

Connecticut 260 units Washington, D.C. 94 units

Florida 1,356 units

1,553 units Illinois

Kentucky 41 units

Massachusetts 3,118 u

Maryland 100 units

Michigan 579 units





2020-2024 CARBON REDUCTION PLAN

ZNE and ZNC buildings employ better insulated roofs and walls, better windows, and smaller, more efficient, fossil fuel-free heating, cooling, and ventilating systems to reduce energy loads.

In new construction, cost savings from smaller systems offset other additional costs, enabling ZNE and ZNC buildings to be delivered for little or no added cost.

Low energy buildings with renewable energy and energy storage are more resilient and reduce stress on the electric grid.

A ZNC building code would establish better standards for low-energy buildings and on-site renewable energy systems.

Passive House

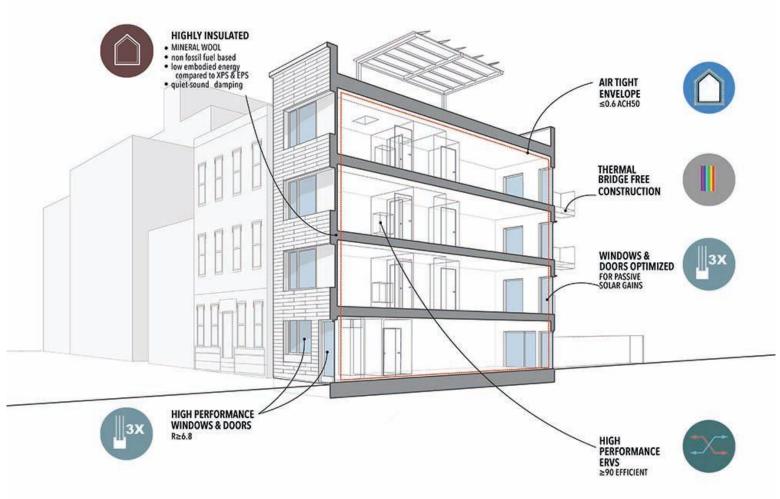
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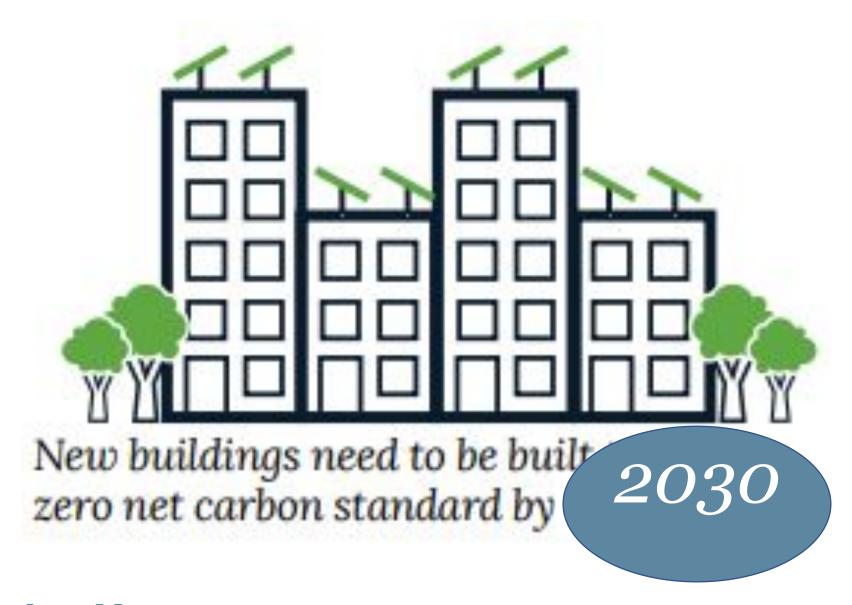
- Superinsulation and airtight construction provide unmatched comfort even in extreme weather conditions.
- Continuous mechanical ventilation of fresh filtered air provides superb indoor air quality.
- A comprehensive systems approach to modeling, design, and construction produces extremely resilient buildings.
- Passive building principles offer the best path to Net Zero and Net
 Positive buildings by minimizing the load that renewables are required to provide.

(From Passive House Institute of the US)

Image from ZH Architects



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Regarding Buildings and Grid Modernization, to enable a carbon free Boston, we must first establish codes and position the design and construction industry to pursue Passive House as the path to Zero Net Carbon.