

BERDO REVIEW BOARD MEETING

June 22, 2026



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Agenda

Today's Meeting



Public Meeting

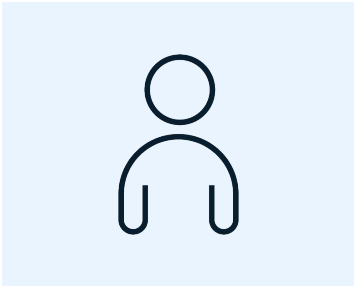
- 1.** *Discussion on Building Decarbonization Advisor Program*
- 2.** *Notice on City of Boston's Building Portfolio Modification*
- 3.** *Approval of Meeting minutes*
- 4.** *Administrative Updates*
- 5.** *Adjournment*



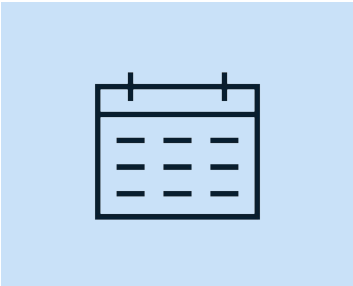
Building Decarbonization Advisor Program

Discussion

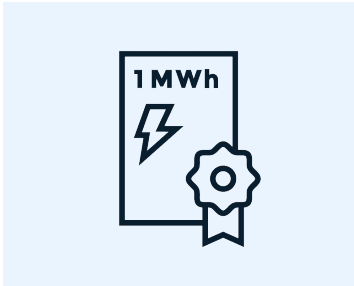
How We're Helping Building Owners



**BERDO
HELP DESK**



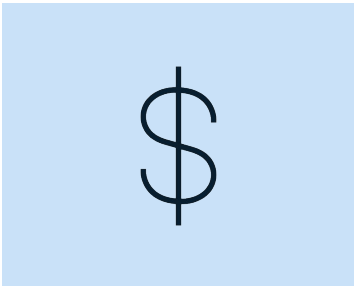
**ONE-ON-ONE
CONSULTATIONS
WITH CITY STAFF**



**MA CLASS I REC
CONNECTOR
PROGRAM**



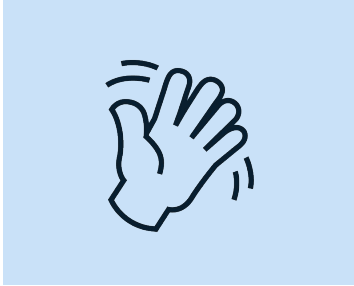
**BUILDING
DECARBONIZATION
ADVISOR PROGRAM**



**FREE ENGINEERING
SERVICES TO
TAKE ACTION**



**CONDO
TOOLKIT
(COMING SOON)**



**IN-PERSON
WORKSHOPS**

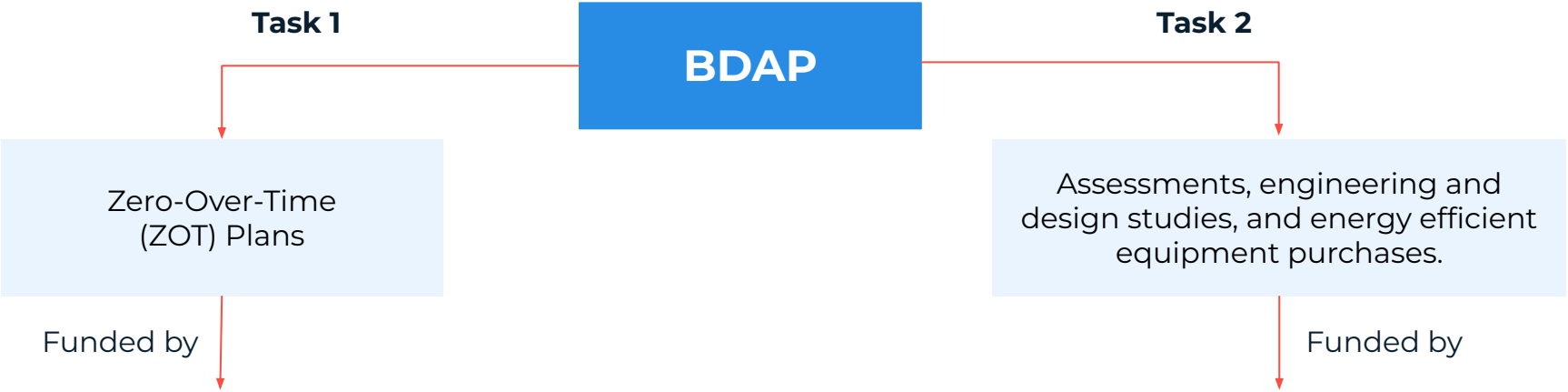


**ENGAGEMENT
WITH OWNERS AND
STAKEHOLDER
GROUPS**



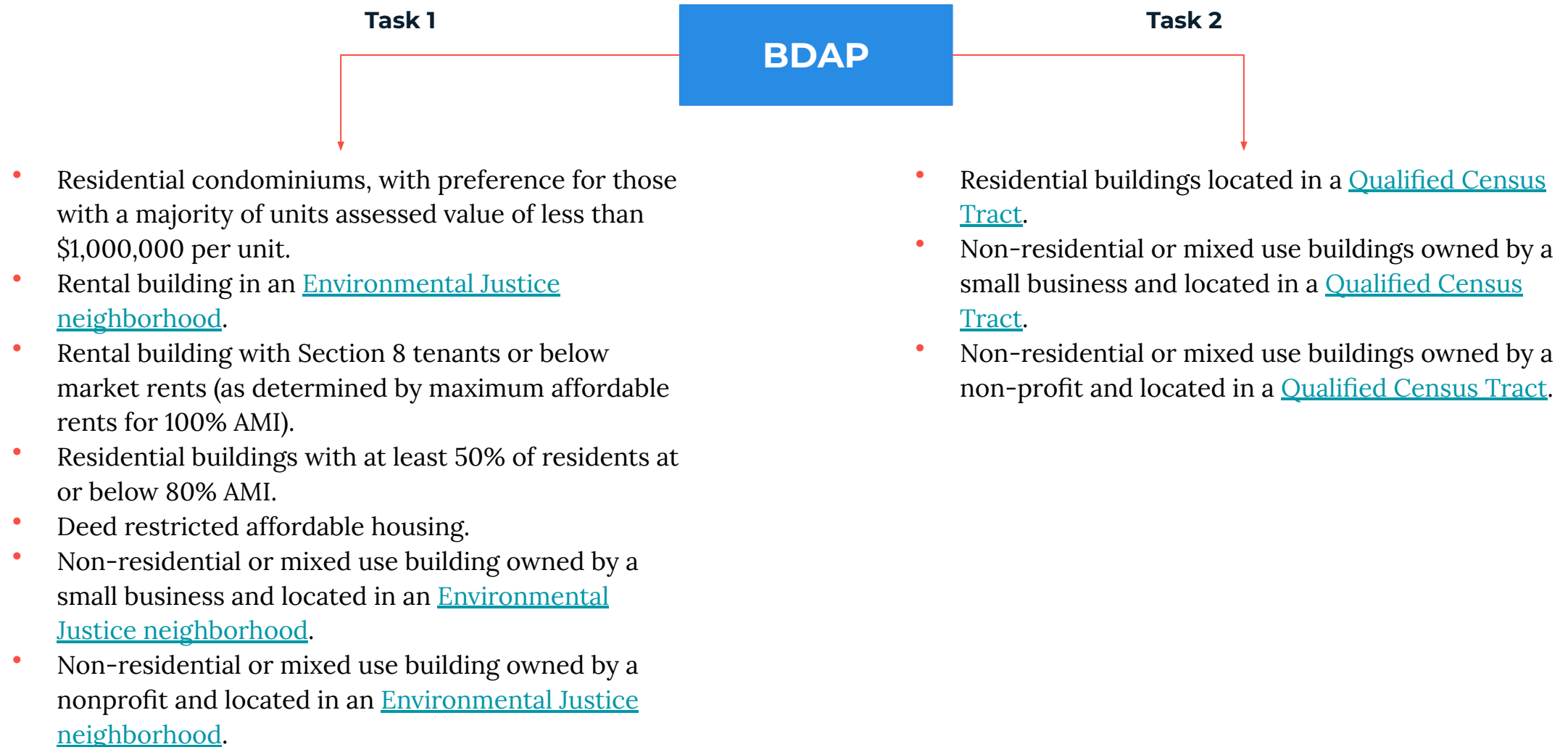
What is the Building Decarbonization Advisor Program (BDAP)?

BDAP is a technical support program that connects building owners with building science experts hired by the City of Boston to help them plan for long-term BERDO compliance and/or achieve near-term energy use and emissions reductions.

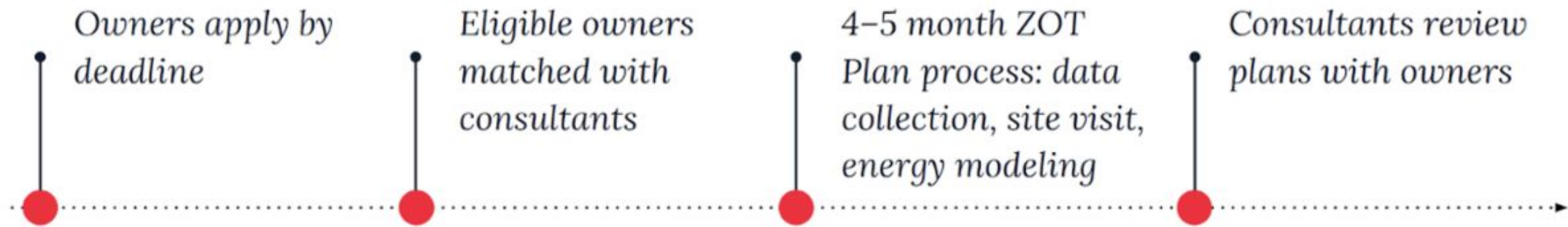


- \$659,990 from the Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) to be spent by the fall of 2026.
- \$500,000 from the Equitable Emissions Investment Fund, granted by the BERDO Review Board in 2024.
- \$500,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to be spend by the end of 2026.

Who is eligible for BDAP?



How does BDAP work?



Task 1

Task 2

Building owners receive up to \$10,000 for a single building or up to \$15,000 for a portfolio of 2 - 4 buildings.

Building owners receive up to \$50,000

Progress to Date



- Since 2024, we have implemented 3 Cohorts of BDAP, serving 47 building owners and over 70 BERDO IDs.
- Cohort 4 has kick started in June 2026 and will serve up to 15 building owners.

Task	Funding Source	Cohort 1 - 3		Cohort 4 (Expected)		Remaining After Cohort 4
		Owners served	Budget spent	Owners planned to be served	Planned budget	Budget
Task 1	EECBG	43	\$640,900.00	~2	\$19,090.00	\$0
	EEIF	0	\$0	~6	\$109,110.00	\$390,890.00
Task 2	ARPA	11	\$344,983.00	2 - 5	\$155,017	\$0
Total		47	\$985,883.00	10 - 15	\$283,217.00	\$390,890

Looking Forward



- The City of Boston will provide updates on the progress of Cohort 4 of BDAP to the BERDO Review Board.
- We anticipate Cohort 5 will kick-start in October 2026, with only Task 1 services.

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Board Q&A

Board Members may discuss and ask staff questions

A nighttime photograph of a city street, likely in Boston, featuring buildings, trees decorated with lights, and people walking. The scene is dimly lit with a blue tint, and a semi-transparent dark blue banner is overlaid across the middle. In the background, a building with a dome is visible. In the foreground, a man is taking a photo with his phone, and a woman is smiling. A street lamp with multiple globes is in the center. A sign for 'Cafe Pulse' is visible on the left. The overall atmosphere is festive and urban.

City of Boston Building Portfolio Modification

Notice

Portfolio Modification Notice

BERDO ID Removal



BERDO ID being removed

- BERDO ID: 106916 → 350 Jamaicaway Street, Jamaica Plain, MA
 - *Office primary building use*
 - *Building is not occupied, operated, or maintained by the City of Boston and the building has a GFA that is less than 20,000 square feet. This is change of ownership makes this building no longer subject to BERDO.*

Updated City of Boston Portfolio



Updated Blended Emission Standard

Calculated Blended Emissions Standards (kgCO ₂ e/SF/Yr)						
Default Emissions Standard(s)	2025-2029	2030-2034	2035-2039	2040-2044	2045-2049	2050-
Original Portfolio Blended Emissions Standards	5.3	3.2	2.4	1.6	0.8	0
New Portfolio Blended Emissions Standards	5.3	3.2	2.4	1.6	0.8	0

- *There is no changes to the Blended Emissions Standard*
- *New total of BERDO IDs in the Building Portfolio is 367*

Compliance Status: *This Building Portfolio is in compliance with all reporting and emissions requirements.*

A nighttime photograph of a city street, likely in New Orleans, featuring a streetcar and buildings with festive lights. The image is overlaid with a dark blue semi-transparent banner containing white text.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Board votes on approving previous meeting's minutes



Administrative Updates

Staff presents administrative updates

2026 Regulations Update



- The APCC adopted the 2026 BERDO regulations update on May 13, 2026.
- The updated regulations now enable building owners to use MA Class I RECs generated six months after an emissions compliance year.
- This will ensure that MA Class I RECs continue to be a viable compliance option for all building owners that wish to mitigate emissions during the annual BERDO reporting period.

What does this mean for 2025 emissions compliance?

Building owners can now buy MA Class I RECs generated between January 2024 - June 2026 to meet their 2025 emissions standard.

The new deadline to purchase RECs through the MA Class I REC program is **October 31, 2026.**

2026 Review Board Meeting Schedule


Second and fourth Mondays of each month starting at 4:30pm



Zoom: Meetings are virtual via Zoom: [register in advance here](#)

HEARING DATES	
January 12	July 13
January 26	July 27
February 9	August 10
February 23*	August 24
March 9	September 14
March 23*	September 28
April 13	October 13*
April 27	October 26
May 11*	November 9
May 26*	November 23
June 8*	December 14
June 22	

**On a Tuesday due to a Holiday. *Meeting was cancelled or forgone.*

A nighttime photograph of a city street, likely in New Orleans, featuring a prominent building with a dome and arched windows. The scene is illuminated by warm streetlights and strings of white lights draped over trees and buildings. People are seen walking on the sidewalk, and a man in the foreground is taking a photo with his smartphone. The overall atmosphere is festive and urban.

Board Questions

Admin Updates

Adjourn

Thank you! A recording and slide deck for this meeting will be available at boston.gov/berdo-review-board.

