	Punched glazed openings	

#### **TOTAL EMBODIED REDUCTION**









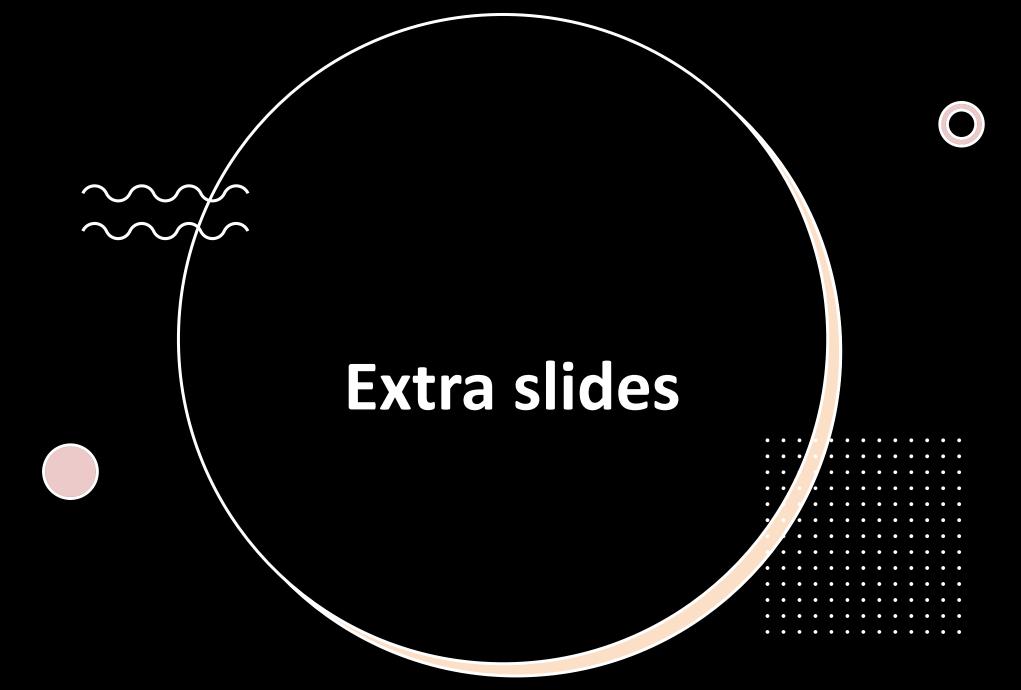
### **Next LBE Council Meeting**

Save the Date! Tuesday, Sept 12th 10am-12pm





"Yes, I did say I wanted a 'green' home. But not in the literal sense."

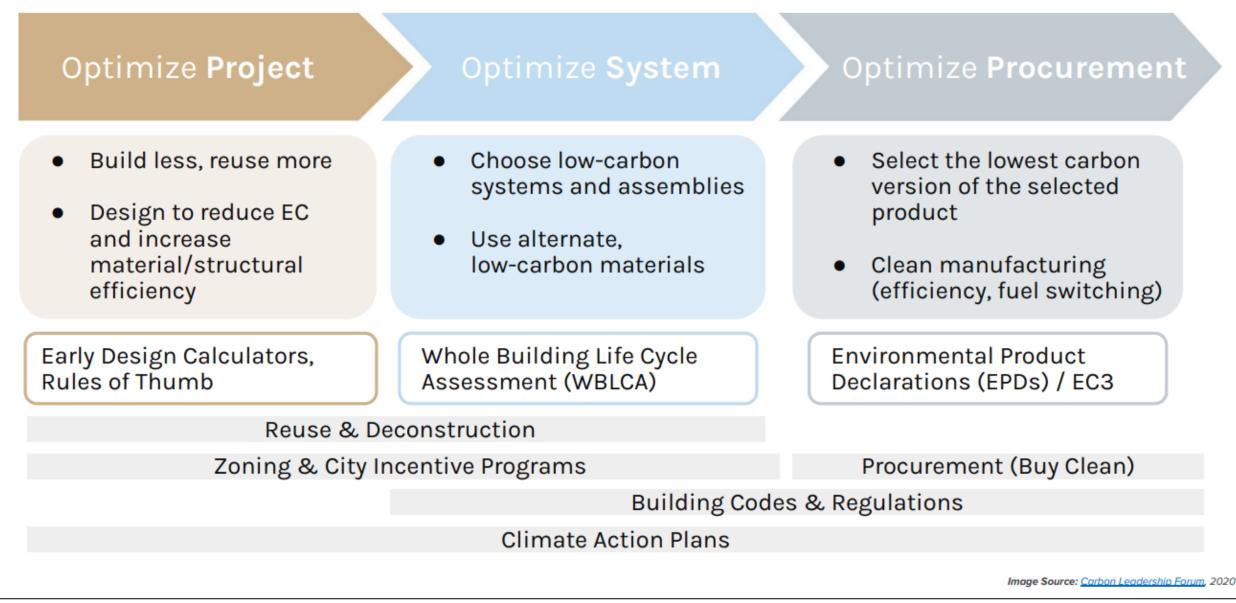


## Crustacean-Based Batteries

- Researchers at the University of Maryland developed a process to combine chitin from crab shells with zinc to create batteries
- Test batteries were 99.7% efficient after 1,000 cycles (~400 hours)
- These batteries are not flammable, and the chitosan material breaks down in soil after 5 months leaving only recyclable zinc



### **Embodied Carbon Policy Approaches**







- Class: Hatchback
- Engine: BEV
- Range: 149 miles
- Battery: 40 kWh
- HP: 147
- Base MSRP: \$28,040
- On SWC
- Learn More ...

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**VW ID.7** 

- Class: Sedan
- Engine: BEV
- Range: TBD
- Battery: 77 or 86 kWh
- HP: 282
- Base MSRP: TBD
- Learn More ...

\*Nissan Leaf S model specs





- Class: CUV
- Engine: BEV
- Range: 206-310 miles\*
- Battery: 77.4 kWh
- HP: 225-576
- Passengers: 5
- MSRP: \$42,600 \$61,600\*
- Learn More ...

#### \*Dependent on trim



- Class: CUV
- Engine: BEV
- Range: 250 miles
- Battery: 76.1 or 99.8 kWh
- HP: TBD
- Passengers: 7
- MSRP: TBD
- Learn More ...



### Ford F-150 Lightning Pro



- Class: Pickup
- Engine: BEV
- Range: 240 miles
- Battery: 98 kWh
- HP: 462
- Towing Capacity: 5,000lbs
- MSRP: \$59,974
- On SWC
- Learn More ...



- Class: Pickup
- Engine: BEV
- Range: 240 miles
- Battery: 168 or 229 kWh
- HP: 654
- Towing Capacity: 14,000lbs
- MSRP: TBD
- On SWC
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- Class: Cargo Van
- Engine: BEV
- Range: 108/116/126 miles
- Battery: 68 kWh
- HP: 266
- Interior Space: 246.7 536.4 cu ft
- MSRP: \$51,495
- Cab and Chassis options
- On SWC
- Learn More ...

### Mercedes eSprinter



- Class: Cargo Van
- Engine: BEV
- Range: 248 miles
- Battery: 113 kWh
- HP: 134
- Interior Space: 488 cu ft
- MSRP: TBD
- Learn More ...



#### **Chrysler Pacifica**



- Class: Van
- Engine: PHEV
- Range: 500+ miles
- Battery: 16 kWh
- HP: 282
- Passengers: 7
- MSRP: TBD
- On SWC
- Learn More ...



- Class: Minibus
- Engine: BEV
- Range: 240v miles
- Battery: 91 kWh
- HP: 282
- Passengers: 7
- MSRP: TBD
- Learn More ...