



The Building Policy Collaborative Roadmap:

Aligning Regional Action on Building Efficiency and Electrification.

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The Building Policy Collaborative (BPC)



- The BPC, by providing an open forum and providing funding to local governments, is collaborating to create:
 - A **Regional Policy Roadmap** for addressing climate pollution through consistent building codes and policies.
 - **Model building codes and policies** targeting new and existing buildings that improve building performance and are regionally consistent.

What is the policy roadmap?

- A regional vision for steadily reducing pollution from buildings.
- Articulates why this work is important.
- Identifies key building code and policy actions local governments can take to:
 - Reduce climate pollution from new buildings;
 - Measure energy use in existing building; and
 - Take steps to reduce pollution from existing buildings.
- Emphasizes regional collaboration for policy consistency.



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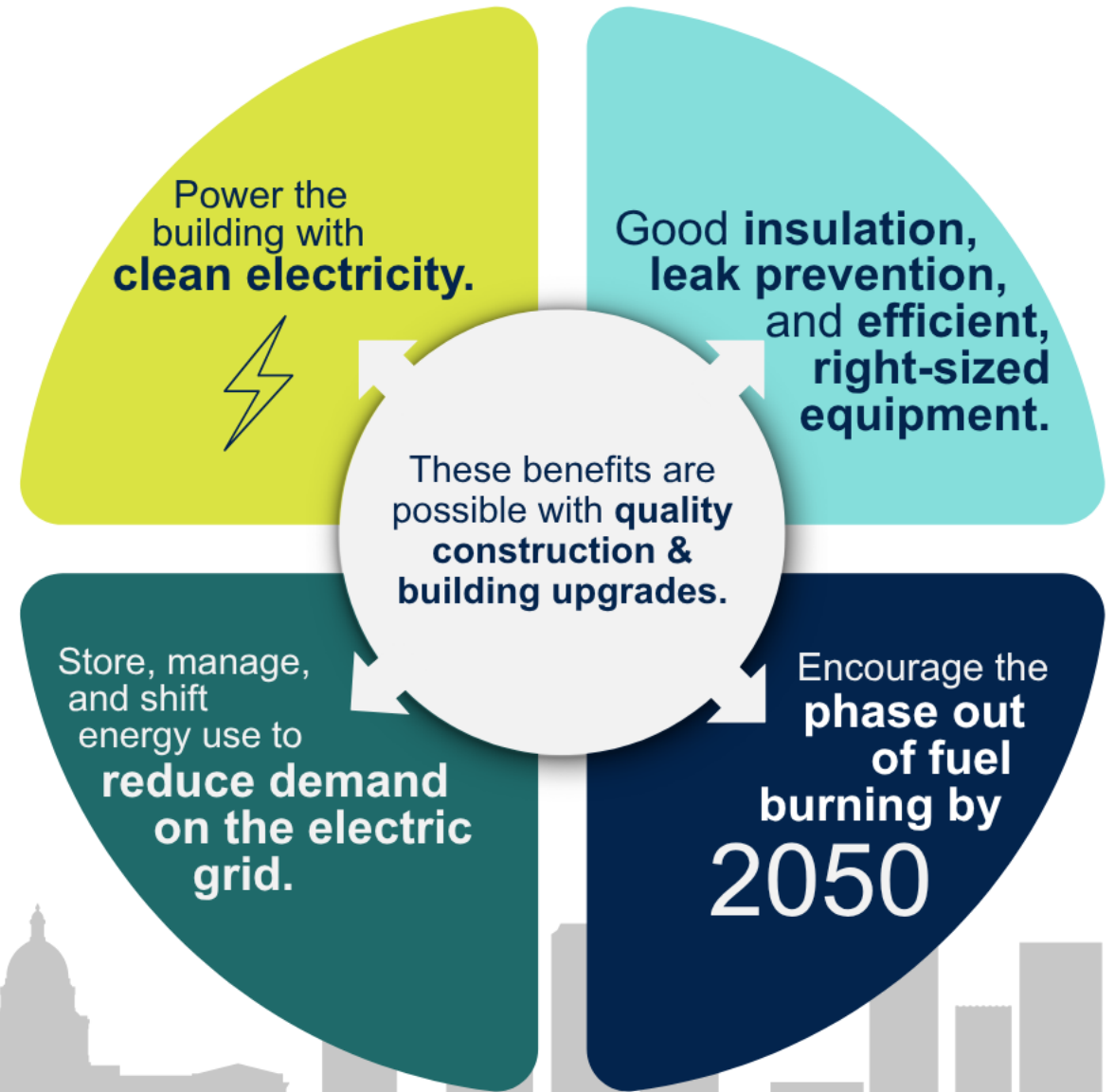
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Our vision is a region where buildings are:

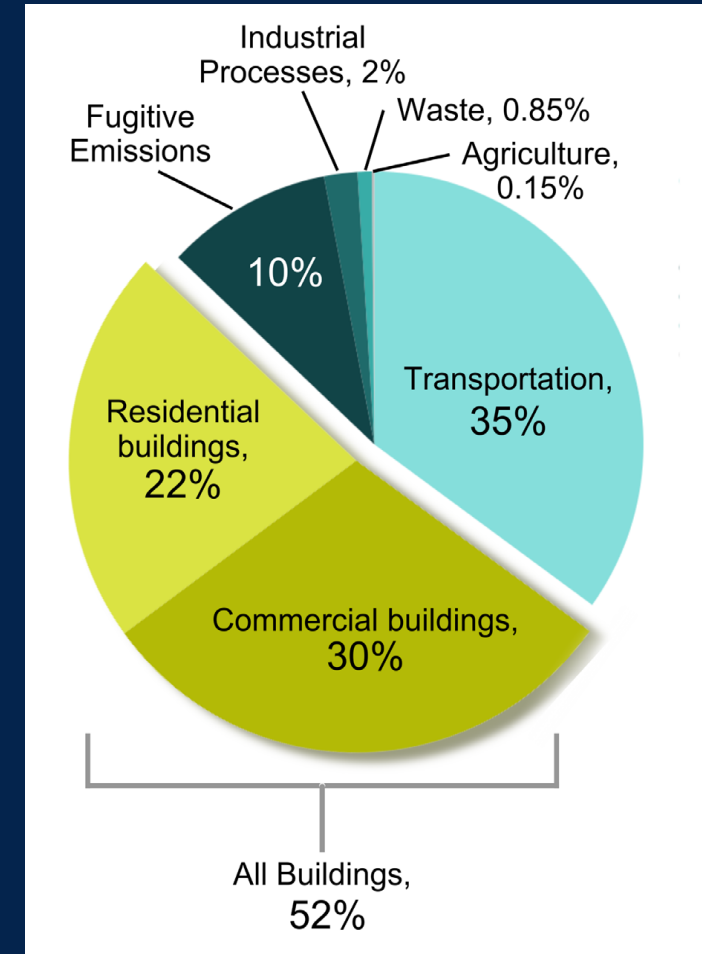
- Efficient
- Affordable
- Comfortable
- Resilient
- Free of energy-related pollution



Why focus on building performance and pollution reductions?

Climate, health, and affordability impacts

- Over half of climate pollution in the region comes from energy used in residential and commercial buildings.
- Extreme heat days are increasing significantly and 30% of the region's homes lack cooling.
- A large share of homes have health or safety risks, increasing resident vulnerability to climate-related risks (heat, wildfire smoke, asthma, and mold).
- Lower-income neighborhoods have a higher percentage of older houses.
- Many Colorado households struggle with high energy costs.



Share of regional climate pollution by sector

Key policy actions

1. Advanced Building Codes

Updating requirements for new construction to ensure buildings do not contribute to carbon pollution with energy efficiency and electrification.

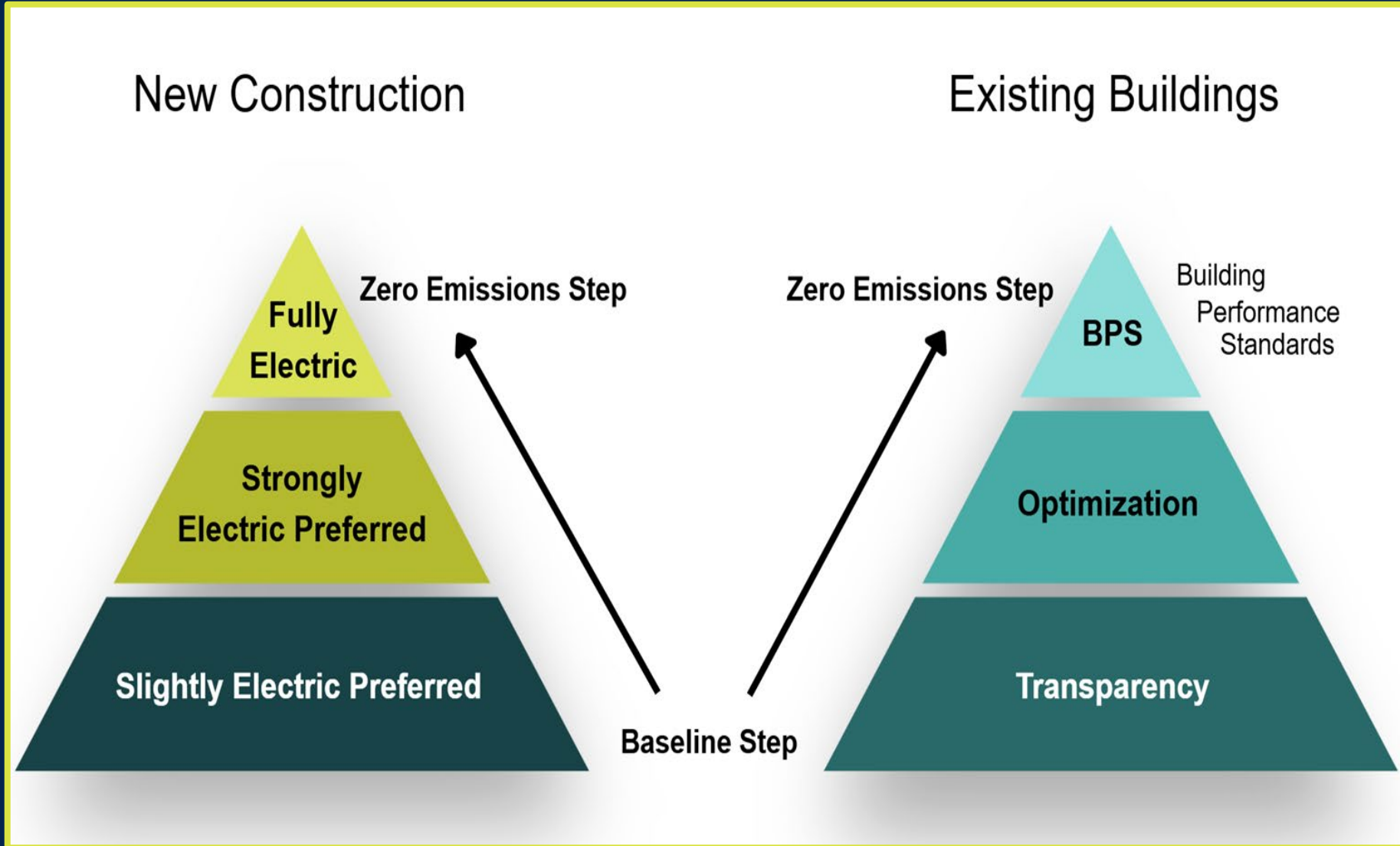
2. Building Transparency Policies

Implementing energy use disclosure policies to help residents, building owners, and governments track and disclose energy use.

3. Building Improvement Policies

Setting specific rules for energy upgrades or long-term improvement thresholds for existing buildings to reduce energy waste and carbon pollution over time.

Policy ladder



Building transparency policies

Objective

Better understand building energy use

Residential Approach: Home Energy Score

- **Timeline** Prior to listing properties for sale.
- **Requirement** Get home energy score and post on MLS listings.
- **Details** Home energy scores are like miles per gallon ratings, but for a home.

Commercial Approach: Benchmarking

- **Timeline** Annual reporting and public disclosure.
- **Requirement** Track, report, and submit annual energy use.
- **Details** Policy helps identify inefficiencies, track progress over time, and enable comparison with peers.

Building improvement and performance policies

Objective

Building Improvement

Optimize buildings through best practices

Building Performance Standard

Whole building upgrades to maximize energy efficiency

Residential approach: Home upgrade policy

- Timeline Time of sale for residential home
- Requirement Efficiency or electrification upgrades
- Details Incentivize or require home upgrades tied to the sale of the home

Commercial approach: Upgrades & long-term targets

- Timeline Short term prescriptive steps and long term efficiency targets
- Requirement Energy audit, and equipment and controls tune up. Then whole building upgrades for efficiency or GHG reduction
- Details Midterm steps support achieving long term targets

Policy Development and Adoption Timeline



Policy Development 2026-2027

- Model existing building policy development.
- Policy analysis and alignment with state requirements.
- Alignment with industry partners.



Phase 1: Code and Transparency 2027-2029

- DRCOG communities work towards adopting a building code that meets or exceeds the state minimum code and energy transparency policies.



Phase 2: Building Improvement 2030-2035

- Phase 1 implementation.
- DRCOG communities work towards adopting building performance policies for residential, commercial, and multifamily properties.



Phase 3: All Policies 2035-2040

- Phase 2 implementation.
- Communities across the DRCOG region have adopted and are enforcing building performance policies.





Questions?



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