

Recapping Deconstruction Group Meetings

MassDEP Deconstruction and Reuse Working Group



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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?