

CALL TO ACTION

Build spaces that strengthen communities

Why Developers?

Developers play a critical role in sustainability by making decisions about where, how, and what types of buildings and communities are created. By prioritizing sustainable design & high-performing buildings, developer's investments can drive market demand for sustainable development, delivering long-term economic, environmental, and social benefits.

Actions

- Avoid developing on environmentally sensitive lands and limit site disturbance from construction to preserve healthy soil and habitat.
- Choose sites with access to housing, jobs, transportation, and other amenities (i.e. restaurants, banks, grocery stores, etc.)
- Manage stormwater / rainwater on site.
- Mitigate urban heat island effect by using high reflective paving materials and integrating green infrastructure, trees, and vegetation.
- Use PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy) to finance energy efficient systems & envelopes and renewable energy.

Stand Out Strategies

- Integrate ground source / geothermal and renewable energy systems (solar PV, battery storage, etc) into building design or other alternative renewable power generating systems.
- Integrate ground source / geothermal and renewable energy systems (e.g., solar PV, battery storage) or other alternative power generating systems to maintain operations during outages. Explore financing opportunities for public-private partnerships between institutions, utilities, and private entities to develop mixed ownership microgrid projects.
- Require tracking and reduction of embodied carbon for building materials and include in requests for proposals (RFPs) and contracts.
- Install Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations.