

## PATHWAY TO ENABLE MORE BUILDING MATERIAL REUSE & DECONSTRUCTION IN MA

MASSDEP DECONSTRUCTION WORKGROUP

**MEETING #6** 

**JANUARY 17, 2024** 



## HOUSEKEEPING This meeting is being recorded Using zoom/chat Ground rules

#### 2030 Solid Waste Master Plan

## HOW THIS GOT STARTED

Reduce & Reuse Working Group

Reduce & Reuse Action Plan

December 2021

**Deconstruction Working Group** 

September 2022 Kick-Off

#### **MEET THE PLANNING TEAM**



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US EPA Region 1



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Pam Howland Old Window Workshop



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Michael Orbank: STO Building Group, Carbon Leadership Forum



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Randy Scott Select Demo Services

## GOALS FOR THIS DECONSTRUCTION WORKGROUP

- ☐ Increase awareness about our waste disposal crisis
- □ Grow the Reuse Industry in MA for valuable building materials
- Connect stakeholders and share ideas
- ☐ Align with MassDEP's R&R Action Plan
- Reduce climate impacts
- ☐ Enable Job Training and Workforce Development
- Support Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion







## SEPTEMBER 2022 KICK-OFF MEETING: **DEMYSTIFYING DECONSTRUCTION**

A FEW HIGHLIGHTS

- 30% of ALL discarded materials in MA are from C&D activities. We dispose of ~1.6M tons of C&D annually- goal is to reduce by 260K tons by 2030.
- **Embodied Carbon** in the built environment comes from emissions from extraction, manufacturing, transportation, installation, maintenance, and disposal of materials.
- As buildings become more energy efficient, an estimated 49% of GHG emissions from buildings built between 2020-2050 will be from embodied carbon as operational emissions fall.
- Mandatory deconstruction ordinances, executive orders, incentives, plans, and advisory groups are popping up all over the US and Canada.
- What is needed to enable more reuse in this sector: understanding benefits, technologies, training opportunities, partnerships and assistance.



#### **DECEMBER 2022 MEETING:**

#### **INSPIRATION AND PRACTICE: TAKING BUILDINGS APART**

A FEW TAKEAWAYS

- Demolition of one American home that is 2400 sq. ft is equivalent to a lifetime's worth of trash for one individual (~120,000 lbs.)
- 25+ categories of materials can be captured for reuse, such as: doors, windows, hardware, lumber, HVAC, flooring, roofing, cabinets, appliances & landscaping
- Experience with deconstruction demonstrates what is possible:
  - >60% of a house can go to reuse
  - · 34% to recycling and
  - 5% for disposal as trash
- Deconstruction supports **green collar jobs**: some Oregon jurisdictions employ inner city youth, homeless veterans, and previously incarcerated.
- The future includes **Design for Disassembly**: Photo shown-> 99% saved for reuse!
- A trained workforce can deconstruct a house on a cost-competitive basis, reduce toxins, reduce waste, and help low-income and cost-conscious renovators.



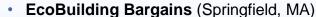
#### MARCH 2023 MEETING: REUSE MARKETS FOR BUILDING MATERIALS

A FEW HIGHLIGHTS









- Diverts >300 TPY from landfill and serves 300+ contractors
- Cabinetry, countertops, sinks, bathroom fixtures, doors, light fixtures, hardware, architectural salvage, surplus building materials + more.
- Free site visit and pick-up service from job site



- Process and resell donated building materials valued at more than \$2mil / year
- ~75% of sales to low- and moderate-income Members, who pay a lower price than the general public.
   Serves both individuals and residential contractors. Educational workshops
- Major Product Categories: Windows and Doors, Lighting, Kitchen Cabinets, Plumbing
- · Supply is endless, Demand matters.
- Market is growing at a rate of 15%+ annually

#### Doors Unhinged (Pittsburgh, PA)

- Target reclaimed commercial doors, frames, and hardware
- 99% reduction in embodied carbon by using reclaimed materials
- COMMERCIAL: infinite supply but need to grow demand
- ALL FOR REUSE: Buy Reclaimed Initiative for commercial interior materials
- Reuse ecosystem, incubation model, procurement standards open up \$\$





Photos courtesy of EcoBuilding Bargains/CET, Boston Building Resources, and Doors Unhinged









#### **JUNE 2023**

## CLIMATE, CULTURE, AND COMMUNITY: HOW REUSING BUILDINGS PRESERVES HISTORIC SPACES AND LOWERS OUR CARBON FOOTPRINT

A FEW HIGHLIGHTS

#### **Presentations:**

#### Alison Frazee, Boston Preservation Alliance

- The greenest building is the one that already exists.
- Building reuse is climate action.
- NOAH: Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing

#### **Jennifer Doherty, MA Historical Commission**

- Demolition Delays and Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credits
- Demolition Delays = Pause in the demo process to consider alternatives.
- Local historical commission can choose to delay: 159 communities across the Commonwealth have adopted a demolition delay bylaw or ordinance. MHC has sample bylaw/ordinance.

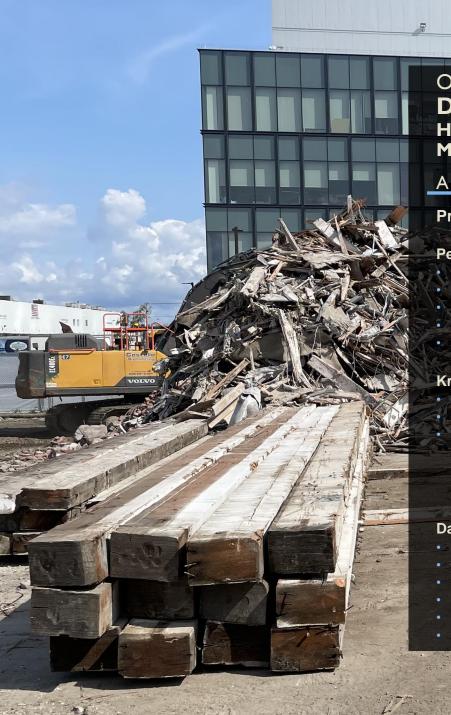
#### Erin McDade, Architecture 2030-CARE Tool

- By 2040, embodied carbon will represent a larger carbon footprint than operational carbon.
- Within urban environments, existing buildings are responsible for a majority of emissions (Boston ~73%)
- CARE tool evaluates total carbon emissions and impact potential of existing building reuse compared to replacement new construction.
- The greenest building is the one that's been retrofitted.

#### Alyssa Frystak, Place Economics

- · Historic preservation is economic development (job growth, small businesses, property values).
- Rehabilitation creates value, supports housing and affordability.
- Deconstruction= jobs multiplier (on site, appraisal, value-added manufacturing, warehouse, job training)
- Deconstruction = income multiplier (shifts project \$\$ to labor when compared with demo)





#### OCTOBER 2023

## DECONSTRUCTION IS HAPPENING! HOW MA PRACTITIONERS CAPTURE THE VALUE OF BUILDING MATERIALS BEFORE DEMOLITION

#### A FEW HIGHLIGHTS

#### **Presentations**

#### Peter Serafino, Home City Development, Inc. (Springfield, MA)

- Not for profit developer of affordable housing
- Elias Brookings Apartments: school built in 1925, closed in 2011
- In 2020, emptied building of books, lockers, desks, chairs, cabinets, computers, TVs, school supplies
- Furniture and educational materials donated to > 20 orgs, 23+ tons recycled (metal, books, cardboard, electronics)
- Renovated into 42 affordable rental apartments

#### Kristen Fritsch, Elkus-Manfredi Architects

- Simmons University Science Building: Waste Prevention in Design
- 2022: Technical assistance from RecyclingWorks, walk through with reuse orgs + volunteer event for household goods
- Seeding labs, takeback programs for carpet and ceiling tiles, tracking for LEED
  - 17 organizations removed reusable items
  - 12.2 tons diverted from landfill
  - 125+ furniture pieces reused in offices and to furnish apartments for newly housed people
  - 300+ lbs. of lab-specific glassware reused

#### Dan Costello, Costello Dismantling Inc.

- Deconstructing 22 Drydock Ave., Boston Seaport area
- NEED TO HAVE: salvageable building components, safe/efficient work practice for recovering materials, time in contract for decon, space
- LEED platinum project: materials recycling protocols plus salvage of architectural artifacts
- Heavy timber framing- used high reach excavator with rotating grapple- minimal labor exposure
- 1st step: asbestos abatement and haz mat recovery, then sequence dismantling
- Deliberate, careful source separation: bricks, concrete, high wood content C&D, ferrous and nonferrous scrap metal, mixed debris

# Deconstruction: Scalable Opportunities, Technical Assistance, Policy Examples

MassDEP Deconstruction Working Group January 17, 2024





## **Deconstruction is Scalable**

SCALE	TYPE	DEFINITION	EXAMPLES
MIN	Adaptive Reuse	Maintaining a building structure while renovating its interior for a different purpose	
ξ	Waste Management Plan	Document to plan for the reuse and recycling materials during a project	Nashville, TN
VEST	Pre-Demo Clean Out	Removing items like furniture that can be donated before the project begins	
PACT	Soft-Stripping	Recovers high value and easy to remove materials like appliances, lighting, cabinetry, and architectural items	
,	Partial Deconstruction	Encompasses additional material including doors, trim, flooring, and windows	
MAX	Full Deconstruction	Salvaging all materials with value and outlets	Portland, OR
	Deconstruction	Provides menu of deconstruction types to select best fit	Boston, MA
	Pathways	based on a project	



## FREE ASSISTANCE FOR BUSINESSES & INSTITUTIONS

RecyclingWorks MA is funded by MassDEP, delivered under contract by the Center for EcoTechnology





## Policies from Across the Country

Parameter	Туре	Applies to Commercial Buildings	Applies to Residential Buildings	Building Size	Building Age/Project Cost	Requires Building Materials Reclamation & C&D Recycling
Cook County, IL	Ordinance	Yes	Yes	All buildings with loadbearing walls	N/A	The project must recycle or divert at least 70% of the material (by weight) and reuse whenever possible
Milwaukee, WI	Ordinance	No	Yes	N/A	Covers historic structures, structures in historic districts, and buildings built before 1929	Ordinance requires 85% diversion rate
Pittsburgh, PA	Executive Order	City owned, condemned buildings	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Portland, OR	Ordinance	N/A	Single family homes and duplexes	N/A	Built before 1940	N/A
San Antonio, TX  CENTER FOR ECOTECH	Ordinance  OR HNOLOGY	N/A	All small-scale residential structures	N/A	Built on or before December 31, 1920 or built on or before December 31, 1945 and located within a historic district	Requires projects to be fully deconstructed





Building age

Building size

Building type

Historic preservation/adaptive reuse

Identify specific materials that need to be recovered

... And more

#### Resources

CROWD: Local Government Policy Guide to Alternatives to Demolition through Deconstruction and Building

Material Reuse

Has sample deconstruction resolution language on page 33

**CET: Promoting Deconstruction** 

RecyclingWorks Blog: Simmons University's Deconstruction Project: A Timeline for Success

RecyclingWorks Blog: Building Up Deconstruction

RecyclingWorks Guidance: Construction & Demolition Materials

MassDEP: Overview of Statewide Bulky Waste Characterization Study and Final Report

Found that materials could have been captured upstream (at the job site/point of generation) for reuse

**Carbon Avoided Retrofit Estimator: CARE Tool** 

Compare the total carbon impact of renovating an existing building vs. replacing it with a new one

## Thank You!

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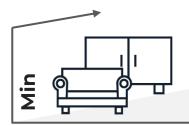
### PRESERVATION & ADAPTIVE REUSE

The reuse of a building for its original or different purpose



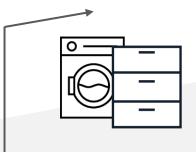
#### WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Planning for reuse and recycling materials throughout the project.



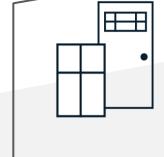
#### PRE-DEMO CLEANOUT

Removing items like furniture that can be donated before the project begins.



#### **SOFT-STRIPPING**

Easy-to-capture and high value materials like appliances, cabinetry, and architectural items.



#### HYBRID

Additional material including flooring, windows, and doors.



Salvaging all wood and valuable materials.

Min

**Scale:** investment & impact

Max

#### **PARTNERSHIP**

Deconstruction Pilot





Zero Waste Boston, in partnership with RecyclingWorks MA, is providing developers free technical assistance for deconstruction.
RecyclingWorks MA is a free recycling assistance program for businesses and institutions looking to recycle and reduce their waste.
RecyclingWorks MA is funded by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection.

#### FREE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE:

- Reuse, recycling, and waste management planning
- Outlet for salvage materials
- Onsite assessment with local reuse organizations
- Identifying deconstruction crews
- Sorting equipment planning
- Training recommendations for staff
- Customizable signage for sorting procedures
- Material tracking templates

#### **Deconstruction Projects**

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- Simmons University Science Lab
- Midtown Hotel and One Cumberland,
- Bunker Hill Redevelopment
- Renew Boston Trust Energy retrofit









City Tree reuse

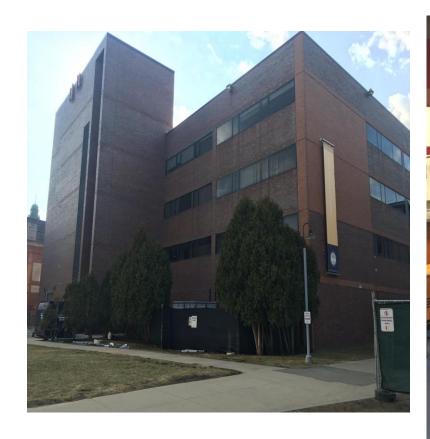
160-room hotel

7-unit building

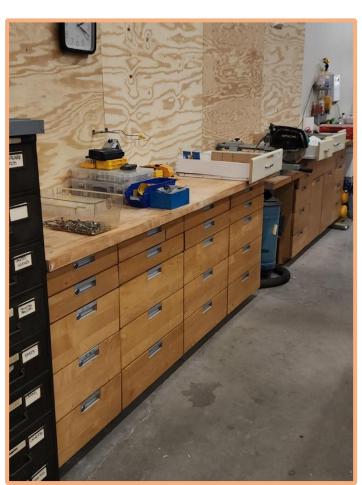
#### **Simmons University**

Reuse of Science Building Assets









4-story building with labs and classrooms. Cabinet reuse.



- LEED C&D waste management credits
- Building has salvage opportunity
- Developer who is interested and would be a good partner



## Greenough Barn



#### Slate Roofing Tiles

Slate roofing tiles from the barn should be salvaged.

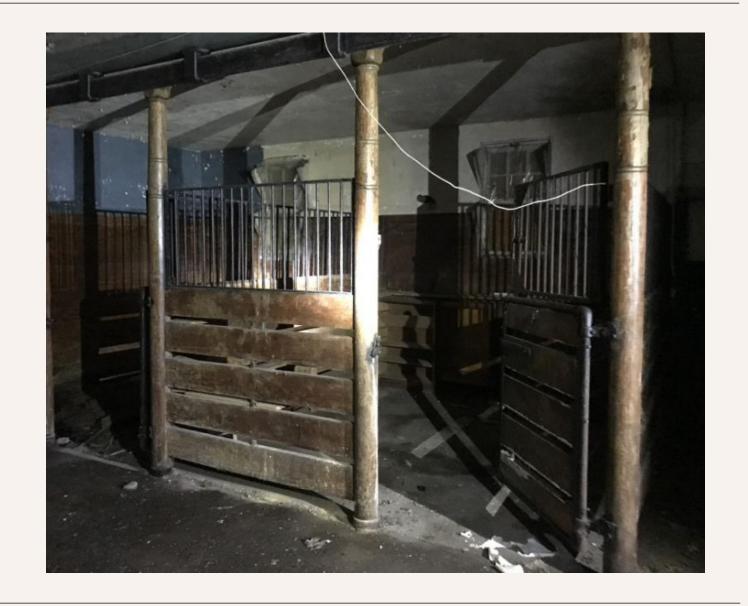
The slate has a commercial value and the town could generate funds from the sale of the slate.

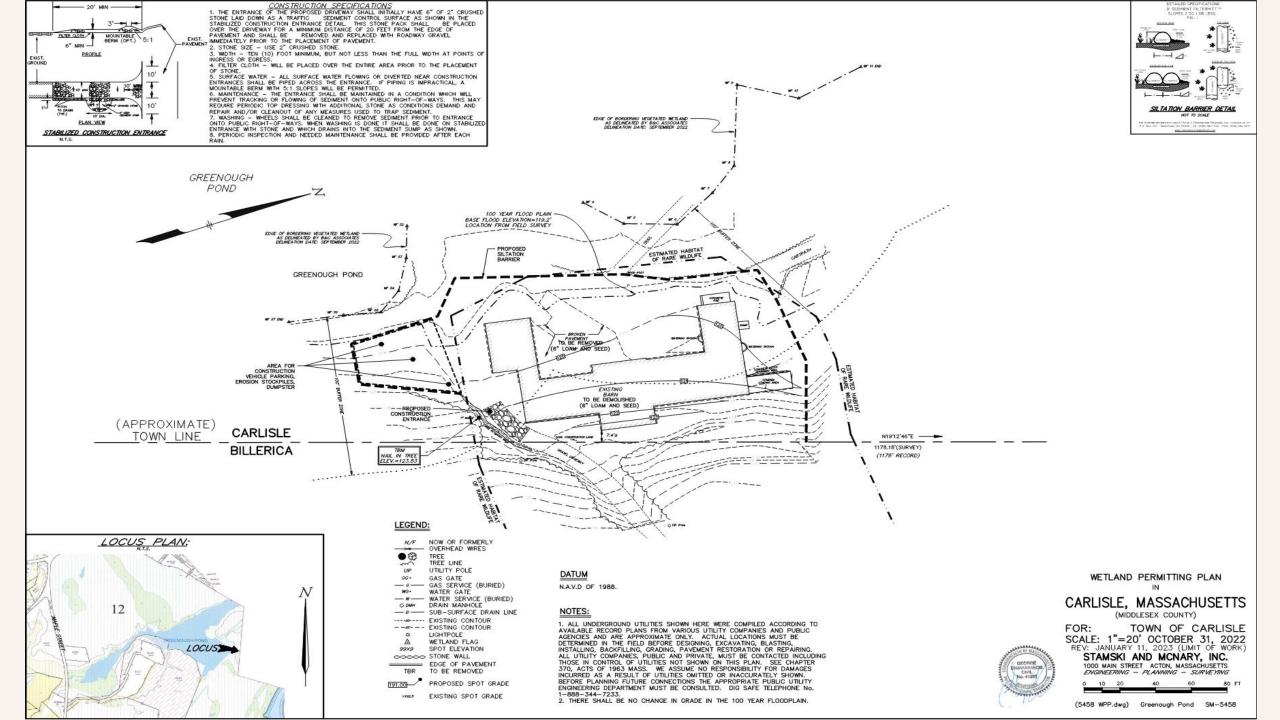


Post & Beam Barn Frame



## Horse Stalls





#### Waste Management Plan Template

P	Project:					
De	Designated Recycling Coordinator: (blank)					
	aste Management Goals:  This project must recycle or salvage for reuse [approximately 50%] (non-haz) by weight of the waste generated on-site.					
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	As each new subcontractor, vender comes on-site, the recycling coordinator or designated representative will present him/her with a copy of the Waste Management Plan and provide a tour of the recycling areas prior to transportation.					
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#### Expected Project Waste, Disposal, and Handling:

The following chart identifies waste materials generated on this project, their disposal method, and handling procedures. <u>Please be advised, these calculations are</u> for informational purposes and are subject to change.

#### Recycling chart

Material	Quantity	Disposal Method	Handling Procedure

- The above chart showing 50 % recycling must be met with this contract
- All documentation must be provided upon completion.

#### Completed Waste Management Plan

#### Project: Greenough Barn

Designated Recycling Coordinator: Town of Carlisle

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#### Completed Waste Management Plan Cont.

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Material	Quantity	Disposal Method	Handling Procedure
Concrete, Masonry, CMU	150 tons	Will be recycled as needed by end user for reuse on site or road base	Reuse as processed material – on or off site
Post & Beam Structure	7 tons	Will be dismantled <u>and</u> <u>reassembled</u> by others	Building to be carefully dissemble in orderly fashion, then stacked on trailer for shipping.
Ferrous and non- ferrous metals	1 Tons	Transferred to a recycler	Will be separated and placed into dumpsters clearly marked for metal, recycling. I.e. iron, #1, #2 HTH, various soft metals.
Non-recyclable Materials	175 tons	Comingled / landfill	Dispose in "C&D" dumpsters
Slate roof	13 tons	Salvaged and re used	Carefully remove and stacked in bins, to be shipped off site

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#### **Estimated Barn Weight**

- -Wood/structure above concrete 348,000 lbs / 487 cubic yards
- Concrete slabs, foundation walls, footings  $\,$  / 340,000 lbs / 148 cubic yards

Overall total - 688,000 lbs / 635 cubic yards

#### Diversion

Concrete - approx. 45% by weight

Post & beam structure approx. 1% by weight

Ferrous & non ferrous metals 2,000 lbs approx .1% by volume

Slate roof approx. 26,000 lbs 1% by weight

In most cases on modern structures, we attempt to achieve a recycling rate of 90%

And in most cases, they will require a minimum of 75%

But due to the age and build out of this structure (mostly painted wood, plaster and the fact there is no structural steel- which carries a lot of weight when you're looking for higher diversion rates), the real recycling is in the concrete and salvage.

#### Estimated value of recycled materials

Post & Beam structure after being dismantle \$15,000.00

Slate- after being removed - \$5,000.00

Concrete- if crushed can produce net \$3.00 per ton

## Recapping Deconstruction Group Meetings

MassDEP Deconstruction and Reuse Working Group



Michael Orbank - Sustainability Manager, Structure Tone





### Recap: Previous Meeting Topics

- Why Deconstruction?
  - MassDEP Solid Waste Masterplan
  - Carbon impacts of C&D waste
- Material Reuse
  - ▶ What is possible now?
  - ▶ What does "better" look like, and how do we get there?
- Policy Movement
  - Deconstruction ordinances
  - Demolition delays
- Incentivizing Circularity
  - Carrot Vs. Stick
  - Grants, tax breaks, funding opportunities
- Circularity + \_\_\_\_\_ = Success
  - ▶ Historic preservation
  - Technology

#### What's The Point of It All?



Waste Reduction and Diversion

Meeting Mass DEP masterplan goals Reducing waste burden and landfilled waste



Carbon/Environmental Impact

Keeping embodied carbon within built environment

Reducing carbon intensity and meeting climate goals



**Economic Development** 

Supporting regional and community circular economies

Workforce training for deconstruction



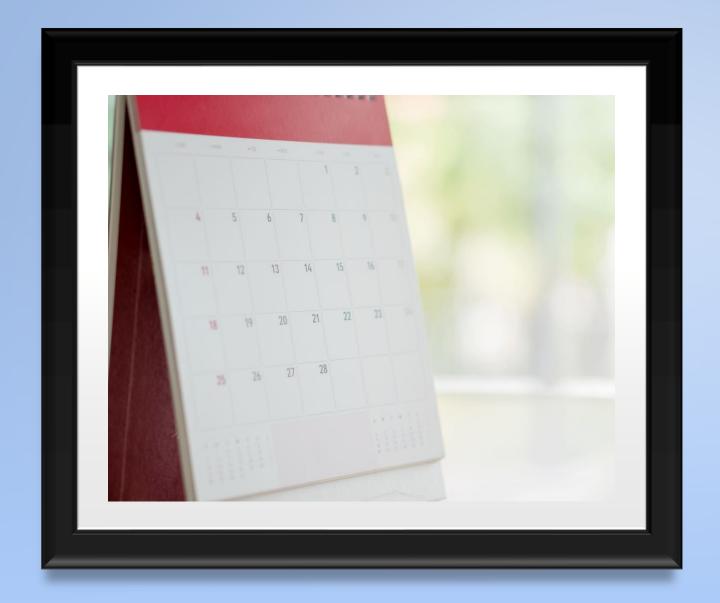
**Historic Preservation** 

Preserving historic significance and importance

Enabling adaptive reuse

### Next Steps and Q&A

- MassDEP Deconstruction Group 2024 Charette/Workshop Series
- Live Group Q+A
  - What are your major roadblocks in enacting or pursuing circular reuse policies?
  - What additional information or resources would help move the needle?
  - ► How else can this group help advance deconstruction and reuse in MA?
  - ▶ Do you plan on attending the 2024 Charette/Workshop series?
    - ▶ What do you want to see out of these meetings?



#### **NEXT MEETING**

#### Save the Date

MA Deconstruction
Workgroup
April 24, 2024

#### **Announcements:**

- EBC 18th Annual Construction and Demolition Summit 1/26/2024
- Thank you and best wishes to Susan Cascino!



#### THANK YOU!

## DECONSTRUCTION & BUILDING MATERIALS REUSE

Increase Material Supply
Create Jobs
Reduce Waste
Lower Costs
Save Energy
Preserve Value
Conserve Resources

Let's Do This...Together!

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