



Energy Codes for New Construction Meeting #2

NJ Energy Code Collaborative
August 12, 2025

Agenda



- Welcome, introductions, current status (5 min)
 - Link to website and transcripts: <https://njenergycodecollaborative.org/>
- Code Adoption Update (5 minutes)
- Review of *What We Heard: Opportunities* (5 minutes)
- Review and Discussion of *What We Heard: Action Steps & Working Groups* (40 minutes)
- Next steps (5 min)

Meeting Guidelines – Antitrust Statement



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Code Adoption Update

What We Heard: Opportunities and Next Steps



- **Code Alignment and Performance**

- Could current incentives be reorganized as a basis for a stretch code?
- Ideally, stretch codes would align with State Energy/GHG master plan goals
- Potential lack of uniformity and predictability in net zero/stretch code adoption by local municipalities is a concern
- Compile list of above-code incentives and programs, assess alignment with available codes
- Adopting a stretch and/or net zero energy code may require legislative action

- **Policy and Infrastructure**

- Policy and grid limitations may impede affordable and realistic net zero energy buildings
- Grid capacity concerns for building decarbonization and EV charging infrastructure
- Schedule presentation on grid capacity concerns, possibly at Heating Electrification Workshop in October

What We Heard: Action Steps



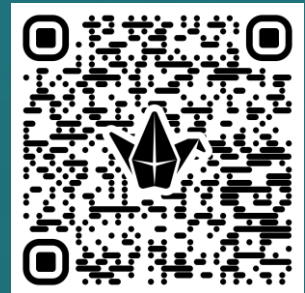
- **Explore Stretch Code (Working Group)**

- Responsible Party: NJECC
- Objective: Establish clear performance standards that align with state goals
- Actions: Explore stretch code approach and how it could contribute to meeting the goals of the State Energy/GHG master plans
- Solutions/Next Steps: Determine viable stretch code approach

Discussion

- Meeting cadence and number of meetings
- HEW in-person opportunity 10/20/2025
- Inventory stretch code options
- Performance metrics
- Characteristics for viable stretch codes

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What We Heard: Action Steps



- **Explore Net Zero Energy Code Adoption (Working Group)**
 - Responsible Party: NJECC
 - Objective: Develop proposals for possible NZE code implementation
 - Actions: Explore various NZE code adoption options (eg NZE readiness, NZE stretch code, NZE base code) and their relationship to meeting State Energy/GHG master plan goals.
 - Solutions/Next Steps: Develop specific implementation proposals, review adoption mechanisms and legislative opportunities

Discussion

- Meeting cadence and number of meetings
- HEW in-person opportunity 10/20/2025
- Explore precedents

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