

Boston Planning & Development Agency



Our Mission: In partnership with communities, the BPDA plans Boston's future while respecting its past. By guiding physical, social, and economic change in Boston's neighborhoods, the BPDA seeks to shape a more prosperous, resilient and vibrant city for all.



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Climate Change & Our Communities

As a coastal city, Boston is particularly vulnerable to sea level rise, as well as other effects of climate change such as extreme temperatures and precipitation.

- Hotter summers
- Increased heat-related mortality
- Rising sea levels
- Chronic flooding

These effects will disproportionately affect communities of color, women, youth, disabled people, elderly people and people with limited English proficiency.

(Boston CAP Update 2019)

Carbon Neutrality by 2050

The importance and steps necessary for reducing carbon emissions are not understood and embraced.

(We) ...must act with unprecedented urgency if we are to confront this crisis before it's too late.

As we reduce emissions and prepare our communities for the impacts of climate change, we need to place people first. This means designing and implementing policies for and with our communities of color, low-income neighborhoods, youth, older adults, women, people with impairments, persons facing homelessness, and people with limited English proficiency.

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Our vision:

A thriving, resilient, and inclusive City that is inspiring other cities and other nations to action.

Our concern:

Run away climate change, economic losses, social unrest, and climate refugees impacting our most vulnerable communities first and hardest.

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Regarding Buildings & Construction, to achieve Boston's Carbon & Equity goals, the most critical obstacle for the BPDA to overcome is inclusivity of change.