**Report by Steve Miller**

**TOPIC 1** The NJ 50x30 Building Electrification Team (“BE Team”) tabled at Middletown Day Festival on Sept 24. Our newest attraction was building-related decarbonization incentives announced in the new Federal IRA legislation. Our table had maybe 50 attendees: Ten signed up for our monthly “BE Team” webinars.

**TOPIC 2**   our **10th** Building Electrification monthly webinar is Oct 20, with 3 significant speakers:

**1st speaker:** An HVAC business owner provides a heat pump dealer's view of consumer HVAC options.

**2nd speaker:** A homeownershowcases steps to reach closer to zero Green House Gas (GHG), via ground source heat pump, solar roof, energy storage, amped-up insulation, and two hybrid EV vehicles.

**3rd SPEAKER**: The president of an HVAC distributor, high in the hvac supply chain, represents manufacturers from around the world, provides technical experts who support engineers, contractors, architects and other construction experts, and runs training on how to integrate new technology products..

**TOPIC 3** On Oct 3, Gov. Murphy announced a statewide Clean Buildings Working Group of 18 NJ non-government organizations + five NJ agencies, with charter is to produce a roadmap to decarbonize NJ buildings. Months prior, the “”BE Team” set the stage: In May, 2022, the “BE Team” asked Gov. Murphy to produce a BE roadmap; then in May and June, we met with each related NJ agencies to reinforce the need for the roadmap.

During our June meeting with the Governor’s Office of Climate Action and the Green Economy we discussed the formation of a working group. The “BE Team” voted that Steve Miller volunteer to serve on the working group. The Oct 3 Murphy announcement did NOT include the “BE Team”. The members named in the Oct 3 announcement are professional (not volunteer like the “BE Team”), and include only one environmental group, the Natural Resources Defense Council. The “BE Team” will continue to offer its skills to support this working group. (The Murphy announcement stated that additional people would be added).

**ASIDE**: The Murphy administration (and respective agencies) are using the label “Building Decarbonization“ rather than “Building Electrification”. To increase consistency with NJ, we will selectively switch some of our labels to “Building Decarbonization”.